

Minutes of the 699th Meeting held on Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 7.30pm

Held at Miller Hall/virtual on google meets

Present: Warwick Francis , Chris Betley, Candida Williamson, Harvey Kirk, Ted Chatley, Ray Nicol, Alex Lawrence, Irek G, Jonathan (Online)

Apologies: Julie Hill, Patrick Brennan

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

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

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

1. 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/May onwards.
2. Beavers visit organised for 4th July, working party to tidy and clear in readiness.
3. Plan of plots in the Apiary and Audit to check with rental income. (J.S.)

Twickenham:

1. Ray and Karen Mann noticed evidence of an outbreak of CBPV in 2+ hives . Symptoms are shiny black bees/dead bees at hive front. In hives 7a and 8. Treatment either shake bees out or give them more space.
2. 12-13 hives at present, 2 are for merging. Sample to be sent to NBU to coordinate with the Bee inspector (Tom Bickersdyke)
3. Maintenance: Black shed tar felt has come away in the wind and will need re felting, although it is not leaking at present. It may be wise to check all sheds at the same time as dealing with this one. The wood store also needs checking for leakage.
4. **Action list to be discussed at next meeting:**
 -Task 1 Roof quotes x2 . Patrick has a roofer friend , also Ray has someone in mind.
 -Secretary@twickerbees.co.uk email address to be transferred

3. Education Group

26th April is the first visit, every Tue/Thursday booked until end of June. Final date offered is 9th July. Core people for Tuesday and Thursday have been confirmed. The hide is up and ready to go.

Jane has updated the curriculum. A few sundry receipts submitted to Warwick. Jane discussed the Dorling Kindersley book which is an excellent children's reference book. To purchase one for the Apiary in the first instance.

4. Correspondence received

one dealing with correspondence, Warwick to deal with it for the present time.

- Teddington/Sunbury W.I. want to arrange a visit. Need to find out what they want to see. It would require hosting an evening in July.
- Clive Williams has hive equipment he is bringing into the Apiary (Warwick has organised)
- Jean just reminded us via email that we didn't have a minutes' silence remembering people who have passed away since the last AGM in 2019 (Michael Foster et al). Possibility of doing this at the Honey Show later in the year.

5. (Membership Update (Warwick))

Members	127
Partner	4
Country	1
Family	13

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	Associate	4
	Honorary	6
Total		155

New members:

Maggie King	Daniel Alcazar	Derek Burgess
Suzi Mutch	Jonathan Firth	Steph Whitty
George Longstaff	Maria Miranda	

Mole Apiary Stands : keith Mc Arthur X5 stands paid for

Total 25 stands paid for.

Ted to check the computer this week to make sure people who buy from the shop have got membership.

6. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

BBKA/BDI have been paid this year.

£430 owed to Beecraft.

Professional fees have been paid top the auditor

Water rates: we are now in credit. Readings are tricky at present because of plant roots.

Total income : £7045

Paid Out £3918.36

Total funds £93037.76 (£16,000 in unit trusts included in that)

7. AHAT

Very little action in UK except for Jersey.

We need to publicise Asian Hornet as a real threat to Beekeeping, possibility to show pictures of hornet with Education group material, stand at the Honey show/open day.

8. AOB

1. Jane prefers online meetings, suggest if all happy to hold the next meeting online with the usual link on Google calendar/google meet.
2. Ray: Ray to look into purchase of omnidirectional microphone £20-30 e.g. for a hybrid meeting.

Meeting concluded 8.50pm. Next meeting 1st June 2022, virtual meeting via google meet.