

West Plains Beekeepers Association

June 5, 2015

City Hall, Medical Lake, WA.

6:30 PM Education by Sandy Fanara, introducing a new children's beekeeping program named "The Hive".

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by president Kevin Oldenburg.

31 members in attendance, with 3 officers present.

Secretary minutes for May approved.

Old Business

- Club hive sale- Glen found an error in the pricing of the hives sold to members. For instance, the hives that were sold at \$252 should have cost apx. \$200. Glen suggested that the newly elected officers review the pricing errors and pay back those members the differences. The membership agreed with no need of a motion to do as Glen suggested. Kevin reported that there are 8 empty hives still for sale.
- A committee was organized to look into the procurement or building of club demonstration hive/s. The committee is made up of Jack, Margo, Kevin, Marie, and Sandy.
- Kevin thanked the out going officers; there was a nice round of applause from the membership.

New Business

- Election of new officers. Nominations for the four officer positions were taken at the May meeting. The following members were elected: President James Dilgard, Vice President Don Rictor, Secretary Sandy Fanara, Treasurer Sherry Hesson.
- Margo informed the membership that the \$350 that had been allocated for education materials at the May meeting had bought a tripod, brosuers, and business cards. She made a motion that \$450 more be allocated for the procurement of a tri-fold display. Discussion followed suggesting also that a dolly/hand truck be bought with more funds (\$50) to transport the display. A friendly addition to the motion for that \$50 was made increasing the amount to \$500. Motion voted on and passed. The membership was encouraged to bring photographs for the tri-fold display, that will be hung thematically.
- Margo moved that a committee be formed to investigate alternatives for hosting and changing/updating the club web page. Discussion followed with Don nominating Jack

and Mike; Marilyn and Kevin S. also volunteered to join the committee. Motion voted on and passed.

- Don (new education committee chairman) wanted to thank the outgoing education committee. Informed the membership that there will be a Journeyman Beekeeping course to be given later this year, with a proposed time block using the 1/2 hour between 6-6:30 PM before the education presentations on regular meeting evenings. Also, he asked the membership for anyone interested in joining the education committee to see him after the meeting.

Committee Reports

- Education committee- Margo reported that volunteers were still needed to fill out the time slots for the upcoming Founders Day on the 20th.
- Research committee- Kevin reported that Medical Lake High School FFA had received the grant applied for. He is a mentor in the program and would like at least one more mentor to volunteer. Kevin would also like members to bring ideas for a new club research/experiment. He also reported on an article (copied to our web page) by researchers in Southern California who have found that yet another factor in the CCD problem is symptoms of Nosema found in brood (larvae).

Treasure Report

Glen reported a balance of \$6,671.24. He also estimates that apx. \$1,084 will be refunded to the members for over charging of the hives.

Membership Report

Marilyn reported that there had been no new memberships over the past month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Sandy Fanara substituting, for Maria Alvarez, WPBA Secretary