

West Plains Beekeepers Association

July 15, 2016

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA.

6pm-6:30pm Social Time Talking about Bees.

6:30 **Educational Program by Joe Geiger**, "BS About Bees" There are 20,000 species of bees and Bees are Haplodiploids. Joe did a fantastic presentation valuable and very informative with wonderful humor! Thank you Joe

7PM Meeting

7pm Call to Order by Ellen Miller

Approval of minutes by Kevin and?

Treasures report Joe Miller current budget amount \$6241.00 Total income \$144.00 Spent \$130 envelopes and cards. Average spending \$463.00

Committee reports (Marylyn Geiger)

Education Committee, Volunteers -10am to 5pm The 20th of August

Herb faire (Volunteers) 10am to 5pm The 24th of September

Other? None to speak of.

Publicity (Margo Buckles)

Face book usage-No report

Additional fleeces are running low looking to place orders new orders

Research (Kevin Oldenburg): April 16th 2016 bee were obtained by for the Medical Lake bee project.

Sucrose vs. synthetic chemical reproduction artificial nectar feeding study. Similar results are being observed as to last year's study.

Demonstration Hive (Jack Miller and Kevin Oldenburg)

\$100.00 budget to build. \$160.00 to buy a new already built. Motion to purchase prebuilt Jack Secoded by Jack Kevin Oldenburg will supply the bees for the demonstration hive. \$200.00 was suggested for price, Tax and shipping of the observation hive. Voted in by the club.

Airway Heights Ordinance (Ellen Miller, Jack Miller and Jim Miller)

Ellen put together a document for ordinance proposal. Medical Lake and Cheney currently have no ordinance in place and are next for Proposals.

Kids booth/ and website Content (Ellen Miller, Marilyn Geiger, Sandy Fanara, Cathy Richter)

Stickers, Fliers, Kid friendly and appropriate.

Website report (Jack Miller)

Usage- Unknown

Unsubscribe feature- Not on

Events Page- Not open "Jack is Sorry"

New Business: Tabled discussion of a possible donation to WSU Bee Lab (\$500.00). January committee was formed Kevin, Kathy, Ellen to work with EWU on installing hives on campus. Funding deadline was missed - Hives have not been sourced for donation. Kevin will make contact with EWU.

Also the Beekeeping Program involving the state correctional facilities (Walla Walla is asking to be involved and are asking for membership and education towards apprenticeship certification.

Additional notes- Washington beekeepers association is in the process of a restructure. 3 options are available 1. Information is available 2. Don't take sides 3. Hang tight... Who will certify the programs for the apprentice, Journeyman and Master Beekeeping certifications? Fall classes will be available to those that are interested to those that are looking to continue the education process through the club.

(Margo) Suggested that a \$500.00 donation be placed to the WSBA to support research grants. This has been tabled till September when Margo returns. Suggested by Jack and Joe Miller.

The passers of the apprenticeship and journeyman certification certificated were noted and passed out during the meeting and were collected by those in attendance.

Good of the order: A mentor question was asked. How do you find a mentor? Go to the website click Services and select Name and Location that best suits you.

Adjourn (Jim Miller 1st and Kevin Oldenburg 2nd at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Raska, Secretary