

**Minutes of the 693rd Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm**

Virtual meeting Google Meetup

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

**Apologies:** Jonathan Palmer, Sarah Crofton, Irek G

**1. Minutes and Matters Arising**

Warwick proposes minutes as true and correct,

Ray seconds the proposal. No objections, Candida abstained (did not receive). Motion carried.

**2. Apiary and Mole Works****Mole:**

1. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm is Mole Open afternoon, Mole beekeepers to sell their honey as well as Twickenham apiary honey (50 jars to sell)
2. Apiary tidy up and meeting of Mole beekeepers 28<sup>th</sup> August 10am.

**Twickenham Apiary:**

1. 12 Full hives and 3 nucs present , varroa treatments coordinated in next two weeks. Need 8 hives minimum to go through winter. Difficult to gauge as no Friday catch up each week.
2. Ray has created a list of tasks to go through each meeting: To summarize:  
-Guttering , some has already been cleared, some needs attention behind honey prep room, to be looked at in due course
3. Honey prep room/drainage/heater -Patrick to check
4. Volunteers needed for spring and Autumn cleaning frames/general tidying/garden maintenance and cleaning of kitchen and toilet areas. Several members suggested volunteers get shop discount. To discuss at next meeting.
5. Bee suits to be cleaned/sorted by Chris.
6. Patrick to put notice at his allotment requesting gardening/general handyman help.

**3. Correspondence Received (Sarah Crofton)**

1. More people wanting to do the Winter beginner's course
2. Ham Fair 11<sup>th</sup> September, many of the committee cannot do this (possibly Irek)

**4. Membership Secretary (WF)**

1 new member (Susan Deroeper)

Capitation due at the end of August , membership then closed for the year.

148 Registered members

8 partners

4 Country

21 Family members

3 Associate

6 Honorary

Total 190.

Susan Deroeper asked whether there was a members section on the website that listed the stock for sale at the shop together with prices. To follow this up at the next meeting.

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

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-£1225 taken at Honey Sale . Arrangement to sell to members on Friday nights once opened until the end of September.

- Sum up charges for honey sales £12. Could be used in future open days/teas

-£625 taken by education group

-Balance of capitation to be paid out in August

Total expenditure £6800-£7000

Income £11,000

Waiting for honey jar labels/ Honey prep room hire charges to be put through the accounts

-CAF bank have located the lost cheque and have credited the account.

-Auditor is waiting for a few minor details, WF to contact Neil Hilberry as some details may have gone to him.

**6. AHAT**

Nothing to report this

**7. AOB**

1. AGM : BBKA capitation increasing from £19 -£21 . To put to membership at AGM for approval
2. Friday evenings to be brought back (Starting 20<sup>th</sup> August ), speakers to be arranged for next season. Suggest bringing back "Bees in the garden" with Dave Goulson.  
Jean to forward list of speakers from her association at Eastbourne, which have been invited to speak there in the past.
3. National Honey Show is taking place this year live, at the end of October, check list of speakers for this. (Ray)
4. Candida requests money for Education group for purchase of scaffolding poles/boards to hold down hide material in case of winds.
5. Washing machine not required at apiary . Alex to find a good home for it.
6. Ray would like to add Library audit to the list of apiary tasks.

Meeting concluded 9.25pm

Next meeting Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm **at the Miller Hall, Twickenham Apiary**