

West Plains Beekeepers Association

12/21/2018

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake

6:00 Social time

6:30 Educational Program: Jack and Ellen Miller, Bumblebee Watch and PNW Bumblebee Atlas

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm by Ellen Miller

Minutes were approved from November 16 2018 meeting. Motion to approve Kevin, second Hope

Treasurer's report: Kevin Ryan - expenses are about the same as last year. Balance in the club account \$4530.00. Budget for 2019 presented.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee Margo Buckles

Mobius Science Center - Girl Scouts (80)

New Beginning Beekeeping Class starting in March - will have flyers ready next month to put out in the community for the class. Contact Margo if you would like to help with the class.

WASBA Conference - February 9th. Will need volunteers to help on Friday Feb 8th, Saturday Feb 9th and Sunday Feb 10th - at Mobius - Bee Girl. Signup sheets were passed around during the meeting. If you would like to volunteer contact Margo.

Margo had flyers ready for club members to distribute for WASBA conference.

February WPBA education program: Bob Arnold from IEBA will talk about American Foulbrood

March WPBA Kay H. from Airway Heights CC will give a presentation about the sustainability project.

Airway Heights CC - Joe Miller: The club at Airway Heights CC is working on getting a list of names to us and their dues for the year. The prison will brief the state on the beekeeping program and club. There has been approval for about 4-6 local people - from our club to go out to Airway Heights CC to take a tour and see what they are doing with the bee program. It will be Thursday 2/23/2019 8:30-noon. If you are interested in attending please contact Joe Miller or Ellen Miller as you will need to fill out a background check form prior to entering the prison for the tour.

Annual meeting/conference:

Feb 9th 2019 at EWU. Volunteers are needed. Signup sheets were circulated during the meeting.

There will be a short WASBA meeting at the end of the conference.

So far about 20 people have signed up for the conference on the website. There will be raffles with good prizes, vendors are coming. We will need people to man our WPBA booth.

After the conference there will be a social event at the Mason Jar in Cheney. Mead tasting and honey themed appetizers. Tickets are available for this event on the website.

Old Business: Ellen brought forward the concern that Margo needs help with the education program and asked Vicky McMillan if she would be willing to help Margo with the education program. She accepted.

New Business: Jenifer Walker would like to have a demo hive at the Mobius event in February when the Bee Girl is there. Apparently the Bee Girl says that this is a must. However there was much discussion among the club members and because it is in February and with the cold weather that is not a good time to take bees out of a hive for a demonstration hive. Basically it will kill the hive. Bryan did say that he has a Nuc that he would be willing to donate to the cause - if it is still alive at the time of the conference/Mobius event.

Kevin O reported that the WASBA will now have WebEx presentations available for beekeeping clubs to access. So far 8 people has signed up that are willing to give presentations via the web.

There will be 3 field days in 2019 that are set up by the WASBA

Locations will be WSU, EWU, and third site is still to be determined but will be on the Western side of the state.

Professors from WSU will review the Journeyman class documents.

Budget approval for 2019

Several club members expressed interest in forming a hive/equipment bank. A committee was formed to explore this idea - Kevin O, Jack Miller, Joe Miller. They will report back at the Feb meeting.

Adjourn: 8:03 pm Motion to adjourn Kevin, Second Joe Miller

Submitted

Marie Ellis, Secretary