

West Plains Beekeepers Association

October 21, 2016

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

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

6:30 Educational Program by Mike Durst, "Getting bees ready for winter: Focusing on Varroa Mites."

7PM Meeting

Call to Order by Ellen Miller

Approval of October minutes Motion to approve by Kevin Oldenburg 1st Jack Miller 2nd

Treasures report Joe Miller submitted a report showing a balance of \$4441.40 On projected budget.

Committee reports:

Education Committee (Marylyn Geiger)

November beginning beekeeping classes: teachers have been appointed for each of the lessons; mentors are requested for the new beekeepers, please volunteer. We are using the WASBA Apprentice Beekeepers Handbook as the text and will create a packet of information for each student that includes other resources.

Correctional institutions: Airway Heights and Walla Walla are both sponsored by the WPBA and are teaching inmates about beekeeping. Walla Walla has completed their first course and we have submitted their paperwork for certification. Jim Miller is teaching approximately 20 inmates at the AH facility and will have a report next month.

Publicity (Margo Buckles)

Margo has a series of ads running in the Huckleberry Press and in the Exchange for our classes. She also was asked to do an interview on bees by an elementary student at a local school.

She also found out that there was no special acknowledgement offered for the donation we pledged to the WSU beekeeping laboratory so the original donation of \$500 was sent.

Research (Kevin Oldenburg)

Medical Lake HS project: Bees are good and are in need of a fall feeding

EWU Sustainability Program (Kevin Oldenburg)

We are maintaining contact with the program and expect at least one student to attend our November classes.

Airway Heights Ordinance (Jack Miller, Margo Buckles)

We are hoping to be placed on the Airway Heights City Council calendar for a presentation on beekeeping in cities.

Kids booth/ and website Content (Sandy Fanara, Marilyn Geiger, Cathy Richter & Margo Buckles)

No worries both anticipated for April

Website (Jack Miller)

Still up and working.

WASBA (Ellen Miller)

WASBA will be holding a membership meeting on November 19 via teleconference. The results of the election for new officers will be announced at that time.

Washington state master beekeepers association is active in seeking members and the Inland northwest beekeepers association is looking to join the WSMBA

New Business:

Project Hope: Jenifer Priest made a presentation about the program and requested support for the participants in the program as they beginning working on integration of honeybees into their garden project. Project Hope is a youth development program using urban farms and gardening. Their location is the west central Spokane city area near Kendall Yards. Children work the garden area all year and the produce is made available to the community. They also have a lawn care program. They want to have hives as part of their project and are working on grants. They need mentors, education programs, and equipment. WPBA agreed to sponsor and work with Project Hope, providing classes and mentors. Brian Raska offered up to 10 complete medium body hives. **Jenifer will keep us updated as the project moves forward.**

Good of the order:

Jack Miller Moved to Adjourn meeting – Kevin 2nd