

West Plains Beekeepers Association

April 21, 2017

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

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

6:30 Educational Program: Todd McLaughlin on Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) and how it relates to pollinators

6:57PM Meeting Called to Order by Ellen Miller

Approval of February minutes Motion to approve by Ari, 2nd, approved

Treasures report Joe Miller: Income \$170, Expenses \$943, ~\$5k in the bank.

Horizon bank not yet closed. STCU locations in AH & Cheney

Committee reports

Education Committee (Marilyn Geiger)

March Classes: Finished and Certificates available at end of meeting

Hands On Class (Kevin): April 29th: Project Hope – 6 hives have been installed and will be looking for Queen laying and larva (weather – if poor weather will delay 1 week)

Upcoming Education topics are May: Hive Splitting & June: Beekeeping in Panama

Community Events: More volunteers needed. Sign Up Sheets for Volunteers were passed around. Upcoming Events: Earth Day (Spokane) April 22-23rd, Earth Day (EWU 10-2) Thursday April 20th, and May 13th Spokane Herbal Faire and Cheney Mayfest. May 23rd Lind 5th grade event and June 17th Medical Lake Founder's Day

Publicity (Margo Buckles) More brochures have been ordered and Facebook analytics showing a lot of hits to our page

Research (Kevin Oldenburg) MLHS Bees @ Jensen Youth Ranch Update: results from feeding artificial nectar vs. sugar water. Results were inverted from last year indicating that the difference in feed doesn't seem to influence the health of the hive.

Airway Heights CC (Jim Miller) Resource list request for Donation so that inmate bee program has resources separate of general library. Kevin made a motion to approve \$250 donation, Joe Miller 2nd, Approved by members

19 recent apprentice graduates. Evergreen State College students will be researching impact of inmate employability after release having gone through the Beekeeping sustainability apprenticeship program

EWU Sustainability Report (Kevin Oldenburg) Splitting Hives Demo at EWU Wed @ 3pm near Red Barn (weather permitting)

Student Emily Sherman: Senior Project: Mapping hive locations, hive data: species; pkg/nuc/swarm, how old, loss of hive(s). Request for members to release personal member contact info to Emily. Jack made motion to release member contact information to Emily for her research purposes. Friendly amendment was proposed for Ellen to create an opt out email to members advising 1 week opt out response period. Once 1 week period is over, release of member contact information would be sent to Emily. Approved by members

Airway Heights Ordinance (Jack Miller, Margo Buckles) No Report- no further progress

Kids booth/ and website Content (Sandy Fanara, Marilyn Geiger, Cathy Richter, Lincoln Marsh & Margo Buckles) Photo booth and coloring books are completed for upcoming events

Website (Jack Miller) no report

Washington State Beekeepers Assn (Ellen Miller) No report
Certificates for November and March classes

New Business:

Appointment of Nomination Committee: Sandy, Kevin & Steve

May will be the Slate of Officers, and voting in June. Option to co-share roles

Discussion of State-Wide Annual Meeting- will be on next month's agenda

Good of the order:

Adjourn: 8:12 Steve Hetrick moved to adjourn

Respectfully submitted

Brian Raska and Megan Ellis