

Present: Chris Betley, Patrick Brennan, Ted Chatley, Candida Williamson, Michael Foster, Warwick Francis, Ray Nicol, Jenny Band, Irek Gajowniczek, Alex Lawrence, Harvey Kirk, Jean Loveland, Ben Donaldson, Jane Sachdev

Apologies: Jenny Band, Sarah Crofton

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes not circulated until meeting, to discuss next meeting.

Teak benches x2 to be ordered by Patrick.

2. Apiary Centenary Plans

Jenny has agreed a loose story board for the video. Alice will develop a script. Approx. Cost is £5000 with £2500 up front. Committee to see outline first before this payment.

Opening scene: Rugby crowd..then oasis of Twickenham BKA ...then talk about the Apiary with notable alumni.

3. Apiary and Mole Works

a. Mole

There is an issue of Health and Safety of the public regarding some of the Mole apiary trees. Tree surgeons and Thomas Stethlik assessed these. They will generate a report and get three quotes for the works. Several trees need to be cut down and the oak tree has overhanging branches into the park. Thomas will check that none have TPOs. It is hoped that the works will tidy the area and improve the image.

b. Olly had idea about talking to someone re bee friendly planting in Mole. Warwick suggests there is no benefit to public if there was a cost involved. Committee decided not to pursue at present.

c. We have a stall at Molesey Carnival 8th June including an observation hive £30 costs/insurance all sorted, invoice awaited. Ham fair is on the same weekend. At present we have 2x obs hives. Posters for Ham and Molesey are ready.

Alex will have a look at the other Observation hives to see if they can be repaired.

d. Signage for Mole: Similar branding to Twickenham with contact email. Jane proposed and Jean seconded. Motion passed. To get budget for signage to use Darling signs again.

e. The skip at Mole has now gone together with all the scrap metal (Thanks go to Mick and Diane). No additional fees were payable and all rubbish dealt with in the correct manner.

f. 2x lawn mowers need servicing. This payment is included in the equipment budget.

g. Toilets at Mole need attention as there is no running water for hand-washing. Harvey to find plumber.

h. Twickenham Patrick asked Paul from Nicobuild for breakdown of works for gazebo base. Gazebo to be ordered when works are completed.

i. Ray suggested a "Rainy Day Fund" for maintenance with a to do list. Eg varnishing of building is overdue (more than 5 years since last done)

4. Correspondence received (SC)

Junk mail only

5. Membership (WF)

Registered	132
Partner	16
Junior	1
Country	2
Family	12
Associate	3
Hons	10

Total 176

The BBKA system is working well. Invoices, certificates and insurance from one system. New members to be added at Easter. The swarm list is online but there has been issues at BBKA re postcode. Ted to have the new members list for the shop.

6. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

Capitation fees have been paid. £195.60 Rates paid. Electricity is now with British Gas. Mole expected to be in credit/Twickenham in debt. We are awaiting bills, which are paid monthly by DD. Warwick to enquire re. Water rates if there is cost saving by changing to monthly DD. Honours Boards not fully paid yet. Payments up to date at Mole Apiary.

CAF Account £76,178.90

Chris Berry (Auditor) comments that gross profit from shop up by 42%! Ted and Warwick to investigate. Ted gets 25% discount from Thornes then passes 7% discount to members. Ted indicates that the profit has been steady since 2014. £5000 has passed from the shop to the main account in 2018.

7. Asian Hornet Action Group

Windsor/Slough BKA invited us on AH information evening with the group from Jersey BKA on 9th April.

8. AOB

- a. **Beespoon Kit.** For the open day/Honey show, there will be space made for this. Needs funding to transport (courier) from Lancaster University anticipated costs £50 per trip ie £200. Chris proposes and Ray seconded. Carried unanimously. Provisionally booked
- b. Candy could not find a lighter for the smokers. We need to buy cooks matches from petty cash.
- c. Bricks left in apiary makes mowing the garden at Twickenham very difficult.
- d. Tidying of Apiary grounds required on Fridays after session. Rota to be make up (Jean)
- e. Planting for bees event in St Margerets (Karen Mann) suggests she takes some leaflets for our event on 15th May.
- f. Patrick can donate a black and white laser printer if needed.
- g. Warwick to buy Office Suite 2019 at a cost of £69. Warwick proposes, Ray seconded. Carried unanimously.
- h. Sign in book in Mole now working as is the Twickenham sign in book.
- i. Peter Gabriel (Claudia's husband) has offered to be librarian. He wants to get a bespoke app rather than access tool. He has offered to catalogue all books.
- j. Jean has ordered aprons with T&TVBKA logo and has kindly offered to donated to the apiary.
- k. Council has been sent photos of the wall by the hide. Patrick is to chase the council re urgent works.
- l. The credit card system is working well in the shop.

Meeting ended 8.50pm

Next meeting Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm in Miller Hall

Minutes of the 673rd Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April at 7.30pm

Miller Hall, 41, Whitton Road, Twickenham.