

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, December 12th, 2016

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

Meeting started at 6:35 p.m. in the auditorium.

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

Steve Tillman noted that at present the current club officer slate is running unopposed. Anyone interested in any position is welcome, contact Steve or any officer. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor for any office.

Change sometimes brings fresh ideas and some officers have held their position for many years and as Mike Risk stated "burn out" at times can be a question.

The election will be held in January and you must be a dues paying member to vote.

Mike Risk noted that the Beginners' Bee School will be February 25th. The cost plus book is \$40.00 for the day. Vendors are invited to help you get started. Dale Woods is taking registrations; beeman53@wowway.com

Brian Jennings will look into adding swarm and cut out removal listings. Some individuals asked about listing goods or services and that will be looked at.

Kay Barber and Dale Woods will once again be offering nucs from the same supplier from Mississippi. The cost this year is \$160.00 per nuc, contact Dale or Kay.

Robert Johnson and Mary Hobbs will organize the club bee purchase. More information will be available at the next meeting. There will be information from bee vendors that you may contact on your own.

Robert and Mary have decided to go with Nectar Sweet Apiaries and will be looking for a central pick up point possibly in Mason. The tentative delivery date is around April 16th the price is still under review. They will take orders until April 1st after that date if bees are still available it will be cash only. The benefit to club members is sometimes a price break, possibly a more local pick up point, possibly recycling of prior years' cages.

Main presenter: Kristine Jacobson Apitherapist/Bee Venom Therapy

Contact: Kris Stingz@yahoo.com or www.apitherapy.org

For those who have seen Kristine before this was a fresh updated version that briefly touched on many different aspects of using hive products for health. Kay Barber offered to be stung and Kristine demonstrated up close how to handle the bees, a full sting and micro stings. Also available a beginners reference book, some

supplies and bee venom in a tube. Kristine stayed to answer questions and let people take a close look at the tools of her calling.

Take note Gale Moore, one of our club members, is making wooden-ware locally. Both 10 frame and 8 frame boxes, nucs and he has Oxalic Acid Vaporizers he has made for sale. Contact Gale Moore directly: 517-896-1488

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:20pm.

The next meeting is January 9th, 6:30 PM.

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