

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, April 11th, 2016

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

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Present: Mike Risk, Kay Barber, Roger Hoopingarner, Dale Woods, Dianne Karsten,

Mike Risk: Personal winter survival survey /Bee Informed survival survey

Kay Barber: marking queens (drones) her house May 21st.

Kay Barber /Dale Woods: nucs still on schedule end of April 1st week of May

Dale Woods: Motion to purchase improved queens (2) to be raised by Mike Risk/Megan Milbrath. 1st Dick Beauchamp, 2nd Bob Humphreys. Voted and passed.

Mike Risk: Personal winter survival survey. mrisk75@gmail.com

Volunteers for; April 21st Earth Day, April 30th Green Thumb Expo, Bee Palooza June 19th.

Walt Pett: Bee Informed survival survey. "Pett, Walter" <pett@msu.edu

Sentinel Apiary project minimum 8 hives to participate.

Kay Barber: requested that members check and correct their information on sign in sheet. Barber, Kay" <barberk@msu.edu

Brian Jennings introduced the new web site for C.O.M.B.

<http://comb-bees.org/>

Guest speaker: Dr. Megan Milbrath, Research Associate at Michigan State University, coordinator of the Michigan Pollinator Initiative and coordinator of the Northern Bee Network. Tonight's topic "Back Yard Queen Rearing".

Dale Woods and Kay Barber will once again be offering Nucs for sale. Contact Kay or Dale for more information. barberk@msu.edu

C.O.M.B. member Mary Hobbs volunteered to be the coordinator for the club bee/queen purchase. Nectar Sweet Apiaries will deliver to Dimondale. Mary is still able to take orders but needs monies up front immediately For additional information contact Mary Hobbs at blackberrymary@yahoo.com scheduled for May 8th delivery.

Meeting Intermission;

Steve Tilman: film “Bee Keepers Workshop” on “Building and Raising Queens with Mini Nucs” Mini nucs available to inspect and handle.

Dale Woods –drone comb for sale.

Questions regarding what is happening in the hive were fielded by Dr. Hoopingarner.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:30pm.

The next meeting is May 9th Mike Risk’s house, subject to change, 6:30PM.

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. I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Dianne Karsten