

West Plains Beekeepers Association

DATE 7/20/2018

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake

6:00 Social time

6:30 Educational Program: Varroa by Jack Miller

Meeting called to order at 7:24 by Ellen Miller

Minutes were approved from May meeting. Motion to approve Mike, second Mellody

Treasurer's report: Kevin Ryan.

Have about \$4700.00 Will be spending \$2000.00 for conference in Feb 2019

Annual pending payments have all been met

Committee Reports:

Education Committee Report from Marilyn

- ❖ 6/16 Medical Lake Founders Day 10am-4pm - good turnout
- ❖ 6/20 Fairchild AFB K-6 grade Field day at Poindexter Farms
- ❖ 6/22 Emerson Garfield Farmers Market - The Buzz About Bees - sent kids to our booth to learn about bees and then they received a prize.
- ❖ 7/13 Emerson Garfield Farmers Market - Bee Dance - sent kids to our booth to learn about bees and then they received a prize.
- ❖ Youth Ops - interactive experience to about 12 kids, lecture and hands on, Peggy and Ellen. Peggy was a lifesaver mentoring the kids/hives. Peggy helped with honey extraction and they were able to extract one one-half gallons of honey using crush/strain method. There will not be a second session
- ❖ Presentation at Cheney Kiwanis club in July by Ellen Miller
- ❖ August Airway Heights Festival and Car Show 10am-4pm - still times available to sign up

Publicity: Margo no report

Research Report: Kevin O - Experiment ongoing at EWU. Need to add 5 supers. Had one swarm.

- ❖ EWU Sustainability Report: Nothing new to report - can remove from meeting reports

Airway Heights CC

- ❖ Airway Heights CC has started queen rearing, they have 5 queens. Jim Miller wants them to gather data about the queens. They cannot sell queens and currently there are no other correction centers to donate to. For WPBA members: If you are interested in getting a queen, call Jim Miller at 299-9085, give him your name, and he will put you on a list and he will give you a free queen as they are available. You will be responsible for some record keeping.

Website Report: Jack reports getting 30-40 spams per day at webmaster, will pull it off the website. Webmaster will no longer be a communication site.

Annual meeting/conference:

Next meeting 8/15/2018. We have the logo and all of the speakers. Two tracks, science and hobbyist track. Need about 20 vendors. Conference will be held at Eastern, Hargreaves Hall, area will seat 50-75 people. Don Richter may be able to help with AV set up for the conference. Jennifer Priest at WASBA can help with finding sponsorship.

Old Business -

Election of officers: President - Ellen Miller will remain president through next year. Vice president: We need a person in the club to help arrange monthly education/meeting presentation.

New Business:

Mentoring opportunity: Jeannie and Ryan Poole - Kevin is willing to mentor them with their new bee hive.

WASBA - has three major agenda items:

Conference in Feb 2019

Why should you be a WASBA member - getting info out to members/clubs. Revised/updated Beginning Beekeeping course is ready now, revised Apprentice course will be ready next year, Journeyman course should be available the beginning of next year. Available grants to clubs - for speakers, academic research. Creating a speaker series of available volunteer speakers so that clubs can access different speakers.

Updating the WASBA website - Jack Miller is creating a data base

WASBA is also working on an umbrella insurance policy to cover clubs. And will be revisiting legislative agenda item regarding liability.

Jenifer Priest has been hired part time by WASBA averaging four hours a week to serve as an Executive Director

Good of the Order: Do we need to have meetings in the summer? Question from Kevin O.

Ellen proposed that the August meeting time be a potluck picnic at their place on August 17th

Kevin made a motion to have the club donate \$100 to defray cost for August picnic Mellody second.

Adjourn: 2011 motion by Jack, second Marilyn

Submitted

Marie Ellis, Secretary