

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, July 8th, 2019

Meeting was held at Granger Meadows Park/Valley Farms Park

1275 Granger Meadows Ln.

Lansing, MI 48906

Present: Brian Jennings - president and web site coordinator, Chris Robbins - vice president, Jenifer Blackburn - treasurer, absent, Dianne Karsten- secretary, Roger Hoopingarner -founding member Robbyn Smith club librarian was absent. Mike Risk -past president.

Deb Foote present we did not sell or offer t -shirts at this meeting.

Keith Lazar was there with woodenware from Buggs Nest LLC. Merchandise, catalogs and order forms were available. Contact: keithmlazar@hotmail.com
248-361-1710 or 810-648-2337

Maury Haurani brought bee hive *corn hole games*. The effort to provide family style games was much appreciated!!!!

There was a social and set up time from 5pm until 6pm with general comradery
The meeting started at 6:10 p.m. in the Park and was called to order by Brian Jennings. Brian Jennings welcomed new members. Robert Johnson said a brief "benediction" prior to all enjoying the pot luck.

There was an amazing variety of foods to taste and dine on. Our chief cook for the evening was Gale Moore who manned the grill until we met the demand for hamburgers, brats and hot dogs. Thanks, and appreciation to Gale for bringing the grill and doing all the cooking!!!

There were some honey dishes as well as some special dishes for all to try. Robert Johnson made Ezekiel Bread. Brian Jennings provided a delicious Baklava, there was a delectable fruit tray some honey butter and blueberry spread as well as dishes too numerous to describe

The door prize is a benefit of joining the club, the tickets are free for club members. Keith Lazar donated one of the new capping's scratcher and we had several other prizes. The tables had quart jars of smoker fuels to try. Materials were; burlap, Capac-from sumac, cedar frass, wood pellets and the quart jar to use for honey.

Main event was that members presented new equipment that they had purchased or modified, Keith had a new capping's scrapper on the market, and we were treated to a beeswax complex that coated fabric to be used like saran wrap. There was also a hive lifting apparatus, a mini nuc set up directly from Steve Tillman's plans and a new style plastic nuc box.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:00 p.m. My sincerest thanks to all those individuals who helped clean up and pack vehicles especially mine. A casual poll of the group indicated that most people enjoyed a less formal structure and time to visit with each other.

We will return to our usual format next month with the hive visits, class room and main meeting. 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. I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible.

**Respectfully yours,
Dianne Karsten**