

**Minutes of the 670th Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm**

Miller Hall, 41, Whitton Road, Twickenham.

**Present:** Chris Betley, Patrick Brennan, Ted Chatley, Candida Williamson, Michael Foster, Warwick Francis, Ray Nicol, Jenny Band, Irek Gajowniczek, Alex Lawrence, Sarah Corfton

**Apologies:** Harvey Kirk, Jean Loveland

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

No amendments required, Minutes accepted as read. Jen proposed, Sarah seconded. Minutes accepted.

**2. Apiary and Mole works**

**a. Hide**

Hole was dug at the side of the foundations and was found to be more than 6 inches in depth, the base is more than adequate for the gazebo support, extension required only. Old poles need to be removed once the school season is over.

Schedule: Contact Paul regarding extension to base asap. If not the n after education group has finished for the season. Concreting has to be done in off season or Edu group hives will need to be moved. This would have to be done at the time of the works. Warwick mentioned this to Jill.

**b. Benches**

Need to replace Rosina Clarke bench and get new bench for the Centenary year. Patrick has the Oxford bench in mind which is 1.8m long. Committee to vote in next few days.

**c. Mole Apiary**

1. Jen suggests her brother (a surveyor) inspects the wall for suitability for the building company signage. To let the committee know in the next few days. Ray to pass on this information to the company. Warwick stressed the importance of engaging with the community regarding the Mole Apiary eg open day/honey sale.
2. Part of the fence in between the opening and the new housing development is very frail. Patrick suggests earmarking the money from hoardings for new fencing. Warwick also suggests engaging with the community eg a stall at Mole Fair

**d. RFU money**

Ray has made an application for rRFU sponsorship money. Sponsorship to be on social media

**3. Correspondence Received**

-Warwick has ordered books for the beginners course and 3x DVDs related to this course and other members coursed throughout the year. Copy to be put int he library for members to loan

-SWLE network have put in £4000 for planting wild flowers. Jean wants us to get involved.

- Battersea Park children's Zoo are planning a honey bee day and want us to be involved. They are aiming for the Easter Holidays. Patrick suggests passing into the Education group. Candida to reply.

**4. Membership secretary's update (Warwick)**

We are now on BBKA direct system. Warwick has sent the email for membership for this year. There will be an update on numbers next meeting.

47 Confirmed for the Winter course, with 10 people on the waiting list. They are already on the BBKA system (non-members) Warwick suggests a training course for those members requiring access to the database eg shop. There is now a capacity to sort members on basis of basic course, education group etc.

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**5. Treasurer's Update**

Neil is no longer a member of the committee and the end of year accounts were received by email.

CAF bank, online system to be set up dispensing with the need for cheque signatures. There is a requirement of another committee member or two to have access to the online payment system.

CAF cash account has £70k deposited. Warwick suggests this should be transferred to an account which pays interest.

A fund earmarked for maintenance of the Apiary buildings needs to be set up. Ted wants a breakdown of Apiary equipment spend.

**6. Health And Safety**

Jen has the updated Health and Safety Policy for our perusal. We also require a COSHH for chemicals stored. The cabinet next to the toilets has no lock. This needs to be followed up.

Committee member mug shots need to be updated, the accident book need to be maintained and made available at meetings.

A sign in book for Apiary meetings recommended for Friday nights.

**7. Asian Hornet Action Group**

BBKA are finally taking the Asian Hornet threat seriously. Apiaries to sign up with BBKA similar to swarm collection.

Beebase is asking for types of traps for AH. Ray suggests a French site which is more up to date. Ray has also started a blog on the website.

**8. AOB**

- a. Candida suggests making known to the members a list of the groups eg.

-Education group

-Honey Show group

-Committee

Also first aid course and Anaphylaxis talk and dates in diary for the year including the Winter Course.

- b. Warwick is planning the Centenary talk to be moved to May, with a midweek talk planned.

- c. Jen is to formulate a letter to the membership re the Centenary plan. One idea is to expand the Open day.

- d. Courses for Members early in the year are to go ahead on Thursday evenings.

-Natural History (Ray)

-IPM (Warwick)

-Bee Health (Patrick)

-Swarming (Carl).

-Asian Hornet trapping (Ray)

- e. Kim has made a list of the books to be purchased. Sarah Windham Lewis has also donated her book on planting for bees. Renumbering of the whole of the library stock is imminent.

- f. Membership questionnaire to be formulated. Committee to come up with questions.

- g. Asset register needs to be revisited in due course.

**Meeting closed at 9.20pm**

**Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> Feb (Tuesday) 2019 at 7.30pm**

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