

# West Plains Beekeepers Association

April 15, 2016

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA.

**6:00-6:55 PM Education** by Jim Miller, "Winterizing, wrapping hives, insulation".

**6:55 the meeting** was called to order by President Don Richter.

43 members were in attendance, with 3 officers.

**Secretary's minutes** were approved as written online.

**Treasurer's report** was relayed by Ellen from Sherry.

- Don reported that the club is now insured by Liberty Mutual at the annual cost of \$300. If anyone needs a certificate of coverage to attend at an event just ask Don or Ellen.
- At the June meeting will be election of the next association officers. Please be ready to bring your nominations or self nominations to the nomination committee.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Education Committee**

- Ellen reported that she and Jack represented WPBA at a preschool in Cheney. They received a darling "thank you" picture done by the children using their thumb prints and yellow paint.
- The following events are coming up:
- Earth Day on April 23rd. Volunteers needed especially in the P.M. It is our associations first time at this event. All day events take place.
- Garden Expo on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Need volunteers especially in the P.M. at SCC.
- Cheney Mayfest on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers or we will not commit to this event. Contact Don and Cathy on this. This is a no-cost event for us, and we can set up next to Turnbull.
- Medical Lake Founders Day on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer sheet will be at next meeting.
- **Volunteering is a great way to make Journeyman points!**
- HoneyLove.org created an information sign that was passed around. Consider making something like this for the club.
- Apprenticeship classes- New Apprentices received their certificates and patches. There are changes with the WASBA online payment system. Contact Ari with questions or problems.
- Ellen has the pre-packaged Dutch clover seeds for those who asked for them last meeting.

- Jack reported on the speaker at the March 21<sup>st</sup> event at Gonzaga Univ. Jack will publish a summary online of the interesting ideas/research that was presented.

### **Publicity Committee**

- Margo is in process of reprinting brochure with the new dates.
- Looking for more inexpensive advertising opportunities/publications.

### **Research Committee**

- Kevin reported that the Medical Lake High School research projects is beginning...they received the research grant of \$1800 and they are reproducing the majority of the research done in this club last year.
- Kevin is offering to allow anyone who wants to learn to package a hive to join him and the students at the Jension Youth Ranch, tomorrow, for a demonstration

### **Website committee**

- Ellen is getting new information online very regularly. Some material offered by others is not critically vetted but placed there for everyone's own opinion of value.

### **Demo Hive Committee**

- Jack reports that if the demo hive committee runs out of time before getting a demo hive done for the upcoming association events, that one will be bought.

### **Old Business**

- Membership dues have been due since January. Remember members get a % off at both Miller's and Beemaniacs with the presentation of the membership card.
- Tabled the discussion on a finance committee until Treasure is at a meeting...next meeting.
- A committee was formed to look into lobbying Airway Heights to rewrite their ordinances against beekeeping in the city. Committee head Ellen Miller and member Cathy Richter will begin the process.

### **New Business**

- A nominating committee was formed to prepare for the upcoming elections in June. Jim Miller and Don Richter are on the committee. Please contact them with nominations.

### **Announcements**

- The education program next month is being presented by Brandon Hopkins PhD of WSU...Thank you Kevin for organizing that! We will give Brandon a \$100 honorary.

- The education program in June will be on splitting hives, by Joe Geiger.

**7:34PM** The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Fanara, Secretary