

Present: Chris Betley, Jenny Band, Patrick Brennan, Warwick Francis, Neil Hillbery, Ray Nicol, Candy Williamson, Alex Lawrence, Tony Wilson, Harvey Kirk, Michael Foster, Warwick Francis

Apologies: Irek Gajowniczek, Ben Taylor, Michael Scotton

1. Minutes and Outstanding issues from last meeting

Minutes of meeting 28th June 2017 accepted, signed by Patrick.

a. Honey Prep Room

All works have been completed. Member feedback has been excellent. There have been a number of requests for an extra table (fold-up, stainless steel if appropriate). Also requests for floor trays for stacking supers so the new flooring is protected.

Inside of sink unit/warming cabinet requires a deep clean. Claire has booked a cleaning company for the end of season deep clean, she requests that they quote for the extra cleaning here. Candy has offered to purchase a squeegee mop for floors so wax deposits are kept to a minimum.

There have been issues with missing keys to the honey prep room and difficulties with providing a flexible and clear booking system i.e. provision of a list of last person to use the room. Patrick also stressed the importance of all members keeping the room as it was found. Suggestions as to feasibility of running the basic Food Hygiene Certificate were discussed, either an online course or outside tutor.

- b. **Mole Apiary-** Mick and Diane O'Shea, members who keep bees on the site, have volunteered to do the gardening and tidying.
- c. **The new logo-** This has started to be used in literature but not on the website. The sub-committee is to meet in the closed season.
- d. **Summer Social/ Newbury Visit-** These were very successful and feedback was excellent.
- e. **Signatory-** New addition has not yet been added to the current list.

2. Correspondence (Warwick)

Chase Bridge school is interested in keeping Bees. Shaun deals with schools regarding education, the information can be forwarded. BBKA schools information is now readily available.

Jenny suggests a standard reply for all schools, another standard reply for others requesting information on keeping bees especially from businesses.

Candy has got in touch with Princess Alice Hospice to sort their training requirements.

Honey for sale list to be produced for members of the general public wanting to purchase honey. Annette Duckworth has requested help to man her stall at the Honey Show in her absence. All present decided that there were no volunteers at such short notice.

3. Membership Update (WF)

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| Full members | 158 |
| Partners | 17 |
| Country | 2 |
| Hons | 9 |
| Junior | 1 |
| Family | 19 |
| Total | 206 |

4. Treasurer's update (NH)

See XL spreadsheet

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The Treasurer's report showed a healthy financial situation.

Receipts to date : £14,000

Expenditure £22,000

Income due for Honey Show and Gift Aid reclaim. 2nd capitation payment is due, as is HPR and Mole gates.

No. 1 bank account £45,000

No. 2 Deposit Acc £16,500

Other Accounts £14,500

Trading scheme stock take is due at the end of the year (Aprox £7000 last year)

Patrick and Jenny have offered to be "Treasury" at the Honey Show in the absence of Neil.

Volunteers still required for Stalls/Auction.

Neil noted that at AGM he was proposed as ADM delegate. He will be unable to attend the ADM meeting on 13th Jan 2018. Information will therefore go to Warwick and Jenny and the delegate attending can be nominated 24 hours beforehand. Warwick is keen to attend, Patrick proposes and Jenny seconds his appointment. Neil will provide all information nearer the time.

BBKA have recently sent an email regarding the 6 nominations for main BBKA executive.

5. June Taylor

£100 charity donation was unanimously agreed, Harvey proposed, seconded by Ray.

Guidelines for future donations were discussed.

6. Anaphylaxis talk

It was felt that the Apiary should carry emergency adrenaline in pen form (Epipen/Emerade). CB indicated costs: £42 and £35 for Adult and child pens respectively with 18 months shelf life.

Warwick suggests purchasing for the next season. Majority agreed.

A First-Aider course was discussed, to take place in the closed season if enough people are interested.

7. Honey Show

Clare has indicated that the Honey Show next year will take place on 7th October 2018. Judges have been provisionally booked. This was approved.

Clare has organised the Tea/coffee/milk to be delivered on the Saturday before the Honey Show.

Alex is the contact when Ray and Clare are away 17-22nd Sept. Sarah is to process forms in their absence. Patrick to be the point of contact for other ancillary jobs.

8. Trustees Course

Patrick has agreed to attend the course on behalf of the Association. Custodial trustees at present are Neil Hillbery, Ted Chatley, Margaret English and Chris Deaves. 2-5 people are required but there is no obligation to meet regularly.

9. Any Other Business

- a. Hon. Secretary seat still vacant. Jenny to take on correspondence from Warwick, CB to do minutes.
- b. AGM is to take place on 23rd March 2018. First Friday evening for members is 16th March 2018. Jenny Band is not eligible for re-election for post of President.
- c. Toilet rolls are now being purchased from a company which donates profit to charity.
- d. The new "Honeybee Health" BBKA course will be up and running for 2018 meant to be a bridge between the Basic and General Husbandry exams. This could be implemented for interested members.
- e. The Winter theory course is paid by donation only. Neil suggests the numbers will have to be limited for the practical course in the future, suggestions include commitment to attend each week.

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- f.** Queen rearing Course- Warwick is happy to run a queen rearing course for improvers. Timings are critical and commitment to midweek and weekend work is important.
- g.** Any payments exceeding £100 must have prior approval from the committee (Neil)
- h.** Education (Candy)
The Hide will be OK to use for another season. It will need refurbishment after next year. The front of the hide needs weighting to prevent walking bees entering. Decking/ planking 2x 8ft lengths could be used.

Next meeting 8th November 2017 at 7.30pm