

West Plains Beekeepers Association

10/19/2018

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake

6:00 Social time

6:30 Educational Program: Winter in the Hive (Jack Miller)

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Ellen Miller

Minutes were approved from 9/21/2018 meeting. Motion to approve Kevin, second Marilyn

- ❖ Treasurer's report: Kevin Ryan \$4400.00 in the club account. No activity for September in checking account. PayPal account - increased activity related to class sign up and paying dues.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ Education Committee Margo

Educational programs: lining up educational programs for meetings. if you have suggestions or would like to present please contact Margo.

Beginning Beekeeping class: There are still spaces available to sign up for the class. If you would like to teach a portion of the class, please contact Margo. The slides have already been made for the class. Teaching a portion of the beginning beekeeping class will count towards your Journeyman.

- ❖ Publicity: Margo

Working on publicity for the class at this time.

We will be getting a bill from Cheney Free Press and Huckleberry press for ads related to upcoming beginning beekeeping class.

Huckleberry Press would be interested in publishing articles from our club. They prefer that they are not too technical. Contact Margo if you would like to write an article.

- ❖ Research Report: Kevin O

Started with 16 hives, lost 7 to yellow jackets. Lost the hives at the red barn site at EWU. Harvested 15 gallons of honey. At this time it appears there was no difference in feeding the hives sugar vs. artificial nectar. But the data needs to be fully analyzed. Jenny received a \$2800.00 grant over 4 years to study the bee micro biome from the National Science Foundation.

- ❖ EWU Sustainability Report: Kevin O - The EWU club is really not doing anything with WPBA at this time. Per Kevin we can take this off of the meeting agenda.

- ❖ Airway Heights CC and Walla Walla:

Report from Joe Miller:

1. They had 6 new hives set up this spring
2. Split up to 8 and started to raise their own queens
3. Raised 10 queens
4. Replaced all their queens with the one they raised.
5. Extracted 106 pounds of Honey
6. Last week they combined two hives and set 6 hives up for winter.
7. They have approximately 5 plus acres of flowers just for their bees.
8. 12 full time members and all are active participants.
9. Goal is to run 3 Beginning Beekeepers class in the next 12 months.
10. One class started this week with 11 students.
11. Will start a mentoring program with these students on graduation.
12. Club wants to stay with the West Plains Beekeepers Association.
13. One future goal is to brief the leadership of WPBA with power points and briefing at the prison. Not sure this can happen from this side.

❖ Website Report: Jack Miller

The WPBA website has been getting hits from the UK and other foreign sites.

❖ Annual meeting/conference: 2/9/2019 \$35 per person, if you are a WASBA member cost is \$10

Have full schedule of speakers.

Silver sponsor from Holiday Inn in Cheney WA

We may not have any vendors.

There will be an afterhours get together at the Mason Jar in Cheney with mead tasting and hors d'oeuvres

❖ Old Business:

Election of officers: Co-Vice President: We really need a couple more people to assist. Still looking for someone to assist Margo with Co-Vice president duties. Please contact Ellen Miller or Margo Buckles if interested.

❖ New Business:

Airway Heights CC has contacted WPBA and wants to start their own formal club, and be affiliated with WPBA. They would like to be members of WPBA and are willing to pay dues. They would also like to be members of WASBA. They would like to form their own club/and be members of the affiliated local and state clubs so that they can work on the Journeyman Beekeeping Certificate.

Discussion:

What is our club's liability? Doubt that there is any liability issue.

Are there any organizations that have an affiliation?

How would they pay for dues - as it would be difficult for the Airway Heights CC members to have the money to pay for dues. Suggestion was made to require the Airway Heights CC club to write 5-6 articles per year to offset the cost of membership.

Suggestion made that we could have a memorandum of understanding drawn up between WPBA and Airway Heights CC club.

Jack Miller made a motion to move forward with an affiliation with Airway Heights CC and WPBA. A memorandum of understanding would be drawn up. Sheila second. There would be an expectation that 6 articles per year would be submitted from Airway Heights CC to WPBA and WASBA on some aspect of beekeeping. No dollar assessment of affiliate club.

They would establish their own officers.

Report to WPBA two times per year as to how their club is doing.

Write 6 articles per year

Motion passed.

Ellen and Kevin will take this proposal forward to WASBA

Memorandum of understanding will be written.

AFB Survey: due by November 2. Please respond to the survey. There is more info posted on WPBA website

Bee Seminar hosted by IEBA November 17

We can officially register for our Nov. 17, 2018 Bee Seminar held at Gonzaga University. Our Theme is Colony Health for the Hobbyist/Sideliner Beekeeper. This is your opportunity to hear some of the best researchers in the bee world and the whole program is aimed at the hobby beekeeper. Don't pass up the opportunity.

This event is design to bring current information on bee colony health to the hobbyist/sideliner beekeeper. We will be at the John J. Hemmingson Center at Gonzaga University. Parking will be free in the parking garage off Hamilton unto E. Desmet Ave. Lunch is furnished as part of your ticket and we will be eating in the student dining area. We will have 6 great speakers speaking from 8am to 5pm with a lunch in the middle. The price for this event is \$50. To register you must use Brown Paper Tickets and this is there url:

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3605735>

Our Speakers will be: Visit our web site for the full Bio's on the on our Speakers. I will be featuring the speakers on future post to facebook.

1. Dr. Michelle L. Flenniken, from Montana State University "The Impact of viruses on honey bees at the colony, individual, and cellular levels" Q&A at end of talk
2. Dr. Dennis vanEngleisdorf, from University of Maryland, "Keeping Colonies Alive-Survey says" and "Varroa-wow"
3. Dr. Dewey M. Caron, from University of Delaware, "Dead Bee Colony Forensics" It is interactive with questions from the audience"
4. Dr. Ramesh Sagili, Oregon State University, "Honey Bee Nutrition: What We Know and What We Need

to Know"

5. Dr. Steve Sheppard, Washington State University,

6. Dr. Brandon Hopkins, Washington State University

Sign up early as there is limited seating and we are drawing from a large area.

Adjourn: 7:55 pm

Submitted

Marie Ellis, Secretary