

West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2015 Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

6:30 pm Education – Jim Miller – Essential Oils

6:53 pm President Kevin Oldenburg calls official meeting to order

Attendees: 26 members plus all four officers

Secretary minutes for January approved with two amendments

Old Business

- No updates on insurance
- Make annual payment to WSBA based on number of members
 - Ellen Miller motion, Fred Pollard 2nd – approved
- 4 pints of honey left for sale (\$7 each)

New Business

- Education committee presented 3 categories of people who can teach classes
 - Anyone can teach with a Journeyman present
 - Any Apprentice working on their Journeyman can teach with approval of the Education Chair
 - Any Journeyman or Master can teach
 - Ellen Miller motion, Marilyn Geiger 2nd – approved
- Jim Miller volunteered to sign test exams, and Ari Alvarez will be the backup signer
 - Fred Pollard motion, Jack Miller 2nd – approved
- Need to move to new location
 - Motion to allow Executive Committee to find a new location
 - Don Richter motion, Ari Alvarez 2nd – approved
 - Possible locations: Jensen Youth Ranch, City Hall
- Permission to buy 4 packages of bees for package installation demonstrations
 - Cara Hagar motion, Cathy Richter 2nd – approved
- Ellen Miller requests to have official Club Guidelines separate from bylaws and minutes for future references
- Don Richter requests for Education Committee to make class guideline
 - Education Committee will meet before the next meeting to put together a class guideline

Committee Reports

- **Education Committee, Margo:**
 - Need to mentor more Journeyman
 - Fliers are available for posting
 - Huckleberry Press offered to advertise the club – tabled to next meeting
 - March program – Peggy Clemons – Nucs
 - April program – Fenwher Meadery
 - May program – WebEx Presentation - Pollination of Small Berry Crops
 - June program still available
 - Club will be participating in the Floods, Flowers, and Feathers Festival on March 30
 - Club will also host a booth at Founder's Day this year

- Why Keep Bees segment of March 7 class is available – Fred Pollard volunteered to fill position
- Motion to allow Education Committee to purchase 50 Apprentice booklets at a time henceforth
 - Jack Miller motion, Ellen Miller 2nd - approved
- Permission to spend \$60 to be members of West Plains Chamber
 - Fred Pollard motion, Don Richter 2nd - approved
- **Research Committee, Keven:**
 - 50% mortality probability of existing research hives
- **Treasurer report, Glenn:**
 - Balance in association account \$4,139.72
- **Membership, Marilyn Geiger:**
 - By December 2014 the WPBA had 56 paid members
 - So far we have 44 paid members for 2015
 - Membership cards will be distributed

General

- Bee Questions
- Please bring any ideas/inventions to future meetings for show-and-tell

7:45 pm Meeting adjourned

Maria Alvarez, WPBA Secretary