

**West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes**  
**March 7, 2014 Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA**

Attendees: Ellen and Jack Miller, Don and Cathy Richter, Glenn and Gina Zimmerman, Ari Alvarez, Ari Alvarez Jr., Ana Alvarez, Margo Buckles, Kevin Oldenburg, Sherry Hession, David Sheppard, Michael Lavoie, John-Paul Lavoie, Rob Henry, Lanette Virgin, Russ and Jo Ekstrom, Kent Bynum, James Flaws, Sean O'Quinn, Robert Swanson, Jared Jones, Jennifer Lawrence, Michael Cameron, Kevin and Eileen Field, Dave DeVore, Gege Haugstad, Ruby Anderson, Joe Garza

6:30pm Don Richter gave a presentation on Spring Management of the hive. Don's presentation is available on the website at <http://www.wpbeekeepers.org/meetingpresentations.htm>

7pm Vice President Margo Buckles started the official meeting. Minutes for February were approved. M/S/C

**Old Business**

Jim Miller needs bee orders by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Bees will be here on April 12<sup>th</sup>

We'll have the cash mob at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. You can sell your honey or bee products there.

Turnbull Event- Floods, Flowers and Feathers

[http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Turnbull/visit/visitor\\_activities/Floods Flowers and Feathers Festival.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Turnbull/visit/visitor_activities/Floods_Flowers_and_Feathers_Festival.html)

Saturday, May 31 8am-3pm at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge in Cheney WA. We need volunteers for our table. Email Margo to volunteer at [westplainsbeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:westplainsbeekeepers@gmail.com)

There is a local magazine called *Bountiful Life* that has articles on local farm and gardening. Jim Miller put an ad in the magazine for our beekeeping classes. Jim suggested we put the ad in this magazine regularly to advertise our bee classes. This suggestion was tabled again until the next meeting.

**New Business**

A library asked Jack and Ellen Miller to do an online class of lessons on beginning beekeeping. They will be 7 minutes long. One presentation was already filmed. The library will film them and put them on the website. Do we want to do this as a club? M/S/C approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Education Committee** Margo Buckles reported that if you'd like to volunteer to teach beginning bee classes at the Medical Lake High School, they need help on Tuesdays from 9:55-10:50am. Please let Margo know if you are interested.

April 12 – Bees delivered from Jim Miller

April 12 - Hands On experience for people who attended the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 beekeeping classes to work with Kevin Oldenburg directly with bee hives. Details about time and location will be announced.

May 3, 10am – 12pm Field trip to Desert Jewels Nursery

May 17 - There will be a hive and garden tour. Details to come.

June 21 Medical Lake Founders Day

August 3, 1pm – 3pm Annual summer picnic gathering for the West Plains Beekeepers

**Kevin Oldenburg, Research Committee.** We will build the 24 hives for our project and paint them after they are built. We will have 12 hives at the Pollard's house and are looking for another place (about 100 acres) to put 12 more hives.

**Joe Geiger, Treasurer** \$2,202.47

Adjourned at 7:45pm.