

Minutes of the 678th Meeting held on Wednesday 30th October at 7.30pm

Miller Hall, 41, Whitton Road, Twickenham.

Present: Ted Chatley, Warwick Francis, Jenny Band, Harvey Kirk, Jean Loveland, Patrick Brennan, Clive Harris, Ray Nicol, Candida Williamson, Jane Sachdev, Chris Betley, Irek Gajowniczek

Apologies: Ben Donaldson, Sarah Crofton, Michael Foster

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Proposed by Jane, seconded by Ray, minutes accepted.

Regarding a memorial to Ben Taylor, Warwick proposed the new gazebo, this was not mentioned in the minutes, to be raised again.

2. Apiary and Mole Works

a. Mole

-Clive has spoken to Edward regarding the tree surgery works. Mid-October was too mild so Clive is to let Edward into the Apiary from beginning of November onwards.

- Working day party is set for 16th November. Jen is to donate some saplings of Teradium Danielli (Bee Bee tree) to Mole

- Woodland trust have been contacted regarding tree planting (Clive)but no reply as yet.

b. Twickenham Apiary

- Candy and Jill have found a UK supplier for the hide material and are meeting to check the dimensions. The order is to be placed at the beginning of November.

- Nicobuild have been asked to provide a quote A quote for railings and decking, to be done in New Year. A break down of Front/side/back to be done in stages.

- "Preferred suppliers" discussed eg Nicobuild and Edward (tree surgeon)as the quality of work is known. We would still need to check the prices against another supplier rather than get three quotes.

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3. Correspondence received (SC)

-Janet Leatherland re BeeHotels appears to be a corporate responsibility exercise.

Information can be found online

-MBL seminars is a training company charging for courses that can be accessed at LBRuT for free.

- ADM of BBKA takes part in January with a new constitution.

- TV license form for Mole to say no TV in place which is done every 3 years.

4. Farewell to Jenny Band

Jenny has formally resigned from the committee and has handed in the Apiary keys. Patrick and the committee thanks Jenny for all the hard work over the years on the committee. The paperwork is to change for the AGM. Jenny has asked to be an associate member of T&TVBKA. We wish her all the very best wishes for her move to Totnes, Devon.

5. Honey Show

Honey judges to be booked for next year's Honey Show. Jean to sort out at the wrap up meeting with Clare.

6. Membership Secretary (WF)

No change in number of members

Winter course members are being added to the system. The course is now full (70). People who have not become members are kept on the system for a year.

7. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

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- Expenses for Clare and Honey show have been added, although Honey Show money has not yet been received
- Gift aid money : Neil did not sign this over, so HMRC form to be filled in again. We have two years to claim this
- Jenny to be removed as a signatory in due course.
- COIF account signatories needs updating.
- Auditor: Patrick to approach his sister-in-law in due course.
- Further breakdown of capital expenditure : Freezer, Gazebo and Printer.

8. Asian Hornet Action Group

Nothing to report

9. AOB

1. James Mackenzie is doing a charity walk for Samaritans, discussed the canvassing of members to spread the word. A compromise was reached to link this to our Facebook page rather than emailing thr membership which would contravene new GDPR rules. (WF)
2. Ben Taylor's memorial: It was discussed at the last meeting briefly. It was decided that he should be honoured with a plaque on one of the uprights of the new gazebo/ across the top. "In memory of Ben Taylor – long time member of T&TVBKA. The motion was proposed by Warwick seconded by Chris. One abstention. Motion carried.
3. Andy at Darling signs is producing the new sign for Mole apiary. Landscape orientation to be placed on the new fence. (All authorised last meeting)
4. Front of Apiary: Jean suggests forming a gardening group to plan improve and maintain the apiary planting schemes. Jean to look into this.
5. Warwick suggests a "Friends of T&TVBKA" membership for non- beekeepers.
6. December 1st is the shop sale
7. Patrick proposes purchase of 12 frame tangential and radial honey extractor with motor underneath. Will take all frames (Manley frames only 6 at a time). This would be for the honey prep room. It has a clear lid and a timer and speed controller and is priced at £695.00 Jean seconds the proposal. Motion carried.
8. Head on the sink in the honey prep room needs to be changed for an extendable hose for next season.
9. Price for hiring honey prep room discussed and it was decided to keep the price at £5 .
10. New oxalic acid gas vaporiser on show at the National Honey Show. Cost is £55. Patrick and Karen Mann have purchased them. This is a possibility for use in the apiary.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Next meeting 11th December 2019 at 7.30pm

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