

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2017

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

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

Present: Kay Barber , Dale Woods, Dianne Karsten, Robyn Smith-Librarian, Brian Jennings-website. Mike Risk-absent, Roger Hoopingartner-absent.

Steve Tillman and Leslie Zink and Mark O'Neil worked on the nomination committee and solicited each officer to continue to run for their current position. It was opened to the floor for anyone interested in a position to submit their name. All officers were unopposed. Wilbur Sewell made a motion to accept the slate of officers, seconded by Debbie Foote.

Mary Hobbs and Robert Johnson-absent will be organizing the club bee purchase from Nectar Sweet Apiaries - Howell, MI

Shawn Shubel 517-548-5176. Delivery on or about April 16th in Mason
You are free to make arrangements with any bee supplier. The club purchase is to negotiate a better price, convenience of a pickup area and details handled by the club representatives.

Bee Package Suppliers

AWS Bees - Swartz Creek, MI

Dave Anthony 810-621-4371

Bob Hollis Golden Harvest Honey - Almont, MI

810 338-1523

BRW Nucs - Kay Barber and Dale Woods

Kay - barberk@msu.edu

Dale - beeman53@wowway.com

Dave Pearce – Local Buzz Bees - Livonia, MI

248-302-7797

Dpearce007@hotmail.com

www.localbuzzbees.com

Don Lamb - Holland, MI

616-335-2707

don@donlambees.com

Don Schramm — Port Hope, MI

248-310-8205

don.schram@gmail.com

Nectar Sweet Apiaries - Howell, MI

Shawn Shubel 517-548-5176

No email or website

Turtle Bee Farms - , MI

810 266-4880

info@turtlebeefarms.com

Dave Anthony and Leo Stevens from AWS Bees were present with order forms for bee packages as well. Delivery will be on or about April 10th-15th. Carnolians or Italians from California. 3# packages \$122.00, 2# packages \$112.00 additional queens \$30.00. They will be present at the next meeting or you can contact AWSBeesLLC.Com or call Dave Anthony 810-621-4371

Dale Woods and Kay Barber will once again be offering Nucs for sale from Mississippi around the end of April \$160.00. Pick up is at Dale's House in Fowlerville. Contact Dale to order "Woods, Dale" beeman53@wowway.com.

The C.O.M.B. beginner beekeeping class will be held Saturday, February 25th at the MSU Pavilion. There are still spots available if you wish to attend; contact Dale Woods if interested. Buggs Nest Wooden Ware will be present possibly WIC Was Press to help you with your beginner needs. Contact Dale to sign up for class. "Woods, Dale" beeman53@wowway.com.

Brian Jennings did an update on the COMBBees.com website.

Dianne Karsten asked for volunteers for the club table at the annual meeting in March at the Kellogg Center March 10th, 11th, 12th. Please contact me if you have any available time to monitor the table or have any ideas for the table please contact me at; karsten@msu.edu

Robbyn Smith had an active Library table.

Main presenter: Dave Voss Beginning Mead Making what to watch for and consider, pitfalls and the necessity of good record keeping to reproduce desirable batches of mead.

Instead of intermission coffee and Baklava were provided by Dianne Karsten and Myron Karsten

Due to the length of the meeting and those desiring time to speak to the presenter or club officers there was no further business discussed at the meeting.

Kay Barber provided the 2017 Treasurer's report. This item will need to be approved at the next meeting as there was an oversight in addressing it at the January meeting.

December 31, 2016:

Checking account balance: \$221.67

Savings account balance: \$7183.95

Cash and Checks: \$370.83

Total: \$7776.45

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:30pm.

The next meeting is February 13th 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