

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, December 11, 2017

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

Present:, Mike Risk president, Dale Woods- vice president, Robbyn Smith-Librarian, Roger Hoopingarner -founding member, Dianne Karsten- secretary. Kay Barber-treasurer absent.

Robbyn Smith club librarian was present with books to loan.

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.

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

Mike Risk welcomed new members, a signup sheet was available on one of the tables.

Jennifer Blackburn was taking orders for club t-shirts. Club T-shirt order forms will be available on the web site. Preordered shirts were available for pick up and there were shirts for sale that evening.

Dianne Karsten announced that we are now taking donations for refreshments. If you enjoy having coffee and treats please drop some change in the can to cover our expenses.

Steve Tillman agreed to chair the officer nomination committee and Chris Robbins agreed to assist in looking for candidates to run for office. There was a discussion that at present the current officers were running unopposed . Jennifer Blackburn was willing to run for treasurer as Kay Barber was retiring from that office. January is the election and anyone who is interested can put their name in for any office. If the slate is unopposed it was moved that we would vote by acclamation instead of printing ballots.

Dale Woods had Mite kits available –a gift for that beekeeper in your life, they are being sold at cost \$20.00.

First speaker: Melissa Jaskiewicz spoke about her Slovenian Bee tour and had slides to show the unusual and at times very decorative configuration of hives. Questions were fielded. Melissa had brought an example of the Slovenian hive often referred to as the A to Z Hive to inspect as well as several samples of honey from her trip for all to try.

About 7:30 p.m. there was a break to visit the main floor, taste honey and check out the hives on display. Coffee, tea and baklava provided by Myron and Dianne Karsten.

Second speaker: Glenn Sieracki the American version of the A to Z hive. Glenn gave a brief talk as to how and why he worked on developing this self-contained hive. A three and a four compartment unit were available to inspect and or purchase. Glenn fielded questions about the hives and he may be contacted at;

Precious Bee Hives PreciousBeeHives@gmail.com
Glenn and Cheryl Sieracki www.Precious BeeHives.com
8189 Mason Road
Yale, Michigan 48097

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:10 p.m. All were invited to roll candles with Jennifer and take an example home as well as interact with our speakers.

Remember that officer elections are in January.

We will also discuss whether or not the club wants to organize a package bee purchase.

We will need help organizing the club table for the March Meeting and staffing it.

Needed; a new person to take over our Facebook page. Please contact any officer if you are interested.

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 karstend2053@outlook.com. I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Dianne Karsten