

**Minutes of the 687th Meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm**

Virtual meeting Google Meetup

**Present:** Warwick Francis, Patrick Brennan , Ray Nicol, Chris Betley, Candida Williamson, Jane Sachdev, Irek Gajowniczek, Sarah Crofton, Alex Lawrence, Ted Chatley.

**Apologies:** Jean Loveland

### 1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Matters arising : none.

Issues arising: none.

Sarah proposes minutes as true and correct, Warwick seconds the proposal. No objections/abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

### 2. Apiary and Mole Works

#### **Mole:**

Nothing to report. Issues brought up at last meeting have all been resolved.

Fencing right of new gates to be done later this year. Fencing has been ordered from Adrian Hall, now awaiting delivery.

Meter reading, difficult access to read out as full of water. Alex is on the case, to pass on the reading to Warwick in due course.

#### **Twickenham Apiary:**

1. Ray has suggested encouraging volunteers to tidy the apiary, providing tools, incorporating this into the Webinars for future new members in the Winter Course
2. Possibility of reinstating the "Apiary Tidy " social event in event of Covid situation improving.
3. Letter to Membership to stress the above eg Newsletter format in the new year.
4. Ray to put a list of jobs together. Alex also has marquee which can be used so we can socially distance outside.
5. Oxalic acid treatments due in and around Winter solstice, CB volunteered if needed.

### 3. Coronavirus

1. Protocol for teaching next year will be ready for the next meeting (Ray)
  - Deposit for use of numbered apiary bee suits for next season, signing appropriate document
  - Recommend people buy their own suits,
  - Apiary suits to be washed
  - Normal apiary hygiene
  - Gazebo for members to get changed.

Alex suggests laying shingle down the side of Miller Hall to make this a safe entrance /Exit /one-way system. Alex to price this, (Selco delivered last time of ordering)

### 4. Correspondence Received (Sarah Crofton)

1. BIBBA have produced a webinar (price £15) a 1 hour presentation followed by a whole day of presentations 9.30am to 5.30pm, which could be an option to offer this as an alternative to our Winter Course.
2. Warwick has now 43/44 people signed up for the Course.
3. Correspondence from "Social Pantry" catering company re Beekeeping in their unit. Difficult to proceed anyway because of Covid 19.

### 5. Membership Secretary (WF)

No changes in membership numbers

Warwick to put out letter regarding adding discounted Beecraft subscription to next invoice, other fees unchanged.

### 6. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

£460 taken by Ted in the shop "Winter Sale".

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**7. AHAT**

No activity since last meeting

**8. AOB**

1. Technical side of presenting the winter course Tuesday evening meetings on Google meet scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> December. Start date mid January
2. Ray/Patrick/Warwick/Gia presenters, Ray suggests asking the membership re volunteering to give a one hour presentation.
3. Stock control for the shop: "Woo commerce" can be downloaded onto shop computer, Ray/Harvey to investigate further. Sum Up deal (basic) can be used in the first instance but has no stock control. £9 per month extra for stock control, this is an ordering tool only. New shop management software is compatible with windows 10. There is a requirement for a new laptop at a cost of approx. £450. To come out of association account (Better for depreciation purposes).
4. Garden seating to be brought inside for the winter.
5. Ted/Harvey opening the shop on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December for pick up of sale items. 10am till 3pm
6. ADM of BBKA takes place on 16<sup>th</sup> January. Warwick due to be at virtual meeting, but would require a reserve delegate just in case. Anyone who wants to be reserve, let Warwick know asap. All proposals to go to the ADM are in December's edition of BBKA news.

Meeting closed 9.05pm

Next meeting January 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 , Virtual meeting on Google Meet.