

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

**Monday, November 14, 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, Robyn Smith-Librarian.**

**Dianne Karsten brought up information about the pollinator forum Monday November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Kellogg Center Auditorium. You must be registered as seating is limited. Go to: [events.anr.msu.edu/APollinationForum2016/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/APollinationForum2016/) Keynote speaker is Marla Spivak (University of Minnesota).**

**Heroes to Hives is a beekeeping education course for military veterans that seeks to address the financial and personal wellness of veterans through professional training and community development. MSU's [Michigan Pollinator Initiative](#) has partnered with the [Kellogg Biological Station's Bird Sanctuary](#) to host the program in 2017.**

**A cohort of 15 veterans will meet two to three times per month for nine months to learn the profession of beekeeping and to work with other veteran beekeepers. Instruction will cover everything from biology to business plan creation, and will be composed of in-class lecture-based education, hands-on learning, web-based lectures, reading and personal management of bee colonies.**

**Veterans will be selected through a competitive application. Applications are currently open and will remain open through Dec. 15, 2016. All veterans interested in beekeeping are urged to apply at [Heroes to Hives Program Application 2017](#)**

**A motion was made by Dianne Karsten to support this program with a \$100.00 donation. The motion was accepted by Mike French and seconded by Brian Jennings . There was no dissenting discussion. Treasurer Kay Barber will send the check.**

**Loie Craft brought in free sandbags to use as or under, inner covers or as you see fit.**

**Guest: Zach Huang Associate Professor, Department of Entomology, Michigan State University speaking on Bee Photography .More information can be found at [Cyberbee.net](http://Cyberbee.net) or [bees.msu.edu](http://bees.msu.edu) or [ww2beetography.com](http://ww2beetography.com)**

**President's Report: Annual elections ballot nominees need to be fielded, you may volunteer for this task. Those parties who did it last year will be asked again this year as neither was present, that being Steve Tillman and Leslie Zink.**

**President Mike Risk announced the C.O.M.B. beginner beekeeping class to be held Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at the MSU Pavilion. There are still spots available if you wish to attend; contact Mike Risk if interested. [mrisk75@gmail.com](mailto:mrisk75@gmail.com)**

**Mary Hobbs and Robert Johnson will be putting together information about a club bee purchase and have more information at the December meeting.**

**Dale Woods and Kay Barber will once again be offering Nucs for sale. More information will be coming.**

### **Intermission**

***2<sup>nd</sup> presentation:* Mike Risk and Dale woods and others; Using Oxalic Acid to control Varroa in the hive, package, splits etc. Vaporizing tools were available to look at and the method discussed. The dribble method was also discussed. [RandyOliver.com](http://RandyOliver.com) - [Now ScientificBeekeeping.com](http://NowScientificBeekeeping.com) .was a reference used for this presentation.**

**The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:30pm.**

**The next meeting is December 12<sup>th</sup> at the MSU Pavilion 6:30PM.**

**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**