

Minutes of the 700th Meeting held on Wednesday 1st June 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), Jane Sachdev, Julie Hill, Patrick Brennan

Apologies: Harvey Kirk

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

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

Patrick is awaiting quotes for the roof, (Twickenham)

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

1. Di and Mick are doing a sterling job keeping the garden in order, it is a pleasure to visit the apiary and they have added some lovely touches with planters.
2. Beavers visit organised for 4th July 5.30 to 6.30, observation hive and talk and games planned. Working party to tidy and clear in readiness.

Twickenham:

1. Bees are doing well, 3 queenless hives but spare queens galore.
2. New extractor needs fixing (has broken x3), the switch is malfunctioning, may be cheaper to buy a switch and get an electrician to fix, than sending the whole unit back to thornes as it is now out of warranty. Patrick has dates of purchase, Patrick to contact Thorne's
3. Open day 11th June. Friday is tidy up evening. Shopping list needed by Patrick the Tuesday before. Big Tarp needs the dates changing for outside the Apiary, gazebo to be set up.
4. The new beekeeping books in Miller Hall need storing temporarily.
5. Quotes for roof felt repairs: Ray talked to someone who might be interested. Ray to take photos and put on website for interested tradespeople
The felt has lifted on the black shed also, so all sheds in need of attention.
6. Julie knows of someone at TW1 gardening who could do the job. She will enquire. They also may be interested in general garden tidy up on regular basis
7. Maintenance list: Alarms have been checked, Nearest defibrillator at Heatham House and Twickenham station. Epipen has expired, no prospect of procuring a new one.

3. Education Group

Everything is running smoothly. This year has been a "Pilot scheme" trying the new curriculum and new booking system. There will be a review at the end of the season for what works/doesn't.

There have been some volunteers lost along the way.

Feedback has been no less than 9/10 for visits.

The scout visit was cancelled due to lack of volunteers on the date concerned. Beavers booked for 22nd June. (7+ agegroup)

4. Correspondence received

Warwick has delegated most to the membership where appropriate.

There have been referrals for visits and also for the Winter course next year.

£30 to join the council for the Honey Show. (Warwick to check if we are already members)

5. (Membership Update (Warwick))

Members	128
Partner	4
Country	1

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Family	13
Associate	4
Honorary	6
Total	156

One new member Will Jones to join Chris's beginner's group.

6. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

Winter course donations £665 (both joined association and not joined)

BDI and BBKA capitation paid, Beecraft paid.

Sundries are being processed

Water meter has been installed, we are still £300 in credit

Rates: Full rates paid for 2020, both Elmbridge and Richmond councils gave rebates on 2021

Richmond : £99 + £150 in credit

Elmbridge: Paid £20

Expenditure £4000

Income £8097 + £1100 gift aid

Cashless system to be used for open day, cost 1.69%

7. AHAT

One sighting in Felixstowe only

8. AOB

1. Irek to set up foundation rolling for open day
2. Basic assessments to take place Sat 2nd July, 6 candidates, 3 before, 3 after lunch.
3. Rep from Brentford football club are due to make an appearance at open day

Meeting ended 8.40pm

Next meeting (Hybrid) 13th July 7.30, online or at Miller Hall