

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, February 8th, 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, Mike French, Roger Hoopingarner, Dale Woods, Dianne Karsten, Steve Tillman

Guests: Keith Lazar Wooden Ware

Dale Woods :Frame assembly

Mike Risk : availability of mite test kits/ possible MBA discount on kit purchase-limited supply.

Treasurer's Report: As of 12/31/2015 in checking account \$6,636.32, savings \$221.43, cash on hand \$297.00, for a Grand Total of \$7,154.75.

Bill Humphreys agreed to conduct an audit with Kay Barber of the club account. Mark O'neill offered to act as the verifier. Report verified.

Mike Risk announced the C.O.M.B. beginner beekeeping class to be held Saturday, February 27th at the MSU Pavilion. There are still spots available if you wish to attend; contact Mike Risk if interested. mrisk75@gmail.com

Dale Woods announced a reminder to club members that the Annual Meeting will be held March 11th and 12th at the Kellogg Center, MSU. Pre-registration is recommended. Information is available on the Michigan Beekeepers website, www.michiganbees.org.

Kay Barber: rummage sale and auction. Appeared to attract a lot of interest and for a first trial run be successful.

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

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

Meeting Intermission

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. For additional information contact Mary Hobbs at blackberrymary@yahoo.com.

Video's Life Cycle of the Honey Bee and Varroa Mite ,Varroa Mite etc. from U-Tube

Correction to last month's meeting notes

Closing discussion was led by Dale Woods concerning the purchase by the club of two or more improved queens (hygienic survivor behaviors) to be raised by Mike Risk and possibly Meghan Milbrath. Daughters of these queens would be made available to club members by a process yet to be determined. Initial queen cells available to members at \$5.00 and up depending on cell maturity or stage of queen.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:30pm.

The next meeting is April 11th at the MSU Pavilion 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