

## **C.O.M.B. Minutes**

**Monday, June 10th, 2019**

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

**Present: Brian Jennings - president and web site coordinator, Chris Robbins - vice president, Jenifer Blackburn - treasurer, Dianne Karsten- secretary, Roger Hoopingarner -founding member Robbyn Smith club librarian was present. Mike Risk -past president.**

**Deb Foote had club t-shirts available. Club T-shirt order forms will be available on the web site.**

**Mite kits were also available for \$20.00**

**Keith Lazar was there with woodenware from Buggs Nest LLC. Merchandise, catalogs and order forms were available. Keith plans to be at the next meeting.**

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**The Sentinel Hive visits have started again at about 5pm at Entomology with Anna Heck. These visits are for beginners and you should watch the web site prior to each meeting for information in case we need to defer the hive visit experience due to weather or other circumstances. Chris Robbins other experienced beekeepers were available to answer beekeeping questions prior to the meeting.**

**Questions were fielded. You will end in time to join the main meeting.**

**The Michigan Pollinator page has more information about the MSU programs including an on-line free class immersing you in diversified pollinator information.**

**The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium and was called to order by Brian Jennings. Brian Jennings welcomed new members. Jenifer Blackburn passed around the sign-up sheet and collected dues. The door prize is a benefit of joining the club, the tickets are free for club members.**

**June 23 is on a Sunday. You can find out more about the Bee Palooza at [www.beepalooza.org](http://www.beepalooza.org).. You do not need to work the whole time. Brian Jennings is looking for volunteers to assist. [President@COMBbees.com](mailto:President@COMBbees.com).**

**Main speaker; Andrew Mills from U. of Mich. He did a presentation on small hive beetle and fielded questions**

**About 7:30 p.m. there was a break to visit the vendors, refreshments provided by Myron and Dianne Karsten.**

**Anna heck and Christopher Robbins did a presentation on Mites. Mike Risk and Christopher Robbins attend a training at MSU for; Mites identification, count and control mechanisms for beekeepers. They are bringing this knowledge back to help beekeepers in our club and area.**

**The month of July we are having a picnic at Granger Park off Wood Road in DeWitt Township. This is a pot luck, so we are asking that you let us know if you plan to come, how many family members and or friends and please bring a dish to pass. The presentations at the picnic will be new and modified or built bee related gadgets. So far, we have a mini nuc from Gale Moore, Brian Jennings has bought and will bring a new style of nuc box on the market and Keith Lazar will have some new tools that will be in his inventory, there is room for more. If you are creative with beeswax that will work as well. Please check the website for updates, this is a rain or shine event. The club will provide ice and water as well as hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, table ware and cups. If you have dietary restrictions, please make a dish to pass that recognizes that fact and if you come early perhaps you would help set up and label such dishes. We will start setting up around 5 p.m. with general conversation, the meal at 6 p.m. until? And adjourn and clean up before 9pm. Please e-mail; [karsten@msu.edu](mailto:karsten@msu.edu) to sign up or if you have any questions. So far, we have about 40 people signed up.**

**If people are willing to make a sampling dish be it a sauce, a dessert or something else we might set up a honey dishes tasting table or bring a varietal honey to taste, even some creamed or flavored honey for the new beekeepers to taste.**

**Meeting adjourned approximately 8:35 p.m. Vendor visits continued for some time after the meeting adjourned.**

**COMB meetings are held on the second Monday of the month.**

**Dues are \$10 per annum, payable ASAP by members, both old and new.**

**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 Dianne Karsten, [karsten@msu.edu](mailto:karsten@msu.edu). I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible.**

**Respectfully yours,  
Dianne Karsten**