

**Minutes of the 701<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 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, Harvey Kirk

**Apologies:** None

**1. Minutes and Matters Arising**

Julie proposes minutes to be true and correct representation of the meeting, Jonathan seconds. Passed unanimously.

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

1. Fantastic feedback from Beavers visit in June.
2. Open afternoon 4<sup>th</sup> September for members honey sales and open day/observation hive.
3. Molesey WI speakers required, talk for 45 minutes Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**Twickenham:**

1. 12-13 colonies at present. Remedial work done to reduce CBPV: identified hives had bees shaken out. There appears to be a good reduction in CBPV now.
2. 4 consecutive Fridays are booked for the honey extraction of apiary supers, with beginners groups.
3. Patrick awaiting quote for roof shed repairs.
4. Robert at "TW1 gardening" is keen to get involved in gardening and shed maintenance, Julie to chase up and arrange a convenient time to meet.
5. Alex and Ted have discussed accessing another controller for the large 12 frame extractor, to follow up so we have email confirmation.
6. Books in Miller hall not wanted by the association , Patrick to take to British Legion.
7. Floor in honey prep room together with mouldy buckets and dirty mops does not give a good impression. Proposal by Julie to have the HPR professionally cleaned at the beginning of the season and protocol for use sign in room: Jonathan proposes, Candy seconds. Passed unanimously. The honey prep room will be booked for clean so no one has access in that time.

**3. Education Group**

Feedback has been very positive. The group has finishes now for the season, review is in a weeks' time, to assess the season and discuss if there are any changes going forward. The new programme is impressive so well done to all in the education group. Overhanging trees around the front of the hide need attention, as it was difficult for the children to see the frames even on a sunny day.

**4. Correspondence received**

Most correspondence sent out to membership where appropriate. School in Mortlake requested the association to run 8 week course from there. To reply to emphasise gardening / planting for all pollinators rather than honey bees is required, better for the environment. The association already run a course here, Warwick to contact them to see what they want.

**5. (Membership Update (Warwick))**

Members	137
Partner	5
Country	2
Family	13
Associate	5
Honorary	6
Total	168

This is quite low number

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Chris Ford joined, he is a member of Weybridge Association

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

Income Education group: £902.76

Winter Course: £665

Members £333

Other £194

Ass members £80

Family member £71

Electricity £74 this month

Banking costs: CAF bank paid interest £6

COIF bank interest rates are on the increase.

Open day income £2930.79

Outgoings £225.00

It was a very successful open day. Congratulations to all involved, special mention to for Graham Merry organising the plant stall and Carl's organisation.

**7. AHAT**

No further sightings of Asian hornet this season on mainland, Chris and Julie to do the test to be in AHAT

**8. AOB**

1. Honey show this year not a blue ribband event, we did not book a honey judge in time. The honey show this year will be internally judged with reduction in classes. Booked for first weekend in October (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>). A talk for members will be arranged beforehand. Carl's style of organising worked for the open day, to ask if he would take on the mantle. To ask Karen Mann to be honey judge as she has experience shadowing the judge at previous shows, and Lisa, Harvey's wife to be domestic judge.
2. Cup competitions and points competition need to be prioritised, scaled down ie reduction and removal of some classes ie a more public friendly honey show.
3. Encourage members to bring their own honey so we don't run out on the day.
4. Harvey suggests producing a calling card for info about the apiary, contact number/website/facebook/twitter/QR code. Jonathan suggests a trifold leaflet again providing all info of what we do, 80p each, could then put it online. Ray/Jonathan to look into it.
5. Honey Market to take place on August bank Holiday Monday as usual. Tables at £15 each, members to sell at going rate. £10 for apiary honey this year at the honey show.
6. Julie to take over running the correspondence section.
7. Incorporated charity status: progress has not been made in a big way, Karen and Lawrence Mann volunteered to help. A proposal, ie putting the new constitution together will need to be approved by the membership and accepted by the Charities Commission.  
The documentation will need to be put together for the next AGM in March 2023.
8. To draw members to Friday evenings, need series of talks for members and the wider community. Ray willing to participate. We could approach M&S for cheap sandwiches at the end of the day to bring in more members

Meeting ended 9.20pm

Next meeting (Hybrid) 24<sup>th</sup> August 7.30, online or at Miller Hall