

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2017

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

Present: Kay Barber, Dale Woods, Dianne Karsten, Robyn Smith-Librarian,
Mike Risk-absent, Roger Hoopingartner founding member

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium called to order by Dale Woods.

There was a delay while technical difficulties were addressed. The members were invited to visit Keith Lazar from Buggs Nest to purchase supplies throughout and after the meeting. Anyone ordering from Keith may pick materials up at the February 25th beginners? class or the March conference if this is what you arranged with Keith.

Dale Woods opened the meeting calling for two volunteers to audit the treasurer?s books. Mark Royston and David Hopkinson stepped forward and will get together with Kay Barber to accomplish this task.

Mary Hobbs and Robert Johnson will be organizing the club bee purchase.

robert@johnsonhobbyhive.com from Nectar Sweet Apiaries - Howell, MI.

Delivery on or about April 16th in Mason. Please look as this is Easter Sunday. The location is at Hagadorn and Harper Roads where the Lansing Roots Farm food bank is located.

<http://greaterlansingfoodbank.org>

You are free to make arrangements with any bee supplier. The club purchase is to negotiate a better price, convenience of a pickup area and details handled by the club representatives.

New for our group will be a video chat line. Nick Saraiva is launching this project. The designated time to start with will be Mondays at

6:30 pm other than the night of the club meeting. Please look at Facebook or the web site for the link to join in. The thought is that different experienced beekeepers will take turns as guest hosts.

Dale Woods and Kay Barber will once again be offering Nucs for sale from Mississippi around the end of April \$160.00. Pick up is at Dale?s House in Fowlerville. Contact Dale to order "Woods, Dale"beeman53@wowway.com.

BRW Nucs - Kay Barber and Dale Woods

Kay - barberk@msu.edu

Dale - beeman53@wowway.com

The C.O.M.B. beginner beekeeping class will be held Saturday, February 25th at the MSU Pavilion. There are still spots available if you wish to attend; contact Dale Woods if interested. Buggs Nest Wooden Ware will be present possibly WIC Was Press to help you with your beginner needs. Contact Dale to sign up for class. "Woods, Dale"beeman53@wowway.com.

Jennifer Densteadt asked for volunteers for the club table at the annual meeting in March at the Kellogg Center March 10th, 11th, 12th.

Please contact her if you have any available time to monitor the table or have any ideas for the table please contact her at; jdensteadt@gmail.com Also Jennifer sent a survey around to see if there was interest in having a club shirt, cap, patches, ect. If you would be interested in such items please let her know as this will determine if we move forward on this project.

Robbyn Smith had an active Library table.

Main presenter: Vern Stephens of Designs by Nature

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His talk was on the plants and the strategy to plant a diverse biomass to support all pollinators through as long a season as possible. Mr. Stephens offered to put us on his list for a plant sale for club members as a fund raiser. Once more information is available it will be posted to the website and Facebook. Due to the length of the meeting and those desiring time to speak to the presenter or club officers there was no further business discussed at the meeting.

Instead of intermission coffee and honey ginger cookies were provided by Dianne Karsten . The meeting was adjourned approximately 7:45pm. Club members were invited to check out Keith Lazars table .There was a raffle and a hive tool was donated by Keith Lazar. There were two house plants and Rose Locust seed packets donated as well.

There will be no March meeting due to the conference. Many of our board members are presenters or working at the conference.

We are coming to the time of year when our club receives requests for presenters or a table about honey bees and our club. If you would be interested in helping at any event please let us know. These are usually fun events with a chance to interact with potential new beekeepers and the public at large. A lot of people have some awareness of the integral part bees play in our food chain, you could be the connection that encourages them to provide a habitat that is bee friendly.

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