

West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2015 Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

6:30 pm Treasurer Glenn Zimmerman calls official meeting to order.

Attendees: 20 members plus two of four officers

Secretary minutes for November approved.

Old Business

- Discussion- whether the association should consider getting fair booths this year
 - Ellen Miller made a motion to table discussion to next meeting - approved

New Business

- We have sold 42 shirts and 11 fleeces
- We need to check if we have paid WSBA \$1 per member for this year
- A beekeeper named Greg Boyer will be teaching evening classes at North Central
 - Jeff Lawrence made a motion to allow WPBA to be used as a sponsor of the class – approved
 - Don Richter made a motion to donate a WPBA membership to Greg – approved
- Discussion items:
 - Journeymen or Master level beekeepers can teach educational classes
 - Apprentices and non-certified beekeepers can teach as long as a Journeyman or Master is present
 - Anyone interested in teaching classes, please email Jim Miller your Apprentice certification number, along with the date your certificate was issued, and your name

Committee Reports

- **Education Committee**, Glenn:
 - The June educational portion is still open
 - The Beginning Beekeeping class will begin in March
 - Jim Miller suggested educational additions for the February and April meetings, along with the March Beekeeping class. To be approved by Margo.
- **Research Committee**, Glenn:
 - Results from WSU of association bee samples: 0-7 varroa mites per 100 bees
 - Still waiting for some results
- **Treasurer report**, Glenn:
 - Balance in association account \$3,516.83
- **Membership**, Marilyn Geiger:
 - No membership change
 - Dues can be paid online
 - Membership cards for 2015 will be distributed at the February meeting

6:51 pm Meeting adjourned

7:00 pm Education – Ari Alvarez – Master Certification Program

Maria Alvarez, WPBA Secretary