

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, February 11, 2018

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

Present: Brian Jennings - president and web site coordinator, Chris Robbins - vice president, Jenifer Blackburn - treasurer, Dianne Karsten- secretary, Roger Hoopingarner -founding member –present and donated past articles to our library . Robbyn Smith club librarian was present. Mike Risk -past president
The COMB package bee coordinators this year are Robert Johnson, Kay and Dale Kay Barber and Dale Woods were present to talk about packages and nucs --order forms are available on website. There is no order for bees unless they are paid for.
<http://www.combbees.com/bee-sales.html>

Jennifer Blackburn had club t-shirts available. If you come to most of the meetings, we need a T-shirt person to assist with this club project, please see any officer for more information. Club T-shirt order forms will be available on the web site.

Keith Lazar was there with woodenware from Buggs Nest LLC. Merchandise, catalogs and order forms were available. Keith will be at the beekeeping school February 23rd if you pre order and arrange to pick your order up at that time.
Contact: keithmlazar@hotmail.com 248-361-1710 or 810-648-2337

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.

The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium and was called to order by Brian Jennings. Brian Jennings welcomed new members. Jenifer Blackburn passed around the sign-up sheet and collected dues. The door prize is a benefit of joining the club, the tickets are free for club members. Brian reminded everyone that due to the state conference in March there will be no club meeting at the pavilion. Brian would like those who have time available to contact him and sign up for times at the club table.

Dave Anthony and Leo Stevens were present with order forms from AWS Bees, LLC. They presented information about their package bee orders and queens for sale. The Saskatraz queen has had a lot of information and excitement that she is a superior queen with highly desirable traits. AWS donated a queen to our club door prize program. Order forms can be found at www.awsbeesllc.com .

COMB Beekeeping Class –Saturday, February 23rd, registration information on the COMB Web site. There will be both a beginners' track and an intermediate track. If you do not want the book for each class, the fee is discounted.

<http://www.combbees.com/beekeeping-class.html> Registration closes in the 17th of February.

There are a limited number of openings for the intermediate class. Lite refreshments provided, lunch is on your own. Vendors will be present. Keith Lazar will be at the school and at this time we are expecting Glen Willoughby, both will have beekeeping tools, hardware and hive components.

Main speaker:

Ana Heck joined MSU in January of 2019. She did a nice job going over programs from the Minnesota bee yards from where we were fortunate enough to pry her away. The Michigan Pollinator page has more information about the MSU programs including an on-line free class immersing you in diversified pollinator information. Questions were fielded.

About 7:15 p.m. there was a break to visit the vendor, refreshments provided by Myron and Dianne Karsten.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:10 p.m.

COMB meetings are held on the second Monday of the month.

Dues are \$10 per annum, payable ASAP by members, both old and new.

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

Respectfully yours,
Dianne Karsten