

**Minutes of the 702 Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. 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, Harvey Kirk

**Apologies:** Candida, Jonathan

**1. Minutes and Matters Arising**

Carl has put out schedule of Honey Show for October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

(Minuted as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Ray proposes the minutes as a true representation of the meeting, Patrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Planned open day to be postponed until spring 2023.

**Twickenham:**

1. "False Autumn" leaf loss of Bee Bee tree in apiary garden
2. All supers have been removed, all varroa treatments to be put on by the end of August.
3. CBPV has now resolved. Warwick has liaised with the Bee inspector. Samples sent to DEFRA , samples to be resent in September. The bee inspector is willing to come again in spring to do a bee diseases day. To be booked in due course.
4. The new extractor is being used without incidence, but is found to be difficult to clean. 70% of max speed found to be good enough to extract honey, the honey has to be drained promptly.
5. Honey Market set for August bank holiday Monday. 10,000 people have viewed the advert on Facebook
6. Quote for roof, plywood under the roof and felting on sheds £2500. Julie to chase up Robert at TW1 gardening.

**3. Education Group**

1. Ray to formulate an education outreach plan to cover fairs/PTA groups etc, to deal with the increasing numbers of enquiries regarding Bees/beekeeping. Resources and programme eg observation hives and volunteers are in short supply.
2. Schools education group to give a talk 9<sup>th</sup> September. Another note to be sent out to members. Next season to reinstate the tea rota, to encourage members to come along on Fridays evenings. Marks and Spencer ant Pret to be approached to bring in unsold sandwiches as this proved very successful in past years. Julie to approach both companies for next year.
3. Next meeting : to arrange diary after the Honey Show. (16<sup>th</sup> November) Various speakers to be discussed for future Friday evenings.

**4. Correspondence received**

All correspondence sent out to the committee, lots of interest in the forthcoming Winter Course. The course will go back to in person with £65 purchase in advance.

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

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

Total	168
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No changes since last meeting

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

Insurance has increased by £500

Water rates still in negative. Readings to be taken at both Mole and Twickenham.

Income: Education team late payments £1027

Honey prep room £150

Warwick is going to try to get a better deal on WiFi as we are out of contract at Vodaphone.

At present we are paying £26 inc Vat

Updated COIF account information and unit trust information

Cash in hand £112,000

Shop £5700 at present

Electricity rise due October 2022, with no cap for business fuel. HPR and warming cabinet use the most electricity, There is no information on each individual appliance.

**7. AHAT**

No further sightings of Asian hornet this season on mainland. Chris still to do online course.

**8. AOB**

Hybrid meeting worked very well this time, sound quality much improved.

Meeting ended 8.30pm

Next meeting (Hybrid) 5<sup>th</sup> October 7.30, online or at Miller Hall