

# **C.O.M.B. Minutes**

**Monday, September 11, 2017**

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

**Present: Kay Barber, Dale Woods, Dianne Karsten, Robyn Smith-Librarian, Mike Risk, Roger Hoopingarner founding member.**

**Mike Risk introduced the idea that he and other experienced beekeepers would be available to answer beekeeping questions prior to the meeting. We hope to have experienced beekeepers available before monthly meetings to answer questions.**

**Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium called to order by Mike Risk.**

**Mike Risk welcomed new members. Kay Barber passed around the signup sheet.**

**Kline Containers were in the parking lot to meet with individuals with preorders for containers. Sugar Bush Supplies setup on the arena floor and had both pre orders, catalogs and containers for sale that evening. Mary, an owner spoke about their ability to do labels as well and invited beekeepers to make the trip out to their store.**

**Dale Woods did a presentation on how he deals with collecting and rendering wax. He demonstrated the layering that happens when the wax cools and how he cuts off the dark contaminates. All were invited to try the dark honey that remained. Dale then did a brief description of basic candle making.**

**6:45 p.m. there was a break break to visit the vendor, coffee and cookies provided by Myron and Dianne Karsten, Cider donated by Tim Covaina**

**There was a display of robbing screens and the quail type bee feeder.**

**Handouts on handling and using Oxalic Acid Dihydrate were available.**

**Mite kits were available for sale, \$20.00. We plan to have kits available on a regular basis at club meetings for sale.**

**Wilbur Sewell had large bakers' trays for sale.**

**Mike Risk talked after the break about fall preparations for over wintering bees successfully in Michigan. Feed requirements, wintering biology dynamics, hive configurations, varroa controls, wrapping, hive top insulation and emergency feeding. More will be covered on fall mite treatments at the next meeting due to time constraints.**

**Zach Huang has a project needing colonies infested with mites, there will be compensation for hives that meet the qualifications' and are selected for the study. email: [bees@msu.edu](mailto:bees@msu.edu)**

**Mike Risk stated that the November meeting will be moved up 1 week to November 6<sup>th</sup> to accommodate speakers, Dr. Lawrence John Connor of Wicwas Press LLC. and Dr. Dewey M. Caron professor of Entomology at the University of Delaware.**

**Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30 p.m.**

**All 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 send additions and or corrections of the meeting notes to Dianne Karsten [karsten@msu.edu](mailto:karsten@msu.edu) . I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible.**

**Respectfully yours,**

**Dianne Karsten**