

**West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes**  
**April 3, 2015 City Hall, Medical Lake, WA**

6:30 pm Education – Kevin Oldenburg – Honey Bee Nutrition Study

7:05 pm President Kevin Oldenburg calls official meeting to order

Attendees: 27 members plus all four officers

Secretary minutes for March approved

**Old Business**

- No updates on insurance
- Some T-shirts and Fleece left for sale
- Members may join IEBA fair booths if they would like to as individuals

**New Business**

- Discussion on considering setting up booth for Lincoln County Fair; collectively decided not to participate this year
- Hands-on practicum will take place at Jensen Youth Ranch on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Volunteers: Jennifer Lawrence, Jared Jones, and Jeff Lawrence
- Reminder: Practical Beekeeping Seminar on April 25
  - Flier will be posted on website
- Grant Medical Lake High School FFA group
  - \$1250 for FFA group at MLHS for construction projects (e.g. hive bodies)
  - Don tabled the discussion until the students from MLHS come and present to the association
- Jim explains that some new beekeepers are trying to get certified before the bees arrive. There are no more classes available, so the WPBA may be able to help these beekeepers become certified by offering a discount.
  - Motion to allow new beekeepers to become members of the association by paying a \$5 fee (per person or family) and take the Apprentice Certification exam for \$15 (per person) as long as a WPBA member administrates the exam.
    - Don Richter motion, Fred 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved
- Need 2 committees to determine value of association hives for sale
  - Committee 1 Finance: Don Richter, Cathy Richter, Gail Pollard
  - Committee 2 Assessment: David Sheppard, Sherry Hession, Jeff Lawrence
- Motion to change hive sale date to whenever the hives are released from experiment
  - Jim Miller motion, Ari Alvarez 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved

**Committee Reports**

- **Education Committee, Margo:**
  - May program – WebEx Presentation - Pollination of Small Berry Crops
  - June/July program available
  - Need volunteers for Turnbull and Founder's Day this year
    - please sign up at the next meeting
  - Jack and Ellen Miller will be observed checking their hives on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for Journeyman

certification. They are welcoming anyone to watch them go through the process.

- **Research Committee**, Keven:
  - Presented outcomes of bee nutrition experiment as the educational program prior to the meeting
  
- **Treasurer report**, Glenn:
  - Balance in association account \$3,226
  
- **Membership**, Marilyn Geiger:
  - So far we have 60 paid members
  - Membership cards are still available for those who haven't gotten one

### **General**

- Miller's Homestead volunteered to provide coffee every month for those who attend

7:55 pm Meeting Adjourned

Maria Alvarez, WPBA Secretary