

West Plains Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes

09/21/2018

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake

6:00 Social time

6:30 Educational Program: Getting Ready for Winter - presented by Peggy Clemons and Ellen Miller

Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm by Ellen Miller

Minutes were approved from the July meeting. Motion to approve Melody, second Dean

Treasurer's report: Kevin Ryan. Balance in the club account \$4500.00 Someone has already signed up for fall class

Committee Reports:

Education Committee Margo/Marilyn

- ❖ August Airway Heights Festival and Car Show- quite a few people interested in being able to have bees in Airway Heights
- ❖ Beginning bee keeping class scheduled for November 3, 10, 17

Publicity: Margo has posters printed for the November beekeeping class - these were passed out at the meeting for people to distribute and place in the local communities.

Research Report: Most of the hives located at EWU were lost due to yellow jackets, which affected the research project.

- ❖ EWU Sustainability Report: Nothing new to report

Airway Heights CC: There will be a new class starting this fall. They are working on queen rearing. Club members can contact Millers Homestead if you are interested in getting a queen for free, you will need to report back to Jim Miller on how the queen is doing in your hive.

Website Report: Jack Miller: Nothing new to report

Annual meeting/conference: Jenifer Walke, Jenifer Priest, Kevin Oldenburg - update: The conference planning is going well. Decision has been made for all WASBA members the admission price for the conference will be \$10. For all others it will be \$35.

Washington State Beekeepers Association: Kevin is the new president, he has been meeting with clubs throughout the state. Revised journeyman manual will be out by the end of the year.

Old Business:

Election of Officers: Co-Vice President- we have a vacancy for this position - Margo is the other Co VP. Please contact Ellen, Margo, or Marilyn if you have questions or are interested in being Co VP.

Project Hope: We are sponsors of Youth Ops - now River City Youth Ops. Peggy Clemons reported that the honey harvest resulted in 11 gallons. All 6 hives are doing well - they were honey bound. The honey is being sold at Kendall Yards for \$25.00 a quart. The honey will also be auctioned.

New Business:

AFB survey: an email will be sent out to club members from WPBA, survey needs to be completed by 11/2/2018

Peggy Clemmons provided information from the Washington State Butterfly Association, they are looking for people to raise monarch butterflies. If you are interested, please contact Peggy for more information.

There was also info provided about a website bumblebeewatch.org. You can send in pictures to identify the types of bumblebees in your area.

A club member brought up a question regarding a European Hornet that is a larger hornet and has been found in parts of the US.

Bee Seminar hosted by IEBA November 17, will be held at Gonzaga University. The 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. The event is designed to bring current information on bee colony health to the hobbyist/sideliner beekeeper. It will be held at the John J Hemmingson Center at Gonzaga University. Parking will be free in the parking garage off Hamilton / E. Desmet Ave. Lunch is furnished as part of your ticket and we will be eating in the student dining area. There will be 6 great speakers speaking from 8am to 5pm with a lunch in the middle. The price for the event is \$50. To register you must use Brown Paper Tickets.  
<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3605735>

Adjourn: 7:53pm motion Melody, second Lorraine

Submitted

Marie Ellis, Secretary