

West Plains Beekeepers Association

September 15, 2017

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

6pm-6:30 Social Time Talking about Bees

6:30pm Educational Program: Jack Miller, Talked about preparations for the fall with input from other beekeepers and questions from the group. Checking for mites and cleaning up the hives. Feeding your bees for the fall and getting ready for winter. Really good talk about the hives everyone pretty much had questions for Jack that he answered and others would add their experiences too.

Check out - Desert Jewels for water wise plants, planting plants to feed your bees in the spring, and summer months.

7:00pm Meeting Called to order by Ellen Miller @ 7:16pm

Approval of June Meeting minutes: Motion approved by Jim Miller, second by ?? approved.

Treasures Report: (Kevin Ryan)- No Changes, small checks have gone out to cover the purchases for club equipment. Balance is around \$4,000.00

Committee Reports:

Education Committee: (Margo Buckles) Octobers meeting will be on winter management of your hives. We are looking for new speakers please see Marilyn or Margo if you're interested in speaking at the meetings. We are hoping to get Jennifer Walke from EWU to come speak in November about what's going on in the honey bees guts. Then in the summer we will have the education program at Kevin and Margo's house it will be a potluck, we will watch a movie.

Beginning Beekeeping Classes: November classes November 4, 11 & 18, 2017 and March 3,17 & 25, 2018

Educational Programs: Ellen are working on the beta testing for the Washington State Beekeepers Association. And Jim is working a beta test program for the journeymen program as well.

Publicity: (Margo Buckles) Passed out Posters for November Classes starting next month.

Research Report: (Kevin Oldenburg) – Survey by Emily Sherman on the website. Check the website for this survey of the local beekeepers.

EWU Sustainability: (Kevin Oldenburg) – Jennifer Walke will be doing a bee nutrition research project.

Airway Heights Correctional Center: (Jim Miller) - Jim has the class working on building the journeyman handbooks and they are about a third of the way through it. The inmate doing the botany section turned that in the research that he did was way above what most of us would understand and Jim has to slow that down a bit the enthusiasm is extremely high. Expecting to have this completed in November and sometime in December they will start the journeymen's class. February, he would like to do a journeymen's class with the WSBA. They also received a request from the coast to apart of the beta testing over there. There will be 2 test A test and B test. They are putting together a teacher's outline.

Airway Heights Ordinance Report: (Margo Buckles) Marilyn has made contact with AH councilman who interested in making changes to their ordinances.

Website: (Jack Miller) – will be updating the website with the survey up.

Washington State Beekeepers Association: (Ellen Miller) – develop a revised class for November. Getting more people interested. Ellen is focusing on what works in our area. WSBA is having elections if you're interested.

Annual Meeting/Conference : (Jennifer) – EWU facility; November 2018 if you're interested in helping out get in touch with Jennifer.

Reinvent Medical Lake: (Ellen Miller, Scott Holbrook, Margo Buckles) bee-friendly neighborhood brochure. Ellen has created an outline for this. Will advise on the progress.

Suggested by Jim Miller if you go to the website there are 14 articles about the mites.

Jim is also getting his equipment together to start making his own videos on beekeeping. So standby for that in the future.

Request to adjourned @ 7:46pm by Jim Miller

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Lawrence