

Minutes of the 688th Meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Virtual meeting Google Meetup

Present: Warwick Francis, Patrick Brennan , Ray Nicol, Chris Betley, Candida Williamson, Jane Sachdev, Sarah Crofton, Alex Lawrence, Jean Loveland, Harvey Kirk

Apologies: Ted Chatley

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Matters arising : none.

Issues arising: none.

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

2. Apiary and Mole Works

Mole:

1. Water reading carried out, little water used, and low bill expected.
2. Alex to pick up fencing for the area to the side of the main gates, delayed at present

Twickenham Apiary:

1. Ray's task list circulated, committee to look to see if changes are required, discussion for next meeting.
2. Oxalic acid treatment completed on all apiary hives.

3. Coronavirus

1. Protocol for teaching circulated. Committee to look through and suggest any additions. Ray looking to circulate this to the teachers. Committee has no objections.

4. Correspondence Received (Sarah Crofton)

-Most sent to Warwick to circulate.

-Company requires wax for making "wax wraps". Suggest wax sourced from Thornes. Most members recycle for our own bees. Wax also needs refining.

5. Membership Secretary (WF)

Invitation for new membership to be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Membership same price as last year. Includes insurance, BBKA magazine, honey prep room, shop.

BBKA due to increase price of capitation next year.

ADM is to be attended by Warwick on behalf of our association. Warwick expects more associations will try to become direct members (like us). Report to be given next meeting.

6. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

Expenditure : £7809

Income: £14414

Transferred £2576 from trading account to keep £4000 in the trading account.

Auditor will be looking at the accounts in due course.

Income from winter course and BBKA membership is looking good.

"Bees in the Garden" or event similar event including general public will be organised post Covid.

Warwick suggests a new strategy of saving bees rather than keeping honeybees. ie emphasis on gardening for pollinators in general.

7. AHAT

Nothing to report. One confirmed sighting in September in Gosport, in whole of 2020. All primary nest and secondaries were destroyed.

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8. AOB

1. **Shop:** Need to set up and direct people to the website to use shop, ie click and collect. At present there is not enough trade to make this worthwhile. The shop may be able to be opened earlier than normal for the start of the season eg for wax purchases.
2. Jane mentioned Shaun has contacted school teachers with history of visits to the apiary. General feeling is that not much will happen before May, risk assessments will have to take place depending on Covid 19 restrictions: social distancing/ equipment quarantining/ could not use Discovery centre. To await government advice as we are still in lockdown,
3. Ray mentioned if practical teaching to go ahead , marquee could be used as well as a couple of gazebo's to keep everything outdoors.
4. Volunteers required. Letter to be sent to membership in this regard.
5. Jean to get the Honey Show information over to Warwick.
6. Shingle required for side access area, Alex to get price for at least 2x bags from Selco. Aprox £50 per bag.
7. AGM discussed. We are duty bound to have an AGM, need last years accounts approved (2019 accounts approved). We need to know which is the best way to vote. Patrick to draft the letter in this regard.
8. Harvey to buy lap top for shop together with a large monitor, so stock control software can be utilized.
9. Winter course group has been set up. Course session topics need reviewing together with the handouts.

Meeting concluded 8.30pm

Next meeting February 24th at 7.30 pm Virtually on Google Meet.