

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, September 12th, 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,

Supplier: TM Klein and Son's present to take honey container orders and to deliver pre-orders, catalogues were available.

<http://www.tmkleinandsons.com/home.html>

Buggs Nest wooden ware and supplies will come to the October meeting. There was some confusion with the date. Preorders will be delivered at the October meeting. Follow Keith Lazar/Buggs Nest on Face Book

Buggs Nest West (Galesburg, MI) is the local outlet for Buggs Nest Woodenware owned and operated by Keith Lazar in Farmington Hills, MI. Contact **Cathy King** for the local (Galesburg) connection at backyardbeefriends.com, Phone: 269-743-8146 Email: trreech@aol.com

Kay Barber: Great Lakes Pollinator pocket flip book \$10.60. More books will be available in October. Good pictures /information on alternate pollinators, does not specifically reference honeybee.

Liquid Agrico: Health Fair in partnership with Sparrow Clinton Hospital September 24th from 8:30 am until 12:30 free information /screenings /sample classes and healthy foods .The club was invited to have a booth and individuals have stepped up to help out. If you are interested and need more information contact Dianne Karsten at karsten@msu.edu.

Reminder: Michigan Bee keepers Fall Bee Conference will be October 21-22 in Flint at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center. Registration is open and there will be vendors present.

Charlotte Hubbard, a beekeeper since 2008, works about 30 hives in SW Michigan. She's author of *Droning's from a Queen Bee; the first Five Years*, and the kid's book *If I Could Sit on a Bee's Knees*. All profits from speaking, book sales and honey go to food bank charities. Her website, www.hubbardhive.com , advises newbees what to look for and when in their hives, and overviews her bee involvement.

Her topic for us this month will be on her experiences with Bee removal from structures. She is available to sign books purchased tonight.

Meeting Intermission;

Mike Risk: Fall preparation and feeding. Roger Hoopingarner fielded questions alongside Mike Risk about fall feeding. mrisk75@gmail.com

Roger Hoopingarner had information cards for the 2017 North American Beekeeping Conference and Trade Show January 10-14, 2017 Galveston, Texas. Register: NABEEKEEPINGCONFERENCE.COM

Wilbur Sewell -trays to contain honey \$2:00 apiece. SOLD OUT.

The Best family brought blocks of wax sold by the pound.

Reminder the October presenter will be Bee Extension Specialist Dr. Walt Pett, "Pett, Walter" <pett@msu.edu, Apiculture and Pollination Specialist. His talk will be about the MP3 which relates to Neonics and the Varroa Mite.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:40pm.

The next meeting is October 10th 6:30 PM.

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