

Minutes of the 675th Meeting held on Wednesday 26th June at 7.30pm

Miller Hall, 41, Whitton Road, Twickenham.

Present: Chris Betley, Ted Chatley, Michael Foster, Warwick Francis, Jenny Band, Harvey Kirk, Jean Loveland, Ben Donaldson,

Apologies: Candida Williamson, Sarah Crofton, Jane Sachdev, Irek Gajowniczek, Patrick Brennan and Ray Nichol

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Some minor amendments required. Patrick to sign off at the next meeting.

Matters arising: Dwindling numbers of beginners turn up for Apiary experience. It was suggested that we invite more in the first few weeks than we need then expect the numbers to reduce.

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

-Grass has been cut. The hut is at present still full of tools.

-Our presence at Molesey Carnival was a great success. Jane has an email list of people interested in buying the Apiary honey.

-Trees These can be cut as the birds have finished nesting. No action at present as awaiting bee activity to cease.

-Base for shed is required before shed purchase. Concrete base or flagstones. Harvey has indicated that this is not a priority this season.

b. Twickenham Apiary

-The new freezer has arrived, thanks to Alex this is all wired in with the switch inside and is up and running. The invoice is pending.

-Heatham Wall: The builder is redoing the quote as this needs to go to the conservation team at LBRUT.

-Gazebo: Work is booked for the end of July with Paul from Nicobuild.

-Costs of repainting the building: Quote 1 is £5548 +VAT(from MJ Kloss)

Quote 2 is Derek. Similar price to above Patrick has seen his work but he is not Vat registered

Quote 3 not close to initial quote.

Warwick proposes we go with Derek, Harvey seconds the motion. Carried by the committee pending the guarantee and once school visits have been completed ie late summer.

3. Correspondence received (SC)

1. Advice requested from T&TVBKA regarding a beekeeper in Twickenham. The neighbour has had a problem with his aggressive bees. The beekeeper is a paid member of the association but we cannot support him in a dispute unless he requests help and support. The neighbour has every right to report the nuisance to the Environmental Health if it continues to be a problem. Ben to draft two emails, to beekeeper and neighbour respectively.

2. Other correspondence from BBKA to be uploaded onto our website for members perusal.

4. Membership (WF)

Registered	152
Partner	18
Junior	1
Country	5
Family	13
Associate	4

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Hons 10

Total 203

New full members are:

Amanda Moss

Richard Aird

Barry Cawte

Sally Ewen

Jude Holmes

Farrukh Sheikh

Jonathan Palmer

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

5. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

- a. £67845.57 in CAFCash account no 1
- b. Autumn capitation paid IRO £2000
- c. Open Day £2060 takings after costs. £233.91 spent on plant stall with takings IRO £700 which is an excellent result. The committee would like to thank Graham Merry who put in lots of home grown flowers/fruit and veg. The displays were well received. The raffle raised £70.
- d. £1176.76 is the bill for electrical circuit inspection.
- e. Smart meters in both apiaries have been fitted. The electricity bill is misleading as payment has not converted to new system yet.
- f. Signs at Mole apiary are coming down next month. £200 of the payment from the Housebuilders not yet included.

6. Centenary Year Video (Alice Cooper)

- a. Rough Draft of video seen. Edit is needed for script and voice over. To remove the quote at the beginning of the film.
- b. Budget for film Original estimate IRO £5000. Final total is £6476.35 which includes some elements which have VAT added. Alice has a showcase coming up soon. Alice has not benefitted so the committee are considering an Honorarium (monetary) to discuss at the next meeting.
- c. Warwick to settle the invoice once final film completed.

7. Asian Hornet Action Group

Nothing to report

8. AOB

1. Laser Colour printer at £250 which is duplex printing. This is within the budget of £300 accepted by the committee. To be ordered
2. Wifi Broadband. Phone line is required which gives option to switch providers compared with cable (Virgin Media) Three quotes:
 - a. Vodaphone 18 month contract at £24/month for 35Mg, £60 installation fee
 - b. B online: 12 month contract 76Mg
 - c. Virgin Media £22/month £50 installation fee but slow upload speeds .

It was agreed at the last meeting to go ahead with broadband provision. Committee agreed to go with Vodaphone with normal phone line. Ben to set up email and google accounts.

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Meeting ended 9.25pm

Next meeting 7th August at 7.30 in Miller Hall