

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, October 10th, 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 was not present, therefore meetings notes are as conveyed to me.

Vendor: Follow Keith Lazar/Buggs Nest on Face Book he was present and will have orders available at the Fall meeting.

Reminder: Michigan Bee keepers Fall Bee Conference will be October 21-22 in Flint at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center. Registration is open and there will be vendors present.

Bee Extension Specialist Dr. Walt Pett, ("Pett, Walter" <pett@msu.edu,) Apiculture and Pollination Specialist talked about the MP3 (Michigan Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) which relates to Neonics and the Varroa Mite. The goals of the plan are to reduce colony losses to 15%, increase Monarch Butterfly populations and improve honey bee health. The MP3 program is voluntary and Michigan will be proposing voluntary legislation. Questions can be mailed to mp3@msu.edu. Information can be found on Facebook, Twitter and You Tube.

House Representative, Tom Cochran discussed the introduction of a bill to legislate the use of pesticides in Michigan to protect all pollinators and their habitat. This bill if passed would be law, not voluntary.

Meeting Intermission;

Dr. Roger Hoopingarner: Rundown on where our colonies should be this time of year. It is too late for Mite-A-Way strips but not too late for Oxalic Acid. Roger Hoopingarner fielded questions alongside Mike Risk. mrisk75@gmail.com

Phyllis Gentile from Miles Apiaries a new business in Grayling, Mi. was unable to attend. She was scheduled to speak about their business and products.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:30pm.

The next meeting is November 14th 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