

**West Plains Beekeepers Association**

December 16, 2016

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

**6pm-6:30pm Social Time Talking about Bees**

**6:30 Educational Program:** Honey judging and tasting favorite honey dessert recipes by Sandy Fanara.

**7:10PM Meeting Called to Order:** by Ellen Miller

**Approval of October minutes:** Motion to approve by Kevin Oldenburg 1<sup>st</sup>, approved

**Treasures report:** Joe Miller current budget amount December 16, \$3051.82 in savings and \$1283.38 in checking.

**Committee reports:**

**Education Committee** (Marilyn Geiger) The up-coming educational programs are EWU Professor Charles Herr talking about research taking place at the University; February: Essential oils by Jim Miller

**AHCC (Jim Miller)** There have been 19 graduates so far from the AHCC program. He presented a letter of understanding from the correctional center that stated AHCC will establish a committee of bee apprentice graduates that will meet once a month beginning in January 2017 with officers elected who will lead the committee. AHCC will facilitate beekeeping class in February which will meet once a week with the goal of eventually implementing a journeyman class to maintain and sustain beekeeping education at the facility. Jim Miller will continue to serve as the liaison with WPBA and AHCC.

**Publicity (Margo Buckles)** Article in WASBA January newsletter about WPBA's December activities.

**Research (Kevin Oldenburg) No report**

**EWU Sustainability Report** (Kevin Oldenburg) No Report

**Airway Heights Ordinance** (Jack Miller, Margo Buckles) Phone tag has been established and hopefully there will be progress the beginning of the year.

**Kids booth/ and website Content** (Sandy Fanara, Marilyn Geiger, Cathy Richter & Margo Buckles)  
No Report

**Website** (Jack Miller)  
No Report

**Washington Master Beekeepers Association** sent Certificates to some WPBA members (Joe, Ellen, Jim). Joe Miller is the only member of the group so there was some confusion about the awarding of the other certificates. They have an active website

**New Business:**

State weed board grant ( Contact: Ellen Miller) They are looking for land owners to participate in weed management and native flower plantings .

Project Hope: Mentors are needed for Project Hope's Bee team. Willing to go to their location for simple introduction classes. WPBA will be supporting Project Hope as they begin establishing hives in their neighborhood gardens.

**Good of the order:**

Sandy Fanara reported that she had heard from a local commercial beekeeper who commented that the use of Miticides is no longer a reliable method of controlling his Varroa mite problem.

West plains Beekeepers Fleeces and T-shirts are in and are for sale.

**Adjourn:** Jim Miller 1st; Maurice 2<sup>nd</sup> @8:13pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brian Raska, Secretary