

West Plains Beekeepers Association

February 19, 2016

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA.

6:00-6:30 PM Journeyman class given by Jim Miller, "Moving Honeybees".

6:30-7:05 PM **Education** was given by Rob and Chelsea McFarland on "The legalization of urban beekeeping in Los Angeles".

7:05 PM **Meeting** called to order by VP Don Richter.

36 members in attendance, with 3 officers present

Secretary minutes were sent by email; Approved as written.

Treasures report was given and reported 54 family memberships.

Committee Reports

Research

- The Medical Lake High School is starting the beekeeping program with 3 students. Kevin has been meeting with the teacher. Would like to know if the students can take the class from us for free? Tabled until New Business.

Education

- Jim Miller had updates on the Airway Heights Corrections beekeeping. They would like to start a beekeeping club and need some help doing so.
- EWU committee, are waiting to hear back from the school. They are having a meeting there and will get back to Kevin with their needs. The committee looked at the Apiary site, which looks adequate – fenced, water swale nearby.
- Sandy Fanara will be giving a next month's education program on Yellow Jackets.
- Jim Miller will be giving the education program in April, starting at **6 PM** on over-Wintering, including his findings from the last several Winters.
- Beginning beekeeping classes starting in March from 11AM-3PM at the Pizza Factory.
- Wednesday night classes are going well.
- The apprentice class is listed at \$15 instead of \$20 on our site. We need to correct that and eat the \$5 this time around.

Old Business

- Jack Miller and committee have a "more user friendly" website ready for us to approve and get online. He showed us the new online page layout, with

important information prominently displayed with clear links. Our site has improved priority googling, and is mobile friendly as well.

New Business

- Motion was made to approve the new webpage and get it up online. Discussion followed, and it was asked how much have the I.T. cost us. The answer was that the hosting is free, and the committee is not sure yet how much I.T. by Martina Schmidt will be. Motion passed.
- Motion was made to help Airway Heights Corrections set up a club, and to teach at least the first classes (Jim Miller), and that the inmates that take the apprentice test be allowed to use WPBA as there "home" club, at this point, to get certified. Motion passed.
- Motion was made to allow the FAA students at Medical Lake High School to take our class for free; friendly amendment as long as they take the apprentice test and pay the \$20. Motion passed.
- In our bylaws it states that if an officer does not show-up for 3 consecutive meetings that they are removed from office. According to the bylaws, and that in the case of the office of president that the Vice President becomes the new President. These actions are all automatic according to the bylaws. A motion was made to affirm the action, and ask the secretary to inform James Delinguard that he has been removed from office. Motion passed.
- President Don announced that with the vacancy of the V.P. position, and more than 3 months until regular election of officers, the bylaws stipulate that a temporary V.P. be appointed, and that the nominating committee (Cathy, Kevin, Jeff) bring a nomination for election for a new V.P. Don announced that he had asked, and appointed Ellen Miller to the temporary position.
- The nominating committee nominated Ellen Miller for the position of Vice President. The election will be held at the next meeting in March.
- Don appointed Jack and Ellen as "web masters".
- It was suggested that we need a "finace committee" to meet with the treasure once a quarter to go over and check accounting books. Tabled until next meeting.

Announcements

- There were no announcements.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 PM

Sandy Fanara, Secretary