

West Plains Beekeepers Association

February 17, 2017

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

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

6:30 Educational Program: Jim Miller on Essential Oils

6:59 PM Meeting Called to Order by Ellen Miller

Approval of January minutes Motion to approve by Kevin Oldenburg, 2nd by Sandy Fanara, approved

Treasures report Joe Miller: Incoming membership dues and Spring classes, Outgoing expenses for Insurance

Committee reports

Education Committee (Marilyn Geiger)

Upcoming March Classes: 4th, 11th, 18th

Upcoming Education topics are March: Bob Perry's Bee House: Mason Bees; April: Todd McLaughlin from Avista

May-December: Need speakers/topics

Next Saturday Otis Orchards Library and Priest River Education Outreach events are taking place

Community Events: Will need Booth Volunteers May 13th Spokane Herbal Faire and Cheney Mayfest

Honey Recipes with Pictures are needed submit to westplainsbeekeepers@gmail.com

Publicity (Margo Buckles) Tees and Fleeces available at meeting for purchase

Research (Kevin Oldenburg) Tufts University Bee Feeding Experiment: Micronutrients vs. Sugar Water

EWU Sustainability Report (Kevin Oldenburg) No Report

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) Presentation on Kids booth items, sticker, coloring book, craft projects and Bee Faces Photoboard – website update with links to literature. All items fit into a tote to bring to events.

Website (Jack Miller) Kids page/links

New Business:

Change Bank Institution: Background: Current institution used is Horizon Credit Union, nearest location is downtown Spokane, WA. For convenience of treasurer, a request

was made to change institutions. A motion was made by Margo Buckles to close the current account with Horizon Credit Union and establish new account with Spokane Teachers Credit Union for location convenience. Jim Miller 2nd and motion was approved by members.

Donations: At the recent Executive Board Member meeting, it was discussed how to utilize benefits non-profit status. Suggestions to have a donation button on the website and donation box at events. We will need to establish wording on exactly what the donations will be used for.

Good of the order:

Calendar Event- March 29th at the Moore Theater in Seattle, WA – WSU Program on mushrooms and honeybees. <http://bees.wsu.edu/seattle/> \$25 Tickets – proceeds to go to the WSU Research program for honeybees.

March 3rd- WA State Beekeepers Association President and Vice President will be meeting with WA State Correctional Facilities regarding Sustainability Programs - Ellen attending on behalf of WASBA and will speak to the successful programs WPBA is involved with at Walla Walla and Airway Heights.

Members discussed status of hives and how they are doing, if surviving over the winter. Mixed feedback.

Jim Miller advised of CA weather issues may impact availability of bees/queens in WA

Adjourn: 7:58 Jim moved to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Raska, Secretary

Megan Ellis, Recording Secretary