

Present: Jenny Band, Chris Betley, Patrick Brennan, Michael Foster, Warwick Francis, Neil Hilbery, Irek Gajowniczek, Harvey Kirk, Alex Lawrence, Ray Nicol, Mike Scotten, Candy Williamson, Tony Wilson, (13)

Apologies: Ted Chatley, Ben Taylor, Frank Wright (3)

The Committee enquired after Ted Chatley's progress in hospital. Neil Hilbery & Harvey Kirk had visited him and reported that he seemed much improved. The Committee asked to have their collective best wishes for a Very Speedy Recovery passed on to Ted.

The Committee enthusiastically welcomed two new members: Candy Williamson and Chris Betley. The Committee sends huge thanks to Sarah Croften & Chris Deaves for all their years of hard work. The Committee thanks Tony Wilson for his hard work as Chair and welcomes Pat Brennan as new Chair.

1. Minutes & Outstanding Issues from Meeting 656 (02/03/17) :

Erratum: The dates for Membership reported as "Paid as at 02/02/2017" should read :
'Paid as at 02/03/2017'. The Minutes were then formally approved.

2. Twickenham Honey Prep. Room: Revised Quotation Update: (NH/ FW in absentia)

NicoBuild have revisited the club and submitted a revised quote on the revised requirements. Ray queried the 100 litre capacity of the boiler, & thought that 50 litres had been agreed. It was decided that 100L was sensible.

Warwick asked if the quote included VAT. NicoBuild is not VAT registered, so no VAT applicable. Acceptance of quote proposed: JB, seconded: PB Quote Unanimously accepted.

Timescale: Work to start late June taking approximately 2-3 weeks

Project Management: It was agreed that a project manager will be needed to ensure delivery to the right quality and timescale.

Action by Committee: Project Manager to be recruited and decided at the next meeting:

3. Twickenham Apiary Update (WF/ RN/ IG)

One colony fizzled out. Replaced by a donated healthy nuc from Warwick. Thanks were noted.

Teaching groups: 3 groups of 5 people each. Teachers: WarwickCarl, Ray & Patrick and Candy.
Warwick is stepping back from teaching for a while but still being active in the apiary.

Beginners group of 16. Teachers: Irek and Jenny Wilkinson.

Colony strength: One colony with a LASI queen is very large and can be split. The colony under the apple tree is also large enough to split. This will help honey production.

The Club's honey production: the Commercial hive is healthy but not very strong as yet. Ted has requested a super be put on it.

Education Group's colonies: Currently 1 colony in the Observation hive/ nuc
The other colony became queen-less.

Next Friday's teaching: Initial Apiary Orientation and Health & Safety session.

N.B: New Seasonal Bee Inspector: Warwick reported that our new Inspector is Brian McCallum
He works: Mon, Tues and one day at the weekend
brian.mccallum@apha.gsi.gov.uk. Mobile: 07775 119478

4. Mole Works (NH/ AL)

The New gates are now in place. They may need an additional handle.

Work now needed: Loo pipework repair to stop leaks **Action:** NH to discuss with AL

General gardening cut-back

Action: JB to ask Glenn Heaver to do it

5. New Logo Update (JB)

Following the vote for Richard Kirk's 'No1. Design Pathway' Richard's subsequent draft design options for ways of making that logo work for different uses was circulated to the Committee. A hard copy was passed round the table. A debate about whether the hexagons in the logo should be orientated vertically (as in nature) or kept at an angle as Richard has designed them, concluded that RK's design looks best, aesthetically and in terms of conveying a more organic feel. Vertical hexagons looked rigid and mechanical.

The presentation was unanimously accepted.

Action : JB to follow up with RK and ask for specific designs for : complements slips, paper, cards, badges plus the design specifications for use on our website and in Power Point.

6. Membership Update (WF)

Full members 126

Partners 16

Country 0

Hons 9

Junior 1

Family 16

New members :

481 Mr Peter Taylor

482 Ms Eugenia Eterovic

483 Mr Fatmir Aliaj

16 beginners start next Friday and are given a few weeks to decide if they want to join as members

7. Treasurer's update (NH)

The Treasurer's report for 2016 was given and accepted at the AGM (31.03.2017)

T&TVBKA has received £8.1k since the start of the 2017 financial year

Expenditure to date : £2.4k (of which £2.2k was for Mole Gates)

Imminent Outgoings: £2k BBKA

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Trading Scheme Update: The shop is running on a very reduced capacity as Ted is currently out of action and Harvey works shift hours and cannot always be there at club times.

