

West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes
July 5 2013 6-8pm at the Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

Attendees: Gail and Fred Pollard, Jim Miller, Jack and Ellen Miller, David Sheppard, Sherry Hession, Tom Wilkinson, Kevin Oldenburg, Margo Buckles, Joe and Marilyn Geiger, Jeremy Street, Marty and Marcia Davis, Louise Ratcliffe, Jason Stevens, Jackson and Derek Policani, Greg Teske, Pastor Steve

6:30pm Fred Pollard gave a **presentation on “How bees are attracted to flowers”**. It will be available on our club website at <http://www.wpbeekeepers.org/meetingpresentations>

Our new President, Gail Pollard opened the official meeting at 7 pm.

Old Business

Dues are \$20 per family for the year. If you haven't paid yet, you can pay Joe Geiger at the next meeting or send a check to our club mailbox. The address is PO Box 134, Medical Lake WA 99022.

Medical Lake Founders Day June 15 Ellen reported lots of people stopped by our booth. She got 10 names for our email list. Ellen also has a list of people who have room in their yard to allow people with hives to put a hive at their house and other people who want to keep a hive, but don't have room for it. There was a motion to put a separate page on our website for this list for people to contact each other with a disclaimer that we are not liable. It was seconded and approved. There was a motion, seconded and approved for the club to attend the Founders Day event next year.

Journeyman Beekeeper classes—Jim Miller will teach the Journeyman class on October 5 and 12 at the Pizza Factory in Medical Lake. Class is 8 hours in length and is for beekeepers who have completed the Beginning Beekeeping Class. For more information and to sign up, see our website or send an email to the club and we'll forward it to Jim Miller.

Top Bar Hive class will be taught by Jack Miller on October 26 10am-2pm. Lunch provided. More information is on the calendar on our website.

Beginning Beekeepers class – Nov 2, 9, 16 10am-2pm at the Pizza Factory in Medical Lake. More information later on registering.

Washington State Beekeepers Assoc. Conference Oct 3-5 <http://wasba.org/event/wsba-annual-conference/>

Hive Tour--We would like to do a hive tour next year and need to pick a date for it.

We decided to have a **potluck picnic the first weekend in August**. Fred will see if the Cheney Park is available. More information on that will be sent out.

New Business

Gail thanked the past Board members for their service and introduced the new Board members.

Website—If you have **pictures** to post on our website, send them to Sherry and she'll post them. Sherhession1@gmail.com
Jim Miller shared information on a research paper called **“Insecticide Causes Changes in Honeybee Genes”**. It was in the American Bee Journal 1 July. It's an article we should read.

Earth Day event next year. It was suggested we attend an event next year and we'll talk about it later.

Education Committee Report-Margo Buckles is working on getting a noxious weeds inspector to lecture at a meeting.

Research Committee- Kevin said he will resubmit the grant to make a feed more similar to honey than sugar. If you would like to participate in the experiment contact Kevin. Jim Miller said don't feed your bees artificial sweeteners like agave.

Treasurers Report: Joe Geiger reported \$1,613.68 in the treasury and has a form if you want a receipt when you pay your dues to him.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.