

Minutes of the 668th Meeting held on Wednesday 10th October at 7.30pm

Miller Hall, 41, Whitton Road, Twickenham.

Present: Chris Betley, Patrick Brennan, Neil Hillbery, Irek Gajowniczek, Ted Chatley, Candida Williamson, Michael Foster, Harvey Kirk, Alex Lawrence, Jean Loveland, Warwick Francis, Ray Nicol, Jenny Band and Ben Donaldson (for item 2)

Apologies: Kim Coles, Sarah Crofton

1. Minutes and Outstanding issues from last meeting

No amendments required, Minutes accepted as read

2. Correspondence from Ben Donaldson: responses to items listed

-**Card payments**- Actioned for beginning of next year.

-**Undervaluing products for sale:** Costs kept down as a benefit of membership. Prices are inflated for open day and Honey Show. Suggested ground coffee and cafetieres for next year. To order ground coffee for beginning of season.

-**More open days:** This depends on volunteers. The open day and Honey Show are labour intensive.

-**Taster Days:** Winter course is already vastly oversubscribed and those interested are not guaranteed a practical slot in summer. Taster days will have to fit round an already busy summer season eg September can be inclement.

-**Volunteering:** Ben suggests a members survey to gauge perception of the association.

-**Broadband:** Costings needed as only used 6 months of the year.

-**Recognition awards:** Recognition and thanks to the volunteers eg volunteer of the year. For instance the work of the "Tuesday gang" and the Education group whose work goes unseen.

-**Online Hive Records:** In practice can get messy (propolis)? Freeware available

- **Mandatory cleaning /DIY:** good practice for new members but early on in season is too cold.

-**Advertising:** Events well advertised

-**Further training:** IPM/Swarming /modules could be set up if demand in the closed season.

3. Correspondence Received

Housebuilders wish to place advertising hoarding on wall at Mole apiary saying "Units for sale ". They wish to clear the ivy and will rectify any damage on removing the hoardings. They may require planning permission and there will be a cost to them. This is thought to be an opportunity to 'build bridges' with the neighbours. Committee voted to go ahead with permission for the hoarding to be erected with a caveat that we find out the 'going rate'. Two members voted against, the rest in favour. The motion was carried.

Ray ,Harvey and Alex to deal with the concerns regarding fixings, duration, planning permission and mock up.

4. Apiary and Mole works

Mole works

A meeting at Mole took place on 13th September. There are currently 12 members with plots. Harvey suggested the following

- a. Rubbish needs clearing. Three quotes of which cheapest was £252 for a skip, with clean up day corresponding to the skip arrival. Motion carried with one abstention
- b. Hut renovation: Quotes for windows £4700 all double glazed, 4xwindows, 2xsingle doors, 1x double doors (as kitchen profile). Harvey has another company to give an additional quote

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- c. Shed: 3 quotes on the table now. Dunsters have 10% discount at total £579. This is the cheapest. Motion carried with one abstention.
 Quotes for the concrete base to be found Patrick to ask(Charlie and Joe). Alex suggests changing the position of the shed to nearer the new houses. Mole membership to decide.

Apiary Works

Gazebo: Patrick to send proforma invoice to Neil.

Bench: Rosina Clarke memorial bench is collapsing and needs replacing and rededicating.
 Patrick to get quotes . Oak benches are aprox £600

5. Membership secretary's update (Warwick)

Current membership:

Full members	163
Partners	20
Country	2
Associate	6
Hons	8
Family	22
Junior	2
Total	223

BBKA membership system is about to be launched, it is GDPR compliant. All data to be moved onto new system in November. This is all linked to BDI automatically. All updates eg changes of address can be done by individuals. We will have access to the data base (nominated person from each Association.

6. Treasurer's Update (NH)

Gift aid of £2042.47 received from 152 members.

Honey show £2238.50 from Patrick and the team.

Expenses of honey show judge and Clare's expensed to be paid out.

£714.00 owing re signage

The electrician has been to the Apiary and we are awaiting the invoice for work done.

Warwick is willing to take over as acting treasurer from January until the AGM in March. All members in favour. Warwick to relinquish the Membership Secretary post in due course. The Charity Commissioners require submitted accounts by 31st December verified by the independent auditor. Chris Berry will need a letter of introduction by Patrick for the Audit. The bank has up to 6 signatures (2 required). Chris Deaves and M. English are still listed. To keep CD as signatory as he is a custodial trustee. The Committee has given a formal vote of thanks to Neil for his years of hard work, for his knowledge and experience in the role.

7. Health and Safety Policy (JB)

Draft will be recirculated for comments

8. Asian Hornet Action Group

Clive Harris thought he saw an asian hornet but no photograph was taken. One spotted in Hampshire and Guildford but no colonies set up from scratch. Website to advise on correct time to set AH traps.

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9. AOB

- a. Kim is stepping down from the committee and library and will have an advisory role.
- b. Recycle bins. They can be put out/brought in when needed. Patrick can do this as he passes daily.
- c. We need to have a list of key holders.
- d. President's Evening 23rd November: Dale Gibson and his wife from Berrymore Street Bees are coming to give the address. £175.00 plus VAT. This is a 45 minute talk with time for Q and A. Motion passed by all committee.
- e. Adrenaline IM pen (we have Emerade at present) due for renewal in spring. There is a worldwide shortage and we are told the shelf life can be extended. CB to review this in due course)

Meeting closed at 9pm

Next meeting November 21st 2018 at 730pm