

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, June 13th, 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,

Robbyn van Frankenhuyzen Librarian, books, periodicals

Mike Risk: Winter survival survey available and the Bee informed survey, New web site: combbees.com done by Brian Jennings also new club Trifold for promotions.

Bee Palooza June 19th 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm MSU Children's Garden

John Miller brought up discussion about Lansing ordinance against beekeeping. A discussion ensued and some members agreed to look into contacting city council about changing ordinance. Multiple ideas were suggested as to how to go about this and the differing sources of information about keeping bees within Ingham County. We hope to have updates on progress in this matter of keeping bees within the city limits to follow in the future.

Tonight's Program: Bee-Vacuums, Swarms, Pollen

Wilbur Sewell; pictures of recent swarms, several bee vacs –some offered for sale, deluxe model from: coloradobeerescue.com/vacuum

Dale Woods; Packets of White Clover seed for sale, homemade bee vac explained , discussion about drive –outs, swarm captures and difficulties encountered.

Meeting Break:

Dennis Vesper; pollen collection device -side drawer trap installed on hive bottom, bee bread to try and pollen samples to try, marketing of honey products.

Roger Hoopingarner; Swarming, supercedure, absconding swarms and questions fielded.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:30pm.

The next meeting is July 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