

Minutes of the 692nd Meeting held on Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7.30pm

Virtual meeting Google Meetup

Present: Warwick Francis, Patrick Brennan , Ray Nicol, Chris Betley, Candida Williamson, Jane Sachdev, Alex Lawrence, Sarah Crofton, Jonathan Palmer

Apologies: none

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Alex proposes minutes as true and correct,

Ray seconds the proposal. No objections/abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Apiary and Mole Works

Mole:

1. Toilet seat in portaloo replaced by Mick and Diane
2. Mole apiary building renovation/repairs: Need a new proposal for ongoing works. Meeting to be organised once Covid regs are relaxed to determine the purpose of Mole Apiary going forward.
3. Open day to be organised at the beginning of September, as general public not aware of it's existence.
4. Jane has been interviewed by local journalists from "Your Elmbridge" and "Court Circular" about beekeeping in general at Mole Apiary
5. Jonathan mentioned the possibility of applying for a grant for Mole apiary, further discussion to determine objectives/outcomes to be discussed further.

Twickenham Apiary:

1. We have now one working solar , we have two spare solars for future use.
2. Colonies in the apiary: 20 colonies, space is now at a premium and some merging will be done before the end of the season
3. Gutters need cleaning and general tidying required, an ever growing list. Warwick suggests the association pays a gardener to do the specialist jobs. Candy mentioned that she knows a gardener/ odd job man who may be interested. Candy proposes getting a gardener organised, Warwick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Wax has been rendered and /burning of frames has been started.
5. Working party to be organised as a matter of urgency once Covid restrictions allow in addition to the Tuesday group.
6. Alex has offered the Association the use of a second hand washing machine. The committee to determine whether there is a use for this at the next meeting.

3. Correspondence Received (Sarah Crofton)

- a. Response to aggressive hive on Council allotment issue: the beekeeper in question has followed the right protocols and has requeened the aggressive hives where necessary and the committee believe the issue has been resolved. Our initial reply should in hindsight have waited until more research had been done into the problem.
- b. A local photographer would like to take photos of beekeepers in the Apiary (? Irek to liase)
- c. Member of the public interested in visiting the apiary for their "Wax wedding anniversary" ie 16 years. Difficult with restrictions, but open to donations for visit when this happens. Jonathan to liase (isleworth locality)
- d. A postgrad researcher looking into urban beekeeping has been in contact. Ray and Jane to liase with her.

4. Membership Secretary (WF)

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4 New members: Christopher McLeod, Mahdi Bouanik, Ashley Martin. Stephen Roberts (member of south Croydon) joins as country member, Committee has no objections to these new members joining the association

147 Registered members

8 partners

4 Country

20 Family members

3 Associate

6 Honorary

Total 188.

5. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)**6.**

1. Donations for Winter course low (online) compared with in person teaching. If we decide to continue with online teaching next year then we need to discuss at the next meeting as we would normally expect £2000.
2. Education team have £180 yet to come in.
3. Expenses £6627.94, income £10271.55. Open Day/Honey Show together are a big income generators which we have lost out on.
4. CAF bank have lost a cheque deposit £60, the bank expect the association to do the chasing! Charges ate £16 with no interest forthcoming. Warwick to discuss next meeting

7. AHAT

Nothing to report this year. Jersey is having a torrid time. Ray emphasised the importance of hornet traps.

8. AOB

- a. **Insurance:** A policy is needed to cover all eventualities with regards injuries/claims:
 - BBKA recommended no training for anyone who is not a member of BBKA.
 - Members of the public covered under direct supervision of membership. Members may be claimed against, not the BBKA. ie general public can watch from a distance, including people in a training group who are not members
 - Visitors to sign a waiver, can be organised post Covid next season.
- b. **Honey Sales:** Warwick has had labels printed and best before cap labels for end of 2023. The honey is warming and requires jarring. The jars from last year also need warming and re labelling. The plan is to sell the Apiary honey at the beginning of August.
- c. **Brentford FC:** The newly promoted team have approached Warwick with a view to working with the association promoting pollinators (not just honey bees). Warwick is due to meet with liason officer from the football club in July.
- d. Graham Merry has been cutting the grass and keeping the Apiary garden in check, The committee would like to thank him for his hard work.
- e. Accounts due to be ready in July. The AGM date to be set at the next meeting as we need 28 days' notice. Presentation at the AGM of the Association converting to charitable company in the near future. For next meeting.
- f. New planting/Shrubs to be discussed for the Queen's platinum jubilee next year.

Meeting concluded 9.30pm Next meeting Wed 11th August at 7.30pm on Google meet