

Minutes of the 695th Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7.30pm

At Miller Hall, T&TVBKA Apiary

Present: Warwick Francis, Patrick Brennan , Chris Betley, Candida Williamson, Jane Sachdev, Ted Chatley, Irek G, Ray Nicol, Harvey Kirk

Apologies: Jane Sachdev, Sarah Crofton, Alex Lawrence

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Ted proposes minutes as true and correct,

Candy seconds the proposal. No objections. Motion carried.

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

Works carried out on site in the last month:

-Asbestos removal £360 (polish asbestos removal company)

-Skip hire £276

- HSS concrete breaker hire £83

Patrick Proposes to accept the above, seconded by Ray. Motion passed unanimously.

Twickenham:

1. Malcolm has spent 4 Tuesdays cleaning gutters, this is almost complete. Thanks from the committee go to Malcolm on all his hard work.
There has been a fair amount of land reclaimed after bramble removal in the main apiary site.
2. Rendering of wax/burning of frames has been completed. All hives ready for over wintering. All honey from the apiary has been extracted and put in the settling tank/buckets.
3. Honey prep room to be made ready for the new season in due course. Also extractor needs checking (Patrick). £125 received from hire charges this season.
4. Ted to buy another settling tank including tap and filter for next year (available from Thornes for approx. £30).

3. Correspondence Received (Sarah Crofton)

1. The T&TVBKA centenary film has been submitted to 6-7 film festivals to great plaudits. Alice received the Silver award in the charities film festival 2020 amongst others.
2. The ADM is going ahead in hybrid form in Jan 2022, Warwick to attend, Ray willing to attend online as reserve rep.

No changes, remains at 190.

148 Registered members

8 partners

4 Country

21 Family members

3 Associate

6 Honorary

Total 190.

4. Membership Update (Warwick)

No changes, 190 members. Gift aid of £1496.15 has been received

5. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

Accounts have been signed off by the auditor . Patrick to draft a report re accounts to the membership in due course. To have 3 AGM's in March 2022. TBD

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6. AHAT

A nest was destroyed in Portsmouth end October, and one located and destroyed in Ascot, fortunately it had not started producing queens when it was examined.

7. AOB

1. Jenny Wilkinson has 5 brand new Nucs for the Apiary.
2. Oxalic acid treatment to be done 2nd week in December (Ted to get Apibioxal)
3. Warwick to set up a call with Brentford FC to organise a "Bees in the Garden " type event for next season. Possibility of inviting Dave Goulson again with pollinators as subject (he has a new book out). Twickenham exchange Theatre our preferred venue.
4. Winter course will have more content about pollinators and wild bees, stepping away from old running order, ie with Bee biology/behaviour of other bees such as mason bees and bumble bees, ethics of beekeeping.
5. If it is to be an online course again , then an up front charge of £30 to be paid between 1st and 10th January. Then 16 people for the practical starting in April.
6. Shop is to open on 5th December for all purchases especially of fondant/foundation

Meeting concluded at 9.05pm

Next meeting 15th December 2021 at 7.30pm Miller Hall