

## **C.O.M.B. Minutes**

**Monday October 14 , 2019**

**Present: Brian Jennings - president and web site coordinator, Chris Robbins – president in waiting, Jenifer Blackburn – treasurer  
Dianne Karsten- secretary, Roger Hoopingarner -founding member Robbyn Smith -Librarian, Mike Risk -past president.  
Deb Foote present we did sell t -shirts at this meeting limited in sizes available.  
At this time there were no mite kits available to members.**

**The classroom started at 5:45 until 6:30. had Chris Robbins-absent / Brian Jennings answering specific hive questions and winter prep /mite control.**

**Prior to business; Gale Moore had information on the passing of Dale Woods wife. Dale was a long-time vice president and founding officer of COMB serving 9 plus years. He was able to do this thru personal sacrifice made by his wife and Dale of their shared time together. We offer our sincerest condolences to Dale; there truly are no words we can offer beyond those.**

**Business: three people stepped up to conduct a club audit of the treasurer's books, Angela Boutrese, Sarah Lackey and Myron Karsten they will get together with Jennifer Blackburn to accomplish that task.**

**Steve Tillman and Christopher Robbins are on the nomination committee to find potential candidates for offices. Jennifer announced she is stepping down and Dianne will step aside if anyone would like to be the secretary. Please contact them if you would like to run for an office or if you have ideas about changing our constitution;**

**Christopher Robbins      [naturesharvesthoney@gmail.com](mailto:naturesharvesthoney@gmail.com)**

**Steve Tillman              [steve-bees@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steve-bees@sbcglobal.net))**

**Another change coming is that Deb Foote will take over t-shirt ordering and there was a vote to change the black t-shirts and add a periodic flowering table to the back of the shirt with the bottom letters spelling out COMB. This was inspired by Roger Hoopingarner who made the changes to the table. The yellow T-shirts will remain the same. More information to come about availability and pricing of T-shirts.**

**Brian Jennings introduced some of the Bailey bee students who worked thru a program RISE to get the MSU campus to plant pollinator gardens and we were shown several nice slides of the installation and Fall look of the maturing gardens. Those wishing to see the bees in person can go to <https://pollinators.msu.edu/resources/students/bailey-hall-bees-live-stream-beecam/>**

**Brian Jennings introduced the Webberville FFA and they gave us an update on their program and their successful Honey sales this year. We were made aware**

of some of their personal goals for next year and look forward to seeing those goals come to fruition.

Brian Jennings announced a short break to visit vendors.

A beautiful zippered pouch was donated by Robert Johnson and made by one of his co-workers Megan Atkinson. Those interested in purchasing that item or others can follow this website; <https://megzcostudio.com/collections/accessories> .  
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Labels by Grant Bouterse to fund college. He took a photo of the comb from his dad's hive and then created the artwork with it. He is also willing to do custom logos for other beekeepers for side line income.

Grant's # 517-944-5526 (text is good since he will be in classes a lot)

Large \$4.00

Small \$1.00

The door prize is a benefit of joining the club, the tickets are free for club members.

Several other items were donated by Family Farm and Home, Dadant and the American Bee Journal subscription. We had vendors Keith Lazar offering wooden ware at this years prices before they go up and Glenn Willoughby from Northern Bee also with wooden ware. If you have placed orders and arranged for delivery that is great. There were magazines from several beekeeping suppliers and information about containers from Sugar Bush in Okemos. There were sample magazines that were free, and a discount is available if you subscribe and call it in, if you are an MBA member.

Main presentation: Rich Wieske did a presentation on Urban Beekeeping specifically as it relates to the history of beekeeping in Detroit

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:10 p.m.

We have stopped the hive visits for the remainder of the year until next spring. The class room and main meeting in the small arena will continue thru the winter months.

I could use door prize items, they need not be brand new.

If you bake or feel inclined the coffee table will always take donations for our members to enjoy.

Watch the website and your e-mails for further information.

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](mailto:karsten@msu.edu). I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours, Dianne Karsten