

**West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes**  
**May 1, 2015 City Hall, Medical Lake, WA**

6:30 pm Education – Lisa Washo DeVetter – WebEx Presentation – Pollination of Blueberry Crops

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

Attendees: 28 members plus three of four officers

Secretary minutes for April approved

**Old Business**

- Medical Lake High School received the \$1200 grant for bee studies
- Beginner Beekeeper classes have been going well, thank you to all who have helped
  - Next Practicum is May 16 at Joe Geiger's house, demonstrating how to split hives
- Jack and Ellen Miller will be observed checking their hives tomorrow, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, as part of their Journeyman certification. They are welcoming anyone to watch them go through the process.

**New Business**

- Hive Sale will take place right after the business meeting today. There are 12 hives (with bees) for sale for \$294, and 8 hives (without bees) for sale for \$184
- Nominations for new officers – Elections will take place in the June meeting
  - James Dilgard for President
  - Don Richter for Vice President
  - Sandy Fanara for Secretary
  - Sherry Hession for Treasurer
- Fran sent an interesting article about bees becoming addicted to neonics in the plants they pollinate – found in Nature Magazine
- Another interesting article about breeding a “Super Queen” was found in National Geographic
- Motion to send Lisa Washo DeVetter (today's Presenter) a club fleece – approved

**Committee Reports**

- **Education Committee, Margo:**
  - May 30 is the Floods, Flowers, and Feathers event at Turnbull – need volunteers
  - Motion by Ellen to spend up to \$350 for replacing club display materials - approved
  - Also need volunteers for Medical Lake Founders Day in June – new beekeepers are welcome to help at the booth
  - June program will be Sandy Fanara presenting information regarding her newly created Youth Program
  - July program will feature a panel of experienced beekeepers for Question and Answer
  - August 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our Club Picnic
  - Lots of positive feedback on today's WebEx presentation, so Kevin will work with the newly elected Vice President to arrange more web presentations for future meetings
- **Research Committee, Keven:**
  - There is no current club research, but Kevin will work with the Medical Lake students on their new research program next Fall

- **Treasurer report, Glenn:**
  - Balance in association account \$3,172.74
  - This balance does not include the income from tonight's hive sales
  
- **Membership, Marilyn Geiger:**
  - 2 new members from PayPal
  - 12 new members from the Beginner Beekeeper classes
  - 14 people from Priest River are interested in joining WPBA
  - Membership cards are still available for those who haven't gotten one

**General**

- Bee Question and Answer
- Jack Miller made a motion to add a section to the WPBA website for selling used equipment - approved

7:50 pm Meeting Adjourned

Maria Alvarez, WPBA Secretary