

West Plains Beekeepers Association

January 18, 2019

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake

6:00 Social time

6:30 Educational Program: Bob Arnold talking about European Foulbrood

Meeting called to order at 7:17pm by Ellen Miller President

Minutes were approved from 12/21/2018 meeting. Motion to approve Sheila, second Mary

Treasurer's report: Kevin Ryan: Quite a few membership fees have been paid. Membership dues are \$20 per family. Account balance as of this meeting for end of year is \$4600.00. We were very close to the budget for 2018. Reminder that dues / class fees can be paid on-line, cash, or check.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee Margo/ Vicky McMillan

Beginning Beekeepers class will be in March the 9th and 16th - signup sheet was passed around for those interested in presenting a topic for the classes. Reminded that this is a good way for folks who are working on their Journeyman certification to earn points.

Apprentice course will be next year.

Publicity: Margo - conference posters available - for club members to distribute.

Research Report: (Kevin Oldenburg) Bees are all in bed. Jenny W will give a talk at the conference on the project. Doing testing right now on bees microbiome. Hoping to possibly move hives to the top of the new PUB rooftop garden.

Airway Heights CC: Inmates are happy. They are planning on queen rearing for the coming year. About 5 people from our club have been invited to go to Airway Heights CC on 2/21/2019 to see the beekeeping program there that we have been providing support to. \$300.00 of training aids have been ordered for this club. They did really well with their queen rearing last year - 8 out of 11 queens still alive and flourishing. The AHCC club is working on setting up bylaws. They have 11 graduates from their beginning beekeepers class. The goal is to keep 50% of the students interested in becoming members of the club. They currently have 17 working members in the club. They expect to have a Journeyman course a year from now. Joe Miller is going out 2 x per month for 2 hours. The inmates agree with the \$5.00 dues. The inmates at Airway Heights did work on the draft of the Journeyman course and there is work going on with the Department of Corrections to see if there can be an acknowledgement of the names of the people who worked on the Journeyman course project. Future issues will be how to get newsletters to the inmates as they have very limited computer access and voting privileges.

Website Report: Nothing new to report

Annual meeting/conference: (Kevin Olenburg) WASBA conference is February 9, 2019. Volunteers are still needed, signup sheets were passed around for both the conference and also for the Bee Girl demonstration at Mobius on February 10, 2019. The Mobius event is already completely booked - 200

kids are signed up. Keynote address is free to everyone - will start around 11am. There will be 10-12 vendors, raffles. 120 people are registered for the conference. There will be a WASBA meeting at the end of the conference. 46 people are registered for the event after the conference at the Mason Jar.

Old Business: Jenifer Walke would like bees for observation hive February 10th at Mobius. Per Ellen - she is not sure if Brian's hive is still alive that he was willing to donate. Ellen has attempted outreach - waiting to hear from Brian.

The committee that is working on the Bee Bank will report at next month's meeting on progress.

New Business: Margo brought forward that in future the club may want to consider a February beginning beekeepers class to allow new beekeepers the chance to purchase bees if they want to start raising bees right after they take the class. There have also been requests for a weekday class - Wednesday nights.

Adjourn: 7:34pm Motion to adjourn Jack M, second Sheila

Submitted

Marie Ellis, Secretary