

Minutes of the 674th Meeting held on Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm

Miller Hall, 41, Whitton Road, Twickenham.

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

Apologies: Candida Williamson, Sarah Crofton

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes signed off as read. No matters arising

2. Apiary and Mole Works**a. Mole**

- Jane has been in contact with Darling signs who are happy to do the Mole signage. This is to be done on completion of the tree works. Clare Toberty has suggested we mount the signage ourselves.

-Patrick and Clive have received the report regarding the tree works and there are no TPO's. Three quotes have been received of £750, £750 and £1080. Edward Davis is the preferred tree surgeon. For the £750 he will remove tree near houses and the overhanging tree. He also mentioned the pear tree in the middle of the apiary has fungal disease. Ray proposes we use E. Davis, Jen seconds the motion, carried unanimously. Patrick to contact him regarding works. Clive to find out more info regarding the tree fungus. Jen to find out information regarding stump removal without using glyphosate.

-Molesey Carnival stall on 8th June. The insurance needs to be renewed from 25th May. Evidence is required by Elmbridge council.

-Hot and cold water now fully functioning at Mole. Slab and base to be completed for the new shed for shed to be ordered hopefully by October.

b. Twickenham Apiary

-Quote for gazebo has now increased by £150, for extra £50 includes 2 man delivery and unload. Nicobuild due to do works in July and gazebo booked for end of July. £2600 for gazebo.

-Wall Works to start third week in May re the brick wall. They do not require access to the apiary.

-Grass mowing/strimming. Ray mentioned it hadn't been done recently.

-Ted has spoken to someone regarding painting/varnishing the outside of the buildings.

Quote £4000 for varnish. 2 coats needed. Patrick and Jean to also get quotes. Steel work at the front requires sanding and re painting at the same time.

The committee would like to thank the Tuesday group for their sterling work in looking after the buildings and grounds.

3. Correspondence received (SC)

Warwick suggests this is difficult to forward using the new system. All membership received the winter loss survey.

Electrical report received by Patrick. There are some recommendations. Invoice to be chased up.

4. Membership (WF)

Registered	145
Partner	18
Junior	1
Country	5
Family	13
Associate	4

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Hons 10

Total 196

New full members are:

Shaun Taylor

Paul Grealey

Dawn Grealey

Rolf Blocher

Lucy Arrowsmith

Katie Pyne

Margaret Baran

Rachel Hutchins

Stephen Taylor

Ania Taylor

New members proposed by Warwick, seconded by Jen. Carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

- a. Insurance requires renewing on 25th May. Insurance quotes circulated. Environmental insurance is very costly and does not apply to the Apiary for the most part. Lower liability eg £250,000 will lower the premiums. Change of policy proposed by Warwick seconded by Ray. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Accounts Bees in the garden ticket sales not yet in bank. The new deals for Water rates and Electricity are in place for both sites.
- c. Two banners purchased for the Molesey and Ham fairs.
- d. Centenary expenses include books for mschools and first payment for film works (inc VAT)
- e. BDI and capitation have been paid
- f. Winter course payment has increased again this year. There has also been a donation of £1000 for Mole
£11000 income this year, £15000 spent.
£50000 to be directed to the deposit account (notice account) already agreed

6. Centenary Year Plans

Alice Cooper is putting scripts in place . Patrick has had some old photographs scanned. Jen has received a cuttings book from Colin. The final video will go on Youtube and the T&TVBKA website.

Thanks were given from the committee to Warwick for his hard work in organising the "Bees

in the Garden" evening. Feedback has been very positive and an annual spring event could be

made possible in the future. Costs were £938. Ticket sales were £730. Hence £200 profit.

Ideas are required for future events.

7. Asian Hornet Action Group

Beebase now has a register of which apiaries have Asian Hornet traps.

8. AOB

- a. **Beespoon Kit** This has been booked for open day by Sonia.
- b. Candy's beginner group has dwindled and has merged into Patrick's group. Candy and Chris to cover where required

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- c. Warwick suggests chest freezer for future. For wax moth removal, handling the back log of honey. Creating the space, dimensions of new appliance and checking for power to be considerations.
- d. Black and white printer earmarked for the apiary. Colour laser printer aprox £3-400 with toner cartridges aprox £100 which lasts. At 7-9p per sheet inc. electricity. Glossy labels and badges then could be made in-house.
- e. Warwick has installed Office 2019 on the Apiary laptop.
- f. Peter Gabriel is cataloguing our books but it is not a relational database
- g. Jean has beige aprons on order with logo shades to match.
- h. Educational DVDs for the children are out of date. Jean suggests an in house DVD rather than these. Jane has registered with Bees in the curriculum.
- i. Ben mentioned getting a Google not for profit account. Benefits are free advertising , email addresses, own you-tube channel, shared documents, 100gb drive. Warwick suggests with the winter course full for next year we do not require free advertising. Ben to do research for next meeting.
- j. Internet in Apiary. Ben suggests installation fee plus £22/month for two years. Ben proposes a two year trial. Jane seconded, All in favour except two abstentions.
- k. Ben to look at laptop spec for shop (already agreed by committee previously)
- l. Honey for open day sales set at £8.00/lb. Members' honey with £1 per jar going to the apiary.
- m. No epipen/emeraide in stock. CB checking supplier monthly. The first aid kit in Mole has been updated without epipen.

Meeting ended 9.25pm

Next meeting 26th June 2019 at 7.30 Miller Hall