

**West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes**  
**September 5, 2014 Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA**

6:30 pm David Sheppard shared some tips on Fall Preparation.

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

Attendees: 30 members plus all four officers.

Secretary minutes for August approved.

**Old Business**

- We should be contacted about our insurance plans by the end of the month.

**New Business**

- After extracting the association hives, we have a total of around 100 pounds of honey. Ellen Miller made a motion for the association to spend up to \$100 to buy Quart and Half-Pint jars for bottling honey. Motion was approved.
- Members volunteered to help bottle and label jars of honey.
- We will sell the association honey within the club and at other events such as farmers markets, where no other beekeepers are selling their own honey.

**Committee Reports**

**Education Committee, Margo:**

- Education Segments:
  - October meeting: At 6:30 we will have a honey potluck. Members can bring any food (dessert or small side dish) made with honey for members to sample. Please bring the recipes too! Also, Ari will share a report on the WAS Conference that he attended in Missoula, Montana.
  - November meeting: Mead making
  - December meeting: Honey Judging
- We need volunteers to teach certain topics for the bee classes in November. You can make your presentation, or we have slide shows pre-made on our website which you can alter to your liking.
- The West Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an annual staff breakfast in EWU where we could give out brochures, but decided it was not worth it because they are not our ideal audience.

**Research Committee, Kevin Oldenburg:**

- Association hives weighed a healthy average of about 65-70 pounds once the supers were removed for extraction.
- All hives will be fed with dry feed this year to stay consistent within the experiment.

**Media Committee, Fred Pollard:**

- The association has signed up to occupy a couple display booths in the area:
  - Cheney Library – Coordinator -Gail Pollard
  - Airway Heights Library – Coordinator -Margo Buckles

**Treasurer report, Glenn Zimmerman:** Balance in association account \$3,042.24

You can contact Glenn at his new email: zimglenn@outlook.com

**Other Business**

- Pizza Factory has changed owners, so a new TV screen was added to our meeting room, which we can use during education presentations.

7:57 pm Meeting adjourned

Maria Alvarez, WPBA Secretary