

West Plains Beekeepers Association

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake

Date: November 15th

6:00 Social time

6:30 Educational Program: Joe Geiger

Meeting called to order at 7:15 by Marie Ellis, President

Minutes were approved from Oct. 2019 meeting.

Treasurer's report: Kevin Ryan. 2020 budget was presented. There will be additional funding added for bee pkgs. And nucs from our apiary. Finalized budget to presented at December meeting. For October there were expenses for sugar, posts and fence of \$168.00 for the Apiary. There was also a refund to WASBA from AHCC money.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee:

December: Tim Hiatt—Apiary Liability Bill.

January: Ellen and Jack Miller – French beekeeping.

February: Shari Townsend – Things they didn't tell us in class.

March: Plants for bees.

April: Swarms.

May: Wiggle dance.

Publicity: Medical Lake has a Christmas vendor fair in December. Margo suggested we have Jim Miller, who has a spot, display our information.

Research Report: The hives at Eastern have been moved from the Red Barn site to the roof of the remodeled PUB. New bees will be placed at the barn in the spring. Washington State University has moved it's bee lab facilities to the old Monsanto site at Othello. They now have 60 acres with a 3 acre greenhouse.

Airway Heights : Kudos to Margo, Kevin and Ellen for their work on getting the resolution to allow beekeeping in AH passed.

Apiary: Bees put to bed for the winter with a three sided windbreak. We expect to be selling bee packages and nucs from our apiary.

WASBA: Jennifer Short is working on making up a speaker list for the various beekeeper associations to use. Washington State grad students may also be available speakers. Also looking at online speakers (webinars) for educational programs at meetings. There will be a conference in October of 2020 in Ellensburg. Randy Oliver will be the keynote speaker.

New Business: Grant money was requested by Jim Miller for the Geiger Corrections. We will be discussing at December meeting.

Motion to adjourn 7: 55 pm.

Adjourn: 7:57 pm.

Submitted

Molly Sutor, Secretary