

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, October 9, 2017

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

Present: Kay Barber-secretary, Dale Woods- vice president, Robbyn Smith-Librarian, Mike Risk president, Roger Hoopingarner founding member, Dianne Karsten, secretary absent.

Mike Risk and other experienced beekeepers were available to answer beekeeping questions prior to the meeting. We hope to have experienced beekeepers available before monthly meetings to answer questions from 6:00p.m. Until 6:30p.m.

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

Mike Risk welcomed new members. Kay Barber passed around the signup sheet. Mike announced that we would now take donations for refreshments. If you enjoy having coffee and treats, please drop some change in the can to cover our expenses.

Attention: The November meeting will be November 6th to accommodate speakers Dr. Dewie Caron and Dr.Larry Conner, 6:30 p.m., MSU Pavilion.

Speaker was Chris Beck a fifth generation beekeeper and District 2 representative. Chris is trying to increase knowledge and participation in the fall Honey show. There was a handout on honey show rules. A polarized light was available to check your honey samples and see what a judge sees. Questions about showing were answered.

About 7:30 p.m. there was a break to visit the vendor, coffee and cookies provided by Myron and Dianne Karsten.

Rusty Rhodes had waxed hive pallets on display and for sale. Contact info for Rusty is 517 Mulliken Rd, Charlotte, MI 48813, Cell 231-245-3039

Keith Lazar was there with woodenware from Buggs Nest. Merchandise, catalogs and order forms were available.

Gale Moore had single frame display cases for the honey show on display and for sale, \$50.00 each. The case will hold a medium or shallow frame and is made of a composite material.

Wilbur Sewell had large bakers' trays for sale.

Dale Woods will have Mite kits available for sale, \$20.00. The club plans to have kits available on a regular basis at club meetings.

Dr.Roger Hoopingarner talked about varroa mites and mite biology.

Mike Risk talked about fall mite treatments.

Jennifer Blackburn had club T-shirt samples and order forms. These will be available on the web site.

Reminder

Mike Risk stated that the November meeting will be moved up 1 week to November 6th to accommodate speakers, Dr. Lawrence John Connor of Wicwas Press LLC. And Dr. Dewey M. Caron professor of Entomology at the University of Delaware.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30 p.m.

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