

**West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2014 Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA**

6:30 pm Education

7:10 pm President Kevin Oldenburg calls official meeting to order.

Attendees: 25 members plus three of four officers

Secretary minutes for October approved.

Old Business

- WASBA needs to contact more associations before moving forward with insurance
- Kevin ordered 100 t-shirts S-XXL should arrive November 11
 - t-shirts costed about \$4.09 to make – white shirt with our logo printed in the top left
 - Motion made by Ellen Miller and second to sell t-shirts for \$10 - approved
 - Quote on fleece jackets: embroidered with logo would cost \$20.20 to make 30 jackets
 - Motion made by Ellen Miller and second by Don Richter to order 30 gray full-zipper jackets and sell for \$30 each - approved
- There are five quarts and 11 pints of club honey left to sell
- Motion made by Don Richter and second to accept the donation of hives from Kevin and Margo to the Research Committee of WPBA - approved
- Jim Miller and Don Richter presented the “Motion to sell 24 hives that belong to Kevin Oldenburg and Margo Buckles to members of WPBA”
 - Title of the motion amended to “Motion to sell 24 hives donated by Kevin Oldenburg and Margo Buckles to members of WPBA”
 - #10 of motion amended to: Hives will be labeled as letters instead of numbers
 - Motion made by Fred Pollard to accept the presented motion with amendments – approved
- Ari confirmed with WASBA that he is able to sign test/certificate forms if Jim is unavailable
 - Motion made by Jack Miller and second by Cathy Richter that any Journeyman has the authority to sign forms - approved

New Business

- Request by Jim Miller for WPBA by-laws to be put on the website
- Ari will be keeping a “speaker list” for beekeepers that are trying to get points to achieve journeyman/master level. If you are raising points, let him know and you will be added to the list. When a speaking opportunity opens up, he will contact those on the list for whoever is interested in speaking in other associations for points.
- Motion made by Ellen Miller and second by Fred Pollard for the association to be involved in the Small Farms Conference next year – approved
- Kevin found an interesting article about scientists that have found a virus that can kill foul brood bacteria – will be posted on the website

Committee Reports

- **Education Committee, Kevin:**
 - We have 11 students enrolled in the Beginning Beekeeping Class

- Mead Making presentation is postponed to April meeting
- Upcoming topics for Education:
 - December- Sandy Fanara – Honey Judging
 - January- Ari Alvarez – Master Beekeeping Program
 - February – Jim Miller – Essential Oils
 - March- Peggy Clemons – Building Nucs
 - April – Mead Making
 - May, June, July are open
- **Research Committee**, Kevin Oldenburg:
 - Don, Jeff, and Kevin winterized the hives – 5 lbs of feed
 - Lost 3 more hives
 - Don Richter is interested in having members individually research hives and have their data outcomes published
- **Treasurer report**, Glen Zimmerman:
 - Balance in association account \$3,572.00

7:53 pm Meeting adjourned

Maria Alvarez, WPBA Secretary