

West Plains Beekeepers Association

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake

May 17, 2019

6:00 Social time; talking to others about bees

6:30 Educational Program: Shelby Fettig Effects of Nutrition on Honey Bee Gut Micro biome, Disease Occurrence, and Hive Growth: Results from summer 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm by Margo Buckles Vice President

Minutes were approved from April 19, 2019 meeting. Motion to approve Vicky, second Molly

Treasurer's report: Kevin Ryan: about \$5000.00 bank balance for the club. Several expenses for the year paid, storage unit, insurance, most of the expenses for the latest classes paid.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee Margo

Still working on organizing an apprentice class. Will need Journeyman people to teach.

Monthly meetings:

6/21 - Open Forum: Questions About Your Bees- Bring it in!

7/19 - Bill Watts: Mite Abatement held at the WPBA Apiary - there will be directions sent out prior to this meeting

8/16 Picnic at the home of Margo Buckles and Kevin Oldenburg

9/20 Preparing for Winter

10/18 Kay Heinrich, Airway Heights Correctional Center Beekeeping Program

Working on having Tim Hiatt come to the November meeting

Community Events: More volunteers are needed to support these events

Cheney May Fest - Was kind of quiet. Didn't have enough people signed up to help out

Medical Lake Founders Day - signup sheet sent around to volunteer for this event

Publicity: Margo - no report

Research Report: no report

Airway Heights CC: no report

WASBA Report: Kevin Oldenburg

Bee Liability Bill has passed. As long as you are keeping bees per local zoning codes and have registered your hives with the Washington Department of Agriculture, you as a beekeeper cannot be sued if a person is stung.

Bees of Summer Conference in the Tri Cities 5/18/2019. Kevin will be speaking at this conference. This club will be hosting the WASBA conference next year.

June 8th will be the WASBA quarterly Board meeting in Ellensburg

Old Business:

Nominating Committee Report - election next month

The committee brought forward these names for people interesting in being officers for the new year.

Marie Ellis - President

Sheri T - Vice President

Molly - Secretary

Kevin Ryan is willing to be treasurer again

New Business: Thank you note from Jenny Walke read at the meeting thanking our club for the support given to her research.

Apiary Report - Kevin Oldenburg

Hives are doing great, have held a class out at the apiary.

We do have one empty hive in the apiary if you have a swarm and want to donate it let Kevin know.

Margo brought forward that a top bar hive and a Warre hive for the apiary would be helpful for showing our classes what those types of hives are like.

Some discussion about having hives on top of the PUB building at EWU. Proposal was written and sent to Eastern. There may also be an ability to put hives on top of the science building.

Adjourn: 7:40 pm Motion to adjourn Kevin O

Submitted

Marie Ellis, Secretary