

**West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes**  
**March 6, 2015 Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA**

6:30 pm Education – Peggy Clemons – Nucs

7:03 pm President Kevin Oldenburg calls official meeting to order

Attendees: 24 members plus all four officers

Secretary minutes for February approved

**Old Business**

- No updates on insurance
- Some T-shirts and Fleece left for sale
- We have sold all of our honey

**New Business**

- Discussion on whether WPBA should join IEBA fair booth
  - Motion to allow WPBA members to join IEBA fair booths if they would like to as individuals
    - Ellen Miller motion, Jan Lawrence 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved
- Move monthly meetings to new location
  - Motion to move to Medical Lake's City Hall, 124 S. LeFevre, Medical Lake (\$20 per meeting)
    - David Sheppard motion, Jack Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved
  - Motion to pay a year in advance for space
    - Jim Miller motion, Glenn Zimmerman 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved
    - Amendment: Starting the first Friday of April  
David Sheppard, Russ Ekstrom 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved
- Change class brochure addresses to City Hall
- David Sheppard asks for permission to promote West Plains at his next bee class (granted)
- Jim Miller suggests to make a list of individual achievements to send to the periodic WASBA newsletter
  - If interested, send any beekeeping-related, educational activities/achievements to WPBA secretary over email

**Committee Reports**

- **Education Committee**, Margo:
  - Classes start March 7
  - 16 families signed up for class
  - May program – WebEx Presentation - Pollination of Small Berry Crops
  - June program still available
  - Need volunteers for Turnbull and Founder's Day this year
- **Research Committee**, Keven:
  - 50% mortality probability of existing research hives
  - Waiting for results on trachea/nosema
  - Will check hives to see which ones are alive

- **Treasurer report, Glenn:**
  - Balance in association account \$3,000
  
- **Membership, Marilyn Geiger:**
  - So far we have 58 paid members
  - Membership cards are available for those who haven't gotten one

**General**

- Practical Beekeeping Class in April: Michael Bush, Walter Sheppard, Brandon Hopkins
- Bee Questions

7:52 pm Meeting Adjourned

Maria Alvarez, WPBA Secretary