

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, September 10, 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 present. Will those persons borrowing a library book please contact Robbyn or other club officer with title of book so we can fill out a library - lending - card. robbyn@frontier.com

Beginner Session starts at 5:45pm in classroom C.

Kay Barber and Dale Woods covered the classroom in Chris's absence.

MSU Sentinel hive field trip starts about 5:00p.m. Canceled due to weather.

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. The club has a new motorized extractor that can be rented, contact Jennifer jdensteadt@gmail.com .

Steve Tillman has agreed to chair the nomination committee and election committee. This year Mike Risk and Dale Woods announced that they are stepping down after ten years of service as president and vice president. Please consider running for an office, working on a committee or lending officers support with tasks such as T-shirt sales. It really is true that many hands make light work. There are members willing to support and mentor new officers and committee members.

Mike Risk did a timely presentation on winter prep. This is a subject we will continue to talk about at future meetings. Mike brought in a hive (with enough stores for winter) for all to heft and guess the weight of. Napoleon Bee Supply had donated a two-frame extractor and this was the prize for the closest guess. There was a three-way tie and the names went back into the box for a random draw between the three closest guesses. Prizes were also donated by Cutlers and Buggs Nest.

Steve Tillman, a club member, producer of the U tube [BeekeepersWorkshop](#) series, former MBA treasurer and longtime beekeeper. Steve generously donated his time and talent to do a mini workshop during the break. This month's project was a Styrofoam nuc box. Styrofoam does need to be painted as sunlight will break it down. Steve has offered to do a series of mini workshops. Stay tuned to see what the next project is and when! A completed nuc box went into the raffle.

Since not everyone is interested in the monthly raffle items we will have tickets available at the front for those who may be. This is a fun effort and there is no charge for the tickets. Raffle items will be on display on a front table. *We are always looking for donations of items for the raffle.* If your number is drawn for an item and you have no interest in the item, please donate it back to the raffle or do not claim the item. We will draw another number for unclaimed items.

Dale Woods had mite kits on sale for the club members and fellow beekeepers.

Wilbur Sewell donated bakery trays to the raffle and had some on hand to sell during the break. These trays come in handy during honey harvest.

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

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30 p.m.

October is our ten-year anniversary of the formation of the club. Dr. Larry Connor will be our main speaker. There will be no classroom session. If weather permits the plan is to demonstrate Oxalic Acid use at the Sentinel Hives. Dr. Roger Hoopingarner will talk about the history of the club. We are planning to have catered food. We need a head count to order the food- Please respond via Event Brite. Links will be provided on the COMB website and Face Book.

September was our vendor meeting. Approximately 100 people attended and visited as well as shopped with the vendors.

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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. Please consider joining. We work hard to plan informative, fun meetings with something for many levels of beekeeping.

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

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karsten@msu.edu I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Dianne Karsten