

**Minutes of the 666th Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm**

Miller Hall, 41, Whitton Road, Twickenham.

**Present:** Chris Betley, Patrick Brennan, Neil Hillbery, Irek Gajowniczek, Ted Chatley, Candice Williamson, Michael Foster, Harvey Kirk, Alex Lawrence, Jean Loveland

**Apologies:** Kim Coles, Warwick Francis, Ray Nicol, Jenny Band,

**1. Minutes and Outstanding issues from last meeting**

No amendments required, Minutes accepted as read. Ted proposed, Candy seconded.

Outstanding issues:

- a. Newbury visit went very well, six visitors were hosted royally. Candy was interested in how the apiary at Newbury was run. They used a P.A system using a wireless headset and boombox. This was used at inspections for beginners groups and education trips. Email sent by Candy thanking the Association.
- b. Open Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> June: There was good attendance. This was the first year without the input of Malcolm and Julia and everything went smoothly.
- c. Prototype for new sign: Work has been done to amend the wording (Claire Toberty)

**2. Apiary and Mole works**

- a. Work outside Margaret English, rear of Miller Hall is due to finish. The downpipe goes into a waterbutt which is regularly emptied. Although the 3 inch pipe is connected to a 1 inch pipe, only exceptionally heavy rain would be a problem and the overflow pipe also connects to the waterbutt.
- b. **Hide:** The measurements of the new hide are bound by a tree and the boundary fence. Candy pointed out that the hide could be wider taking 1 metre from the apiary space, ie compromise on dimensions as there have been 3-4 stings this season alone compared with 3 in the last decade. Alex suggests extending poles at rear, rafters, cover in plywood and coated steel then guttering around it. The new structure will be needed by November so the necessary adjustments can be made to the fabric. Patrick suggests Alex's design to be sent to the Education group to review feedback and make a decision at the next meeting. The cost of £1500 does not include erection of the structure. Patrick to find out the cost of erection.
- c. **Mole Apiary:** Harvey has spoken to Ray regarding replacement of the shed with same dimensions. Harvey to provide costings for a 6' x8' shed and slabs for foundations for next meeting. Windows in the main building need replacing but are not leaking. The kitchen area is damp so there is a possibility of a leak. The guttering also needs attention. Some repairs of the corrugated roof have also been carried out to make good.

**3. Correspondence received (Sarah Corfton)**

Sarah raised the issue of swarm notification in her correspondence. All swarm enquiries to go to Warwick. Replies at her discretion.

**4. Membership secretary's update (Warwick not present)**

Current membership:

Full members	149
Partners	20
Country	2
Associate	4
Hons	8
Family	20
Junior	2
Total	205

**5. Treasurer's update (NH)**

Accounts circulated:

Total receipts    £15180.85

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Total payments £7327.67

No. 1 account (CAF bank) £66319.88

No. 2 account £9264.95

Neil spoke to the local Santander branch and they referred him to the business manager in Hounslow. They offer a. Cash account, no interest payments

b. Savings account 0.5% int. Per annum

This is a single signatory account only, no info on minimum monthly deposit amount.

Neil is not happy to run an account with single signature. The independant auditor suggests a double signature as a minimum. At present we pay 2x £5 per month in CAF bank.

Ted is concerned that it may become difficult dealing with suppliers eg Thornes with cheque only.

More research needed.

**6. Dorset Visit**

They are due to visit on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Patrick to follow this up.

**7. Health and Safety**

Health and safety guide has been circulated. To put off any discussion to next meeting

**8. Summer Social**

28<sup>th</sup> July evening. No BBQ planned this year.

**9. AOB**

-Candy to liase with Warwick regarding purchase of wireless headset/boombox for education group and inspections in beginners groups. Quote of aprox £200. This is particularly useful for the softly spoken members of the education group. Candy to provide accurate quotes at next meeting.

-Claire will bring up the Honours board information at next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.26pm

Next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 730pm