

WASBA Club of the Year 2025 application

The West Plains Beekeepers Association is applying for the Club of the Year Award.

- We are a current member of WASBA
- We have **86 family members; 49 of whom are not members because of taking a class this year.**
I am not sure how you want to count members. At one point we had talked about not counting people who were given a free membership because they took a class so I have given you both numbers. I view us as a small club but based on membership we are considered a large club.
- Club Participation:
 - 11 meetings/year = **33 points**
 - 6 Hands On at the Apiary workshops; summer picnic instead of meeting; extraction day = **16 points**
 - We offer mentors to our club members = **5 points**
- Club community involvement
 - Hosted a community pollinator awareness event (Spokane, June 17th) = **10 points**
 - Participated in Fun on the Farm (1st grade class from Freeman, 2 bus loads) = **3 points**;
 - Presented at WSU Veterinarian Program twice = **6 points**
 - Created a program and Presented at Whitman County Master Gardeners on Native Pollinators = **2 points**
 - Continued work with EWU Biology Dept to offer classes to students, establish hives on campus, start a beekeeping club on campus, and support Dr. Walke's research on honey bee nutrition = **10 points**
 - Continued relationship with River City Youth Ops, a Spokane program for disadvantaged youth who grow a garden and sell the produce and gave them a bee hive for their garden: provided classes to staff and youth; provided apiary support. = **10 points**
 - Created a program for a biology student internship for summer term related to honey bees and pollinators which involved all aspects of what our club is supporting for WASBA (working with River City Youth Ops program, reading and critiquing Ask a Washington Beekeeper programs, surveying hives with a HS instructor for a bee pesticide two year study, creating YouTube videos on topics related to honey bees), and assisting with club apiary = **10 points**
 - Continued working with Vets on the Farm, mentoring the staff who started beekeeping last year and successfully overwintered all four of their hives, now having seven hives. = **10 points**
 - Staffed an informational booth at Medical Lake Founders Day and ML Farmers Market = **6 points??** Not sure where this fits but both are all day events with a minimum of 6-8 staffing the booth
- Trained and provided WASBA education: of 86 current members, 84% have been WASBA trained, with some of them having completed multiple levels of certification = **8 points**

- Club Apiary: We have an apiary with seven hives that we use for training = **10 points**
- Club participation at the annual conference 10 members at 2024 conference = **8 points**
- Sustainability in Prisons Program: we work with the Airway Heights Correctional Center both teaching classes and assisting with their apiary = **10?? Points** the guidelines don't include the number of points to be awarded.
- WASBA Cookbook recipes = **2 points**
- WASBA Newsletter Article: = **5 points** We had planned on submitting the article for our fall extraction day to the September Newsletter since the activity is on August 24th with the Newsletter deadline the first of September. We hope this qualifies. The text is written but we wanted to include photos.

Total Points 164?