



## C.O.M.B. Meeting

Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Plant sale started at 5:30pm until 8:30pm on floor of auditorium

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, Roger Hoopingarner  
Dianne Karsten.

Mike Risk called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Dianne Karsten urged those attending to explore the native plants sale and support the vendors present. Coffee and cookies were available on the auditorium floor as well.

Mike Risk introduced Meghan Milbraith and there was a brief discussion about the improved queen project. Club members were encouraged to participate and questions were fielded.

The main speaker was Dr. Roger Hoopingarner on *The Biology and Management of Varroa Destructor*

Roger also brought journals on bee keeping free to anyone interested.

Break at 7:15 to 7:35 Plant sale *Designs by Nature* proprietor Vern Stephens and Deb Montgomery Native shrubs. Portland Wildflower sent information cards for those interested in seed purchase.

Mike Risk and Dale woods reminder that there will be mite test kits for sale at the next meeting. Some discussion on treatment methods and success with different methods in controlling/eliminating varroa. Meeting adjourned approximately 8:00pm with several reminders.

AFB conference in Reno Nevada January 9<sup>th</sup> thru 13 of 2018 conference registration is now open. [ABFCONFERENCE.COM](http://ABFCONFERENCE.COM)

A round of applause was extended to those who brought plants and those who helped make the plant sale a reality for our club members.

Thanks to: Robbyn Smith and Gijsbert Van Frankenhuyzen, Sid and Mike Risk, Jennifer (Denstead) Blackburn, Gale Moore and Morrie Hourani, Kay Barber, Myron and Dianne Karsten, our vendors Vern Stephens and son, Designs by

Nature and Deb and Dallas Montgomery Go Grow Plant Natives.  
[www.gogrowplantnatives](http://www.gogrowplantnatives)

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:karsten@msu.edu) . I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible. Respectfully yours, Dianne Karsten