Action: NH to circulate a request for a reliable and committed volunteer willing to make a firm commitment to helping run the shop.

One offer to date of ad hoc help from Jean Loveland is much appreciated but in itself is not enough to provide the back-up needed.

Warwick proposed the purchase of 4 Tablets for use when teaching in the Lab. They are on offer as a special deal: £50 each. V gd value. They have all the functions we need.

Seconded: RN. Accepted unanimously.

The issue of their security during use for teaching and Open Days was discussed. Charging the member users with personal responsibility was deemed the best option.

8. Lab Update:

Special thanks are given to the dedicated team who have re-organised and cleaned the Lab for the new season. Everything is now in good order and all drawers and cupboards with safety issues are locked. The colour – coded keys are kept in a drawer. .

Action: RN: Update Lab Inventory for inclusion in main Twickenham Inventory

9. Inventory Update

Pat and Jen have completed the up to date inventory of all relevant items in the Twickenham Apiary with models & serial numbers included for each item.

10: Proposed Visits:

Dorset Group - 50-60 people - **Action : RN ~~not~~ talk to Frank** to establish what they want from the visit

All Party Parliamentary Group - **Action : NH** to ask Tim Lovett “ ” “ ” “ ”

Newbury Group (Elise Keuch) - **Action : FW** to ask Elise K ditto

It was concluded that in future the Secretary should reply to such requests asking the aim & purpose of each visit (cf: replies to requests for lectures should request a £50 donation.)

Action: RN draft questions for standard reply and send to FW

11. Correspondence Received

It was uncertain whether the email about whether T&TVBKA should contribute to the funding of BDI led research (The Revive project) was circulated to the membership.

Action: NH / WF to ensure it is circulated.

Item 16. Richmond Allotment Group ask for “informal liaison” with T&TVBKA. JB is to give a talk to them on 24/04 and will establish what they need. JB invites groups to our Open Day & Honey Show via talks.

Avis Marshall (Kingston BKA) in touch with JB - keen to link up again and possibly use our Lab. **Action JB** establish what they want/need. Suggest we invite them to socialise with us .

A.O.B.

Health & Safety: PB has bought new goggles for people to wear when using gas torch
AL thinks Gas safety should be enhanced. We should keep 1 gas cylinder not 2 and improve their fire proof protection. **Action AL** to make firm proposal for this

Memorial Donation: NH proposed that T&TVBKA make a £100 donation to cancer research in memory of Don. TW seconded. Unanimously accepted. **Action: NH** Pay donation

Tasks arising from the Inventory exercise:

Water Butt by the Black Shed - Is empty: fix leaking tap **Action: AL**

Replace the metal-legged garden tables: **Action: NH** buy lightweight foldable replacements

Fire hazards (boxes etc) **Action: all concerned** remove from site

Current “Disco” (ie: faulty) fluorescent tube light & shrieking smoke detector in Ladies loo:

Action: WF Buy screw-driver kit from Aldi for Apiary so new fittings can be put in .

Loo rolls and cleaning supply for the summer season. **Action: JB buy in enough for summer**

Discovery Centre needs a clean and tidy. **Action: Shaun & Edu** team have this in hand

Small white filing cabinet (donated) **Action: HK** assess for use in Shop for small items.

Sheets of glass in Discovery Centre **Action: CB** has removed it to safety

5 old Projector Screens in Discovery Centre. **Action: Removed by CB**

Old large Sony TV in Lab. Does not belong to Chris Deaves so **Action : CB** Remove

Summer Social: SATURDAY JULY 8TH JB is about to start organising this. Watch this space

The meeting ended at 8.52pm.

DRAFT Minutes of the 657th Meeting held on Wednesday 5 April 2017

Miller Hall, 41, Whitton Road, Twickenham.

Next meeting: **Wednesday 17th MAY at 7.30pm**

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