

## WEST PLAINS BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes      September 2019

The September educational program was a panel answering questions about preparing bees for the Fall and getting ready for the Winter.

The meeting was called to order by Marie Ellis. A temporary secretary for the meeting was appointed. The minutes of the July meeting (there was no meeting in August) were approved as submitted.

Kevin Ryan gave the treasurer's report noting that there were no significant expenditures or deposits consistent with the normal activities this time of the year. Kevin is beginning to gather information for the 2020 budget and asked about any changes that should be reflected. The only item that was mentioned was the new apiary and the costs associated for its support (estimated at \$350 to include sugar for supplemental feed, containers for extracted honey, and barrier for winter wind protection). The question about what to do with the honey that is produced by the apiary was discussed. A gallon of honey was given to the owners of the property who have donated the space to the apiary. A motion was made/seconded/passed to donate a jar of honey to outside presenters at our meetings at least for this coming year.

Mary Brodahl reported on the Education Committee. A Beginning Beekeeping class is scheduled for November 16 and 23 at the Cheney Library. Registration is now open and posters advertising the class were available for people to take and post. The monthly educational presentations are scheduled through the end of the year with Kay Heinrich from the Airway Heights Correctional Center presenting in October.

Joe Miller was not available to report on the beekeeping program at AHCC, but Ellen Miller gave a brief summary of the activities that she knew about including the beginning of a Masters program for approximately 5 Journeyman level inmates.

Kevin Oldenburg was not available to talk about the Washington State Beekeepers Association, but Ellen Miller gave a brief report including inviting people to the Board meeting at Central Washington University in Ellensburg on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

In Kevin's absence, Margo reported on the WPBA apiary and on plans to locate two hives to the new EWU Pub roof/atrium. We have been given permission to maintain two colonies and have provided text and photos that can be used by the University to have information for students, staff and faculty visiting the area. A signup sheet was passed around for people who are interested in volunteering to help with the apiary especially with the installation of a wind break for the winter.

Old Business: Ellen gave a report on the process involved with the City of Airway Heights on amending their ordinance on beekeeping in the city limits. It is proceeding through the hearing process with

support from individual council members and city staff. It is hoped that it will be approved prior to the middle of November.

New Business: The instructional manuals produced by the Washington State Beekeepers Association are available for purchase. Samples were available for people to review and orders were taken. The manuals will be delivered to the people ordering them at the October meeting. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of the Beginning, Apprentice, or Journeyman manuals can contact Ellen Miller to arrange for a copy.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Miller, Acting Secretary