

C.O.M.B. Meeting

Monday, July 11th, 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, Roger Hoopingarner, Dale Woods, Dianne Karsten,

Kay Barber; asked members to check information as they signed in (attendance sheet) to be sure it has correct contact information.

Mike Risk:

Reminder about Honey Festival in Frankenmuth August 6th. At this time we will not be having a booth there as there is no commitment for staffing.

Mike Risk reported on the class held at his Apiary. Megan Milbrath, Dale Woods, Steve Tillman, Mike Risk and Dr. Roger Hoopingarner also assisted in instruction of students.

The Center of Michigan Beekeepers (COMB) club held a queen rearing class on Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26.

Brian Jennings gave a summation of activities at Bee Palooza and had a trifold for the club to peruse.

Steve Tillman had some information that the MBA may at a future date have native seed packets to distribute to bee keepers. The MBA Fall conference will be in Flint, Michigan further information to follow.

Gordon (CELL: 517-515-1454) needs at least 6 people, possibly over several days to remove several colonies of bees from a house that is to be torn down. He is coordinating interested people and will set up a time probably in August. The house is in the Leslie/Mason area. You will need to provide equipment, tools such as pry bar, saws, buckets, bee vac, bee boxes and frames etc. as well as your own bee suit. There should be plenty of bees for those who participate.

Mike Risk: slide presentation and discussion of health risks and concerns for bee keeper's hives. Topics touched on management, nutrition, pesticides and other chemicals, parasites, weather and IPM integrated Pest management. Questions were fielded.

Brief intermission

Roger Hoopingarner; Talked about robbing and robber screens, questions were fielded.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:15 PM.

The next meeting is August 8th at the MSU Pavilion 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