

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, November 11, 2018

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

Present: Mike Risk - president, Dale Woods- vice president-absent, Jenifer Blackburn - treasurer, Dianne Karsten- secretary, Brian Jennings - web site coordinator present, Roger Hoopingarner - founding member

Robbyn Smith club librarian Present. Will those persons borrowing a library book please contact Robbyn or other club officer with title of book so we can fill out a library - lending -card. robbyn@frontier.com We want our books returned when you are done with them so others can borrow them!

Classroom 5:45p.m. Led by Chris Robbins

The meeting started at 6:33 p.m. in the small auditorium. Mike Risk introduced Steve Tillman who went over proposed changes to the bylaws for the Michigan Beekeepers and fielded questions as we encourage members to step up to leadership roles. Steve Tillman has agreed to chair the nomination committee and election committee. This year Mike Risk and Dale Woods announced that they are stepping down after ten years of service as president and vice president. Steve is looking for candidates to run for any office/position. Brian Jennings has indicated he was willing to run for president and Chris Robbins is willing to run for vice president. Dianne Karsten has agreed to stay on as secretary and Jennifer Blackburn as treasurer. This does not mean that you cannot run for one of these offices as well.

Chris Robbins went over a short video on how to use the honey straw machine and why you would want to invest in doing your own honey straws.

There was a short break about 7:30 pm and Steve Tillman did a presentation on Imrie Shims. Jennifer Densteadt did basic candle rolling with club members.

The raffle will start again in January and it will be a benefit of club membership. Jennifer is looking at ways to update the membership roster.

This is a fun effort and there is no charge for raffle tickets. Raffle items will be on display on a front table. *We are always looking for donations of items for the raffle.* If your number is drawn you will select from available items. If you have no interest in the item, please donate it back to the raffle or do not claim the item. We will draw another number for unclaimed items.

**After the break Mike Risk did a presentation on making candy boards and winter feeding tips and ideas
Meeting adjourned approximately 8:45 p.m.**

**Please note that the Sentinel Hive visits are now ended for the season.
We will return to the auditorium next month and the Beginner Session led by Chris Robbins starts at 5:45pm in classroom C.**

Robert Johnson has offered to coordinate the club package bee sales and will have information about that in upcoming meetings.

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 consider joining. We work hard to plan informative, fun meetings with something for many levels of beekeeping.

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

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karsten@msu.edu I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible.**

**Respectfully yours,
Dianne**