

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, January 14, 2019

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

Present: Mike Risk - president, Dale Woods- vice president, Jenifer Blackburn - treasurer, Dianne Karsten- secretary, Brian Jennings - web site coordinator present, Roger Hoopingarner -founding member – Robbyn Smith club librarian.

Jennifer Blackburn was set up to collect club dues at the front of the small arena. Mike Risk opened the meeting thanking all for their support during his years of service as president. He would like to spend more of his time mentoring and training others beekeepers and supporters of pollinators.

The February bee school was also promoted both for beginners and intermediate members. Sign up is available thru the website for either school.

Next up was Steve Tillman explaining the options up for Bi-Law changes and the difficulty in finding people to run for an office or work on projects. There were back and forth discussions and in the end by ballot majority the option for a three- year rotation won.

Section 1. The Club shall have a Board of Directors consisting of five officers: Past-President, President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The Officers shall serve a period of one year with the term running from the election at the January Annual Meeting through to the beginning of the January Annual Meeting of the following year.

Of the five offices, those of the President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer shall stand for election at the end of each term according to the procedures outline in Article V. At the end of each term, the President-Elect shall become the President and the outgoing President shall become the Past-President.

Myron Karsten made a motion to close the officer slate and that was seconded by Roger McCorder.

Since the slate of officer candidates was unopposed Myron Karsten made a motion to accept the slate as presented and Dick Beaukamp seconded that the officer slate be accepted.

Brian Jennings is the new President, Chris Robbins is the President Elect (replacing what was the vice president) and Mike Risk, the Past President. Jennifer Blackburn remained treasurer and Dianne Karsten remained secretary.

There was an overwhelming acclamation to award Mike Risk a lifetime membership to the C.O.M.B. beekeeping club.

Next up was AWS Bees. They were present to take orders and talk about Saskatraz Queens call Leo 810-639-3640 or Dave 810 - 621-4371 for more information or to order.

Robert Johnson was not present but the information for the club bee package purchase was presented.

Dale Woods and Kay Barber came in with the best price for the club. Dale and Kay will be handling nucs as well. Order forms will be available on the web site shortly and at the bee

school. Pick up will be at Dales house for both packages and nucs. Generally, this is a weather dependent activity and is tentatively scheduled for the end of April.

The keynote speaker was Steve Tillman. His topics were selected from *In the Beekeepers Workshop* items that any beekeeper might find useful and reasonable to make themselves. and Steves experience with 3-D printing.

The door prize drawings are a membership benefit and were held during the break with several prizes. This is a fun effort and there is no charge for door prize tickets.

Door prize items will be on display on a front table. *We are always looking for donations of items for the door prize.* If your number is drawn for an item and you have no interest in the item, please donate it back to the door prize or do not claim the item. We will draw another number for unclaimed items.

Liz had mite kits available for sale.
T shirts were also available for sale.

Keith Lazar was present with some new items in the beekeeping tool box to show as well as supplies to order. Keith plans to attend the February meeting as well as the bee school. You can order supplies and pick them up at the next event he is present at. If you order before the end of January items will be at the 2018 catalog price before prices go up for 2019.
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Meeting adjourned approximately 8:10 p.m.

We will return to the auditorium next month and the Beginner Session led by Chris Robbins starts at 5:45pm in classroom C.

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 consider joining. We work hard to plan informative, fun meetings with something for many levels of beekeeping.

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

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karsten@msu.edu I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,
Dianne Karsten