



C.O.M.B. Meeting

Monday, August 14th, 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, Dale Woods, Dianne Karsten, Librarian Robbyn Smith with the club library. Also present Mike French – newsletter.

Mike Risk called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Mike welcomed new members to the club and asked them to identify themselves and ask questions. Mike Risk updated the club that he had sold 198 improved queen cells and had heard that the majority of the cells emerged.

Mike Risk has two volunteers to assist with the need for mentors.

Nancy Huston: 517 -243 -1414

Steve Huston: 517- 282 -3317

Kay Barber stated that the plant sale revenue was \$154.76.

Mike introduced Brian Lundy from the Canal Street Community Garden. The garden is hoping that they can encourage one or more beekeepers to bring beehives and maintain them at the garden, up to 8 hives are welcome. Please contact Brian Lundy 517-886-8487 or Jackie Householder 527-282-2921 for further details.

Main presenter was Rich Wieske on Urban beekeeping in Detroit. Rich is a strong proponent of furthering beekeeping as part of Detroit's sustainable farm movement and fostering relationships between urban, suburban and rural beekeepers.

Rich and Pam had some product from the hive for sale as well as sampling at one end of the auditorium. Jennifer Blackburn had some "spoiled" or fermented honey for folks to see, smell or taste. Mike Risk had his refractometer available so people could test the moisture content of their honey or available samples.

Dr. Roger Hoopingarner gave a talk on "Everything about Honey".

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:15pm with several reminders.

Rusty Rhodes has an add on the COMB (web site?)(face bookpage?) with the last of this summers' 5 frame nucs for sale.

AFB conference in Reno Nevada January 9th thru 13 of 2018 conference registration is now open. ABFCONFERENCE.COM

Refreshments were available and there was no official intermission.

Please remember to pre order your honey containers from our vendors for delivery at the next meeting.

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The next meeting is September 11th 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

