

C.O.M.B. Minutes

Monday, January 13th, 2020

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

Present: Brian Jennings - president and web site coordinator, Chris Robbins - president elect, Jenifer Blackburn – treasurer; dues for 2020 are due now, Dianne Karsten- secretary, Roger Hoopingarner -founding member –present Robbyn Smith club librarian was present. Mike Risk -past president The COMB package bee coordinator this year is Robert Johnson, he was present to talk about packages from AWS for club members only. It is important that all orders are handled by Robert if you want to pick the bees up at Dianne and Myon Karsten’s home, DeWitt. There is no order for bees unless they are paid for. <http://www.combbees.com>

Deb Foote had club t-shirts available.

Keith Lazar was there with woodenware from Buggs Nest LLC. Merchandise, catalogs and order forms were available. Keith plans to be at the next meeting. Contact: keithmlazar@hotmail.com 248-361-1710 or 810-648-2337 Keith did announce that there is an ongoing 20% discount with Blue Sky Bee Supply if you use promo code 2020 thru the months of February and March.

Chris Robbins was in the small classroom to answer questions. We hope to have experienced beekeepers available before monthly meetings to answer questions from 5:45 p.m. until 6:30p.m.

The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium and was called to order by Brian Jennings. Brian Jennings welcomed new members. Jenifer Blackburn passed around the sign-up sheet and collected dues. The door prize is a benefit of joining the club, the tickets are free for club members.

Brian reminded all present of the Beginning Beekeeper class on February 22nd at the pavilion. This year there will be no book and the class price are \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members, details and registration forms are available online. Brian also announced the March MBA meeting at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing and details and registration forms are available online. Brian also announced;

The Center of Michigan Beekeepers (COMB) is excited to offer a co-sponsored with MSU Extension event featuring guest speaker Kirsten Traynor, PhD of Flickerwood Apiary in Maryland.

Location; 288 Farm Ln, East Lansing, MI 48824-5600

Extension Seminar: Kirsten Traynor, PhD, Biology, Arizona State University
March 9, 2020 6:30PM – 8:30 PM

Steve Tillman went over the officer slate and all candidates were unopposed. Chris Robbins is our new president. Brian Jennings is past president, Robert Johnson is president elect, Deb Foote in addition to T-shirts is our new treasurer. Dianne Karsten remains as secretary. Votes were counted by Steve Tillman and Chris Robbins. The proposed amendment to our constitution was also ratified and can be read in detail on the website. The essence being that by the month of October the audit of the club books should start , proposed changes to our constitution or By-Laws will be brought forth to work on. The motion to destroy the ballots was made by Brian Jennings and Dianne Karsten followed by Chris Robbins moved to accept said motion.

About 7:00 p.m. there was a break to visit the vendor, refreshments provided by Myron and Dianne Karsten.

After the break Brian Jennings introduced our Main speaker: Anna Heck, her presentation was Honeybee Pheromones

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:25 p.m.

COMB meetings are held on the second Monday of the month.

Dues are \$10 per annum, payable ASAP by members, both old and new.

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 Dianne Karsten, karsten@msu.edu. I will try to get minutes updated as soon as possible.

**Respectfully yours,
Dianne Karsten**