

Minutes of the 703rd Meeting held on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm
on google meets

Present: Warwick Francis , Chris Betley, Harvey Kirk, Ray Nicol, Jonathan Palmer, Jane Sachdev, Harvey Kirk

Apologies: Julie Hill

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Jane proposes the minutes as a true representation of the meeting, Warwick seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Matters arising: Talk scheduled for 9th Sept postponed until the spring. Jane has taken emails of people interested in becoming volunteers for school visits.

2. Apiary and Mole Works

Mole:

1. The hall has been cleared and Alex's property had been covered with tarpaulin. Warwick has suggested the committee think about a new building at Mole, funding may be able to be applied for . We also need a plan for future use:

- a. Make good the building, repair windows/doors/flooring/roof or
- b. New building

General consensus required, to put it to the membership at the AGM in March 2023, with an outline proposal

2. Harvey to get quote for laying concrete base for 10x8 foot shed in corner of apiary gardens.
3. Molesey Magic Christmas is 24th November 5pm till 7pm, for members to sell honey

Twickenham:

1. Mouseguards are on and treatments off in due course. 23rd October (a Saturday) earmarked for final inspections, removal of varroa treatments, general tidy , wax rendering and frame cleaning. Ray to email membership including this year's beginner groups.
2. Quote for felting of roof: £2500 initial quote received. Alex to spec out what needs to be done for all three sheds. Ray to take pictures and put on My Builder.com to invite quotes from local companies

3. Education Group

Nothing to report re schools.

Discussion re members giving talks at fetes/education groups on behalf of the association, or people who are running hives on behalf of non-members. Ray had an education outreach programme draft. The association need to have a list of people prepared to:

- a. Give talks/education outreach
- b. Group going to summer fairs representing the association and selling their own honey
- c. People managing hives as individuals not on behalf of the association.

There is an opportunity to get other members involved other than committee members. A system of compensation for expenses incurred needs to be discussed, similar to eg BBKA expenses for delegates going to ADM. Ray to formulate an email for further discussion with the committee

4. Correspondence received

There is a talk about Bees and Beekeeping at Twickenham library this weekend run by Bushwood Bees (East London).

5. (Membership Update (Warwick))

Total 168, no change since August . Gift aid has now been received.

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6. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

Honey show proceeds £2000 aprox to come in.

£13670 income

£7315 expenditure

The shop has done very well, £6523 in account

£74,317 main account balance with £24 in received interest!

Total funds £113,513

7. AHAT

One nest found in Rayleigh Essex, one nest destroyed, not sure if new queens have flown until study of nest complete.

Diet in UK of AH anything with wings but mostly wasps, honeybees (30%)

depending on sample. AH most likely to be found on flowering ivy. Mating to be determined, not on the wing (?)

8. AOB

Centenary film is to be shown on loop in discovery centre

Centenary film up for more awards, TBC

Meeting ended 9pm

Next meeting (Hybrid) 16th November, online or at Miller Hall