

Present: Warwick Francis, Patrick Brennan , Ray Nicol, Chris Betley, Candida Williamson, Jean Loveland, Harvey Kirk, Sarah Crofton, Irek Gajowniczek

Apologies: Clive Harris, Michael Foster, Ben Donaldson, Ted Chatley,

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes accepted. Proposed by Chris, seconded by Candy

2. Covid 19 (Coronavirus)

Apiary and Miller Hall closed for visiting except for beekeeping of existing hives.

- a. **Shop:** The orders are coming in and the system is working well with Friday collections except for bank holidays. First May bank holiday is Friday so this is a Saturday collection.
- b. **Training:** No training at Miller hall until further notice. A Q and A live session has been suggested with a presenter and a couple of moderators, aimed at beginners but open to all. Ray and Patrick to investigate further. Proposed date is 15th May on Google Meetup
- c. **Apiary:** Online hive records set up on the dashboard in members section of the website, booking of slots for hive inspections in google calendar of twickerbees.co.uk
- d. Linda Powell has now trained a beekeeper to look after her bees

3. Apiary and Mole Works

Mole Apiary:

- Grass has been cut . Social distancing is going very well.
- Alex has fixed the fence(to verify as Alex not present)

Twickenham Apiary

- a. Hide- The supplier of hide parts has furloughed all workers(sail manufacturer) Candy hopes to finish the hide in the winter months
- b. Quote for railings on hold until Patrick can get another quote
- c. Electricity use has been monitored, the usage appears to be a reasonable amount, aprox £2/hour for Miller hall heating.
- d. Chris and Joe strimmed around hive entrances and paths around the grounds.

4. Correspondence received

- Beecraft: We need representation at the meetings in the future.
- Much of the correspondence that Warwick receives needs reformatting before sending to the membership, this is very time consuming.

5. Membership Secretary (WF)

178 members with:

- 129 regular members
- 10 partner
- 1 junior
- 2 Country
- 14 Family
- 6 Associate
- 6 Honorary

6. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

£4460 spent, insurance to be paid (refund £44 on last year's price)

Income is membership and winter course donations.

There have been a number of lapsed members this year.

Reduction of membership fees has been mentioned, to discuss at the next meeting.

7. AHAT

Nothing to report

8. AOB

- a. We need to get agreement for accounts as required at the AGM, John Stone produced the accounts. Warwick suggests emailing the membership for acceptance of the accounts with the Covid lockdown at present.
- b. The Charities Committee have allowed postponement of the AGM, the aim is to have AGM in July online, date yet to be decided. We have two vacancies (Clive Harris and Ben Donaldson have stepped down as of March)
- c. Patrick to step down as chairman and elections required for Chairman, President, Hon Secretary and Membership secretary. Patrick to draft email regarding elections at the virtual AGM .
- d. Kingston beekeepers have not got a swarm list so they need to be referred to the BBKA website rather than our Apiary (Jean)

Meeting concluded at 8.43pm

Next meeting Wednesday 17th June at 7.30pm on google meetup