

Present: Warwick Francis, Patrick Brennan , Ray Nicol, Chris Betley, Candida Williamson, Jean Loveland, Ted Chatley Jane Sachdev, Sarah Crofton, Irek G, Alex Lawrence

Apologies: Harvey Kirk

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Clive and Ben have stepped down from the committee. Minutes proposed by Sarah, seconded by Jean, unanimously carried.

2. Michael Foster's passing

Michael has done a great deal of work at the Apiary over the years and it is with great sadness to hear of his passing. The committee to think about a fitting tribute to remember his contribution to the Association.

It is with sadness we also hear about the passing of Charlie Stringer, a member for some seven years and husband of Sonia.

3. Covid 19

No Coronavirus advice on website at present. Ray to address this.

Warwick has 80 on the waiting list now for the Winter course.

4. Apiary and Mole Works

Mole:

-The no parking sign on the Mole apiary gates is >0.3m x0.3m and in normal circumstances would need planning permission. Committee decided to leave unless complaints received.

- Locks have been put on the shed, new padlock on the gate. Gas cage is up and running. The new fence to be put up in due course.

Twickenham Apiary:

-Hide to be put on hold until 2021

-Issues with new extractor. The controller has been sent back again, drive spindle had broke. A different device has been sent as a replacement. Deburring is needed again (Clive did this last time)

- Honey prep room is now insect tight after infestation of ants and gap under door.

- Supers from apiary to be extracted 3rd August

5. Correspondence received

a. Warwick proposes future sponsorship of National Honey show £3-400, sponsoring classes/prizes

b. Beecraft magazine are looking for ideas and stories and articles for future publications. Ray interested in Bee viral diseases

c. All BBKA exams have been cancelled for November 2020

d. Poisoning incident in Bushy park : Details have been put on the facebook page. Suspected pesticide poisoning,

6. Membership Secretary (WF)

Two new members to be added to the list below

178 members with:

129 regular members

10 partner

1 junior

2 Country

14 Family

6 Associate

6 Honorary
BBKA/BDI capitation due at the end of July

7. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

Ticking over with little income or expenditure

Paid out inc. Capitation and BDI insurance £6200.

Income £9978 + £1600 gift aid

Money coming in for Honey Prep room hire. The shop income is now a trickle after a busy time in spring. An email to be sent out to the membership re purchase of varroa treatments
Patrick has spoken to the Auditor with a view to getting the accounts approved online

8. AHAT

1. Sighting of AH in Kew (via BBKA site) was Annette Duckworth, one of our members. No evidence seen
2. AHAT team set up. Tests on email confirmed as OK. No sightings as yet this year.

9. AOB

- a. The committee would like to pass on thanks to Malcolm for mowing at the Apiary.
- b. Christine and Keith to pay the fees for Mole apiary at £12 per pitch per year.
- c. Training: Winter course and practical course still on backlog. Ray and Patrick are looking at providing the education program via streaming. Nelson school have 5 people interested.
- d. Honey: 9 buckets (30lb each) and set honey (>50lb) from apiary
- e. August Bank Holiday Honey Fair to go ahead, traditionally run by members for members. Membership to be emailed with details. This will be an outdoor event only with limited space this year due to social distancing. A one way system will be followed.
- f. Jane visited the householder of 293 Walton Road (after a sting incident) , near Mole Apiary, a jar of honey was given.
- g. Looking ahead to next season, action from all committee to plan guest speakers/ideas . Melanie from Somerset beekeepers has set up guest speakers on Eventbrite. The ideas of set up/ stream/invite local associations could be done in a similar way.
- h. Website: Candy/Patrick and Ray have a test site set up. Feedback is welcome from all committee members.

Meeting concluded at 8.43pm

Next meeting Wednesday 9th September 7.30pm