

West Plains Beekeepers Association

June 15, 2018

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake

6:00 Social time

6:30 Educational Program: Importance of Genetic Diversity by Ari Alvarez

Meeting called to order at 1941 by Ellen Miller, President

Minutes were approved from May 2018 meeting. Motion to approve Sheila, second Ari

Treasurer's report: Kevin Ryan No report

Committee Reports:

Education Committee Margo/Marilyn

- ❖ Marilyn reported we have an article submitted for WASBA newsletter regarding the upcoming conference
- ❖ Herbal Fair went well - a lot of folks stopped by the booth
- ❖ Mobius - went well, first time WPBA was there
- ❖ Ellen gave a presentation to the Cheney Garden club and it was well received
- ❖ 6/16 Medical Lake Founders Day 10am-4pm - all volunteer time slots are filled
- ❖ Some discussion to see if we could provide enough volunteers for a short notice request to have a station about bees at Mindy and Clay Poindexter's organic plant and animal farm
- ❖ Emerson / Garfield Farmers Market - we will have a booth there June 22nd and July 13, will need volunteers to help out
- ❖ August 18th Airway Heights Festival and Car Show 10am-4pm

Publicity: Margo

- ❖ Marilyn has written an article for WASBA newsletter, there will also be an article regarding our upcoming conference
- ❖ More native pollinator brochures have been printed

Research Report: Kevin O

- ❖ Study is going well

EWU Sustainability Report:

- ❖ Joe Miller reports that EWU is spraying for wasps and yellow jackets on campus, may affect the hives.

Airway Heights CC and Walla Walla:

- ❖ AH CC has accepted donation from WPBA. Hives are doing well.

Website Report:

- ❖ Up to date.

Annual meeting/conference:

- ❖ Conference progress continues. 2 tracks one scientific, and the second everything else. All of the scientific speakers have confirmed.
- ❖ Committee looked at the graphic art students presentations, voted and picked one for the conference logo.
- ❖ Joe Miller is working on finding vendors
- ❖ The Bee Girl is willing to do a presentation at Mobius the night before the conference. EWU working on logistics.

Old Business

- ❖ Certificates granted for apprentice beekeeping course

New Business:

- ❖ Scott Holbrook gave information on bee friendly wildflower seeds available at Lowes
- ❖ Ellen Miller drafted a handout on spring and fall control of wasps/hornets/yellow jackets
- ❖ WASBA Kevin is the new president. A meeting of the board was called, a large amount of energy was created. Jack will be working on data base. Now have approval for four (4) levels of beekeeper education. Beginning class, apprentice, journeyman, master beekeeper. Work is continuing on editing the manual for the journeyman plan is to have this finished by the end of summer.
- ❖ Ari will be doing some smaller on-line classes and videos related to beekeeping.
- ❖ WASBA in the past held a conference. The last WASBA conference was 7 years ago. Idea was brought forth would WPBA be interested in WASBA participating in the upcoming conference in February 2018? Ari made a motion to invite WASBA to participate with WPBA in Eastside State Conference. Jack second motion.
- ❖ Election of new officers: President - table until next month, Co Vice President Margo will serve another term, nominated by Joe Miller, second VP position open - will table until next month. Secretary Marie Ellis is willing to serve another term - nominated by Joe Miller, Treasurer Kevin Ryan - willing to serve another term, nominated by Joe Miller

Adjourn: Joe Miller motion to adjourn, Ari second meeting ended at 2039

Submitted

Marie Ellis, Secretary