

Minutes of the 689th Meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 7.30pm

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

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. Ray: All looked OK ,all bees flying.
2. Fence: Old fence strengthened temporarily until new fence fitted.
3. Di and Mick have done a sterling job in keeping the apiary neat and tidy, adding containers/bulbs. The committee would like to thanks them for their hard work.

Twickenham Apiary:

1. 2 bags of shingle have arrived for the side of the lb/discovery centre.
2. Rotten feather edge panels next to lab will have to be cut out and replaced, also wood at bottom of black shed needs replacing. Extra wood panel strips in loft, spare paint in the lawnmower shed. To add to to do list (Ray's list)
3. Bees flying from all hives, except one which was already weak. 9 colonies in total. Ray to allocate hives to volunteers as last year.
4. Volunteers for gardening needed, Chris to look at this with view to allocate jobs once lockdown eases.
5. Alex and Candy getting heads together on completing the hide. The company Candy was dealing with is not back in action. Candy to come in once a week to complete.
6. School visit situation is still unsettled due to covid restrictions, School visits at schools not yet taking place.
7. Alex suggests that the marquee which is stored in the loft can be looked at with a view to using this in April for outside shelter when teaching starts.
8. Ray suggests the Tuesday group reconvenes when covid restrictions are lifted.

3. Coronavirus

1. Protocol for teaching to be sent to Shaun and the education group. Coronavirus risk assessment needs to be completed for each of the school visits. 17th May is when groups of 6 people can meet outdoors, future clarification as to when Friday nights can go ahead needed.
2. Jean suggests one teacher makes a group of 6 on different days through the week depending on teacher availability. Meeting of teachers to go ahead in due course.
3. Irek mentioned that the BBKA is going ahead with the Basic Examination. Warwick to email all 2019 beginners to contact Irek regarding this. The limiting factor is the number of hives in the Apiary

4. Correspondence Received (Sarah Crofton)

1. Email received from London BKA with general survey re honeybee numbers/heat maps of London and importance of other pollinators rather than honeybees (which are not in decline). The association is actively looking for allies , associations who have a mission statement incorporating educating the public in the importance of a more environmental

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ethos. According to the Charities commission, our mission statement would need to be changed. The motion to change our mission statement to be put forward at the AGM

2. Jonathan Palmer would like to stand for President. Jean had an online meeting with him. He lives in Isleworth, looks after the ground of St John's church and is active in the local community. His beekeeping mentor is James Duckenfield and he attended the winter course in 2019. Jean to let Chris know his email address to invite to the next meeting

5. Membership Secretary (WF)

98 members have paid, a reminder to be sent out in due course.

Reg 78

Partner 2

Country1

Family 9

Associate 2

Hons 1

Beecraft magazine subscription 13 members have taken this, No new members at present,

6. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

1. New laptop purchased by Harvey, being formatted at present
2. Banking costs increased from £5 to £8/month
3. Electricity costs £61 in 2 total £5201 months of no apiary activity
4. Mole water meter reading needs to be repeated (Alex to do). Mole electricity is £25.
5. Income £4380, gift aid £820,
Insurance BDI to come in May
COIF account, Christine is the additional signatory to be sorted
6. Paperwork for the audit to be completed, awaiting additional information from Ted

7. AHAT

Patrick and Ray are due to attend the AHAT conference on 7th March 2012

8. AOB

1. Chris to list gardening jobs
2. Alex has cleaned corrugated plastic, adjusted the gates and cleaned paths and has cut the grass.
3. The on/off switch to the water heater needs to be in the HPR room rather than the ladies toilet.
4. Michael Foster's keyshave not been returned, to be written off

Meeting concluded 9pm. Next meeting Wed 7th April 2021 at 7.30pm on Google meet