## Minutes of the 698th Meeting held on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm

Held at Miller Hall/virtual on google meets

Present: Warwick Francis (online), Chris Betley, Candida Williamson, Harvey Kirk, Jean

Loveland(online), Ted Chatley, Ray Nicol, Alex Lawrence,

Apologies: Irek G, Patrick Brennan, Jane

### 1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Ray proposes minutes as true and correct, Harvey seconds, passed unanimously as a true representation of the meeting

## 2. Apiary and Mole Works

#### Mole:

To schedule a date for working party to lay the base for the new shed (plastic matrix plus shingle, committee approved) depending on the weather from April onwards.

#### Twickenham:

- 1. Ray looked in all hives, all bringing in pollen, resuming Friday beginners/basic practical meets. To allocate hives on first beginners evening.
- 2. Warwick has had the apiary laptop stolen. Back up strategy needed going forward.
- 3. Apiary Friday evenings to start from 1<sup>st</sup> April (members) and 22<sup>nd</sup> April for beginners. 6 teachers plus Ray, (Carl C, Chris B, Karen M, Candy W, Patrick Band Graham M)
- 4. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June date for Open Day
- 5. Task list enclosed and updated for discussion at next meeting.

### 3. Education Group

Jane has set up an Eventbrite site for schools bookings. Days are Tuesday and Thursday only, session 1 10am to 11am

Session 2 1115an t012 15pm

There have been initial teething problems, working well, starting school visits after Easter. Donations accepted (£1 per child, with minimum amount £20)

#### 4. Correspondence Received

Warwick has been approached by sky location scout looking for a venue for a "mock school disco" does not think this site is wholly suitable at this time.

#### 5. Membership Update (Warwick)

Warwick has not had access to the bank account for accurate updatesince the laptop was stolen No new members have joined since last meeting

At present: 91 registered

4 partner 1 country 10 family 3 Assocuiate

6 Hons

Total 115

#### 6. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

£92000 funds available, £16000 in deposit account.

Total income £5900

Total expenditure £300, excluding capitation

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# 7. AHAT

Nothing to report. Start of season where hornet queens out of hibernation. Importance of monitoring trap set up.

#### 8. AOB

- 1. AGM in person 25<sup>th</sup> March, Patrick sent out the notice 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, not everyone has renewed their subs so they would not have received them.
- 2. Accounts are with the auditor. Reports and nominations have to go out asap.
- 3. Ray to set up Apiary Web calendar so members can log in.

Meeting concluded 8.50pm. Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022, in person at Miller Hall/google meet on request