

Minutes of the 694th Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 7.30pm

At Miller Hall, T&TVBKA Apiary

Present: Warwick Francis, Patrick Brennan , Chris Betley, Candida Williamson, Jane Sachdev, Ted Chatley, Jean Loveland,

Apologies: Ray Nicol, Sarah Crofton, Alex Lawrence

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Warwick proposes minutes as true and correct,
patrick seconds the proposal. No objections. Motion carried.

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

1. Skip required for clearance of site, £250 + VAT. Proposed by Chris, Seconded by Candy. Motion carried unanimously. Working party arranged for 2nd and 3rd October.
The Plan: Remove undergrowth by fence adjoining flats, clear space for new shed, remove old inaccessible shed and contents.
2. The Mole open day was a great success, a steady stream of people came to look, buy honey and find out about beekeeping.
3. An offer has been received to buy the freehold of the site of Mole Apiary for £500,000. Committee voted unanimously to decline this offer. To write back with this decision.

Twickenham Apiary:

1. The committee would like to thank Alex and Malcolm for all their help cleaning the apiary and in particular for tying up the rambling rose.
2. Friday 24th September is the last Friday night at the Apiary. Traditional evening of drinks and nibbles planned.
3. Honey Prep room to be sorted out once the bookings have stopped . There is a case for purchasing a smaller settling tank for hire (stainless steel)

3. Correspondence Received (Sarah Crofton)

1. Jane has liaised with Charlotte Walker regarding photographs of the apiary . A meeting is planned at Mole Apiary on 23rd October .
2. Beginner's course waiting list. Only £324 taken for virtual beginner's course. To discuss ways to increase payment of future beginners courses , possibly to take money up front. Decision to be taken next meeting.

4. Membership Secretary (WF)

No changes, remains at 190.

148 Registered members

8 partners

4 Country

21 Family members

3 Associate

6 Honorary

Total 190.

5. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

£12000 income

£7500 expenditure

Income will increase when we start face to face teaching next season.

Awaiting Auditor for final accounts.

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6. AHAT

No sightings except Jersey and Guernsey

7. AOB

1. AGM. To decide on dates in due course
2. Plaque to be arranged for the observation hive kindly donated by Mike Scotton.
3. Capitation increase to be forwarded to the membership at the next AGM, in the meantime the membership cost to stay the same, absorbed and the increase to be passed on next year
4. Brentford F.C. are keen on hosting a "Bees in the garden/ insect apocalypse " talk again with Dave Goulson in the coming few months.

Meeting concluded 8.25pm

Next meeting Wed 3rd November at 7.30pm **at the Miller Hall, Twickenham Apiary**