

**West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2014 Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA**

6:30 pm Education begins with a panel for asking and answering bee questions.

7:10 pm President Kevin Oldenburg calls official meeting to order.

Three officers and 23 attendees present at the meeting.

Secretary minutes for June were approved at the previous meeting so new officers could make changes at the bank.

Old Business

- Annual picnic is Sunday, August 3rd at noon at Waterfront Park, everyone is welcome.
- Insurance options for the association were presented; to discuss at next meeting. WASBA insurance would cover everything but alcohol for \$2 more per member. An extra \$25 per event for alcohol. This insurance could be potentially active by Feb 2015.
- We need members to sign up for the education committee. Volunteers: Ellen Miller, Marilyn Geiger, Ari and Ana Alvarez, Dave Jones, Jeff Lawrence, and Fred Pollard.

New Business

- Association budget for 2014-15 presented by President Kevin Oldenburg, and approved after some clarifications.
- Discussed point system that could be used as incentive for new volunteers; to discuss at next meeting.

Committee Reports

- **Education Committee**, Kevin reported for Margo:
 - At Founders day, we attained 18 new people that are interested in becoming members.
 - August Meeting: Peggy Clemons will speak during Education about Fall prep.
 - September Meeting: We need a volunteer to speak about Fall Prep.
 - Oct meeting: Honey tasting. May need some volunteers to pose as judges.
 - Nov meeting: Speaker will be coming to talk about mead making.
 - Thank you to Kevin and Jack for teaching kids at Cheney Parks and Recreation.
 - Contacted by Reardan High School to set up a bee club, request contact info.
 - Discussed whether association should join Cheney parade for \$10; to discuss at next meeting.
- **Research Committee**, Kevin Oldenburg:
 - Association hives now have random results. Kevin suspects the condition of the hives is a result of queen performance.
- **Media Committee**, Fred Pollard:
 - Friend us on Facebook, contact Margo for more info.

Treasurer report, Glen Zimmerman: Balance in association account \$3,021.98

Other Business

- Bad news: Selling clothes could be a potential issue for tax exempt nonprofits, with some exceptions: selling a couple a year would be acceptable.
- Good news: There are grants associations can apply for to get items we may need. Ex) projector, screens, etc. Please think of things the association might need to apply for grants from WASBA.

7:55 pm Meeting adjourned

Maria Alvarez, WPBA Secretary