

West Plains Beekeepers Association

January 20, 2017

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

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

6:30 Educational Program: EWU Professor Charles Herr: Research at EWU related to honeybees

7:32 PM Meeting Called to Order by Ellen Miller

Approval of December minutes Motion to approve by Jan Lawrence, 2nd by Jim Miller, approved

Treasurer's report Joe Miller: Incoming membership dues, Outgoing expenses for Observation Hive current balances as of January 19 amounts \$3,051.82 in savings and \$1,577.88 in checking.

Committee reports

Education Committee (Marilyn Geiger absent) Ellen advises the upcoming Education topics are Feb: Essential oils; March: ; April or May: Mason Bee Presenter

March Beginning Beekeeping Classes: 4th, 11th, 18th

Publicity (Margo Buckles- absent) Ellen advises the March class posters are available and asked for members to take and post.

1st newsletter was published by member Tim Edwards. Looking for ideas, thoughts, suggestions and topics for future newsletters.

AHCC (Jim Miller) Classes start in the next 30 days. Inmates to help with Journeymen educational booklets.

Research (Kevin Oldenburg) No report

EWU Sustainability Report (Kevin Oldenburg) No Report

Airway Heights Ordinance (Jack Miller, Margo Buckles) No Report- no calls back at this time.

Kids booth/ and website Content (Sandy Fanara, Marilyn Geiger, Cathy Richter & Margo Buckles) The committee will have presentation at next month's meeting for kids website and booth for community events. The webpage will be a work in progress as program grows.

Website (Jack Miller)

Events Page has updates.

New links are active.

WASBA Revamping Education Program

(4) Certificates for the last class we passed out for those in attendance. Congrats!

New Business:

Project Hope MOU approval: Letter of Understanding received and enrollees are signed up for Spring Class. Volunteers will be needed for bee installation. Program affiliation to be reviewed after 1 year. A motion was made by Steve Hetrick to agree with Letter of Understanding. Joe Miller 2nd. Approved

WASBA Dues are Due: \$126 is for \$1 per active membership (or \$1 per family membership). WASBA agreed that membership dues for inmates from the (2) inmate programs are not needed.

West Plains Chamber of Commerce Dues are Due: \$60 It was up for discussion what are the benefits of remaining. In the past it was beneficial to have a liaison from the club to attend and lobby for the group. Since Airway Heights is the only surrounding area that currently has ordinance about keeping honey bees, and we are working with them directly and not via the Chamber of Commerce does it make sense to continue to pay?

Joe Miller made a Motion to not renew. Jack Miller 2nd, and approved in favor by membership.

Honey Recipe Calendar: (Marilyn, Margo & Ellen) Honey judging and recipes went over well with WASBA, they will have each group in WA submit 2 recipes to create a calendar as a Fundraiser.

Additional notes- With Charles Herr in attendance as presenter at the meeting, it was asked what he needs for the program and how WPBA can help. Jim Miller made a motion to donate \$500 to honey bee research. It was noted that there can be some difficulty in getting a donation to reach the intended recipient within the University. An amendment to the motion was made by Steven Hetrick for our Leadership (Ellen) to work with Charles on the wording of the donation for funds for a specific Interface device currently needed by the program, and to be approved at the next meeting. 2nd by Scott Holbrook and Jan Lawrence.

Good of the order:

Adjourn: 8:15pm Jim Miller Moved to Adjourn, Scott Holbrook 2nd

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Ellis, temporary secretary