

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, August 13, 2018

Meeting was held at the MSU Pavilion, Farm Lane, East Lansing.

Present: Mike Risk - president, Dale Woods- vice president, Jenifer Blackburn - treasurer, Dianne Karsten- secretary, Brian Jennings - web site coordinator present, Roger Hoopingarner -founding member – Robbyn Smith club librarian was absent.

Beginner Session starts at 5:45pm in classroom C. Chris's presentation this month is Mid-Summer Hive Update: Honey harvest is over ; what do I do now?

MSU Sentinel hive field trip starts about 5:00p.m. Dr.Megan Milbrath ,Dale Woods, Gale Moore and Kaitlin Jennings -documenting, Robert Johnson -absent.

This month veterinary students joined the group for a hands-on look at what is happening in the hives.

Mike Risk and other experienced beekeepers were available to answer beekeeping questions prior to the meeting. We hope to have experienced beekeepers available before monthly meetings to answer questions from 6:00p.m. Until 6:30p.m. You do need to speak up as we are setting up for the main meeting so please come up and talk to any officer or experienced club member.

The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium and was called to order by Mike Risk. Mike Risk welcomed new members. Sign-up sheet was passed around. Jennifer Densteadt was present to collect dues and sell T-shirts. The club has a new motorized extractor that can be rented, contact Jennifer jdensteadt@gmail.com .

Mike Risk introduced our speaker for the evening Steve Tillman, a club member, producer of the U tube [BeekeepersWorkshop](#) series, former MBA treasurer and longtime beekeeper. Steve also generously provided a taste testing of [MANUKA HONEY](#). Since not everyone is interested in the monthly raffle items we will have tickets available at the front for those who may be.

Raffle items will be on display on a front table.

About 7:30p.m., refreshments provided by Myron and Dianne Karsten

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30 p.m.

September is our vendor meeting. Please consider pre-ordering for pick up at the pavilion. Some of the vendors do not bring a large stock of supplies if you order at the meeting you may have to arrange for shipping.

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COMB meetings are held on the second Monday of the month.

Dues are \$10 per annum, payable ASAP by members, both old and new.

If you have ideas for presentations' that might be of general interest or want to recommend or know of speakers, please contact any member of the board. Please send additions and or corrections of the meeting notes to

**Dianne Karsten,
karsten@msu.edu I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible.**

**Respectfully yours,
Dianne Karsten**