

**Present:** Warwick Francis, Patrick Brennan , Chris Betley, Candida Williamson, Irek G, Harvey Kirk, Sarah Crofton, Jean Loveland, Jane Sachdev,

**Apologies:**

**1. Minutes and Matters Arising**

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

**2. Apiary and Mole Works**

**Mole:**

1. Garden shed base proposed, plastic matrix and shingle, aprox £200 plus shingle. Purchase proposed by Sarah, seconded by Ray, carried unanimously
2. Weeding/cleaning around hut done in November, ready for base
3. Harvey suggests hiring a digger and operator to clear remaining bushes, committee to decide whether too keep some bushes near boundary with new houses. To add to agenda for further discussion. Warwick conscious of money spent at Mole Apiary.

**Twickenham:**

1. Ray suggests general maintenance ie removal of leaves, for Tuesday afternoon group
2. Oxalic acid (apibioxal ) treatment imminent. Bees not clustered at present, to complete when weather colder.

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

1. Grimwood Road project: To leave the ball in their court with regards to volunteers, too may commitments to our Apiary garden.
2. Plaque from BBKA sent to Sarah Crofton, to forward to apiary in due course, to then put in Mole Apiary.
3. Hounslow Heath golf club being rebuilt , they are looking to “do something for bees” Could push them to importance of pollinators rather than honeybees.. Warwick to set up a meeting as he is a near neighbour.
4. Falcons prep school is a school member, they were looking to take over one of our hives, not possible at present as they are used for educational purposes already. Patrick to reply.

**4. Membership Update (Warwick)**

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

148 Registered members

8 partners

4 Country

21 Family members

3 Associate

6 Honorary

Total 190.

Melanie/Ewan McLean are rejoining as county members next season.

20 people signed up for the winter course. £35 to be charged for course, payable on Sumup.

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

Water Bill (Twickenham )in credit. Meters need to be read at both sites. Rates of both sites in credit with both Councils. Website/internet £210 to be paid out.

Income £12000

Expenditure £8300.Membership income down (covid related )

**Minutes of the 696<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30pm**

At Miller Hall, T&TVBKA Apiary

**6. AHAT**

No other sightings

**7. AOB**

1. AGM planned for March (Covid depending)
2. Winter Course , Ray/Warwick to set up a meeting.
3. Jane wants Education group on main agenda. A powerpoint presentation shown from Somerset Association (The McLeans ) Shawn is keen to use these resources, so it has been revamped for school visits. New online booking system about to go live. For end Jan/beginning of Feb. Schools can then choose their slot. Jane/Sonia to decide on which days our volunteers can commit.
4. Patrick to replace the Apiary laptop (January sale)
5. Molesey Christmas evening was a great success, honey sales/ biscuit sales went very well.

Meeting concluded at 9.00pm

Next 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm Miller Hall