

Present: Chris Betley, Jenny Band, Patrick Brennan, Kim Coles, Neil Hillbery, Ray Nicol, Irek Gajowniczek, Ted Chatley, Candice Williamson, Warwick Francis, Michael Foster

Apologies: Harvey Kirk, Alex Lawrence

1. Minutes and Outstanding issues from last meeting

- Alex has taken photographs to draw up a schedule of works for the Mole Apiary, Harvey to formulate the schedule of works for next meeting.
- No road closure on Open Day 2nd June, facilities at Cole court only available if no public event. Rugby 7's take place at same time.

2. Apiary and Mole works

- a. The trees have been trimmed in the Twickenham Apiary, the invoice has been sent to Neil. The log pile will be taken away by Edward the contractor. He left a pile for an "Insect hotel" but this was bigger than envisaged. Neil indicated that the log removal should have been done at completion as per contract.
- b. Paul from Nocobuild has quoted for the works at the rear of Miller Hall, ie concreting, cutting trench, provision of soak-away, repair of downpipe and remedy of all leaks. Committee voted for the work to be carried out by Nicobuild with one abstention. Patrick to contact the alternative contractor, to let him know.
- c. Harvey to organise schedule of works for Mole Apiary next meeting. The committee thank Mick and Diane for their hard work keeping the grass cut at Mole Apiary.

3. Correspondence received

- Warwick received correspondence regarding a site on the Isleworth/ Hounslow border, the "Sailing Garden" which for years had hives present. Warwick to put the details out to the membership in due course with regards taking on this site. Tracey Light to be asked first.
- Patrick Griffiths (a non-member) has asked to be put on the swarm list as his bees had died. Warwick replied that he had to become a member of the Association.

-Sandra Grey from NBU has indicated that there is no seasonal bee inspector in London this year, one has stepped down from the post and one has health problems. It was suggested with this in mind that we write to Sandra Grey to ask if some EFB/AFB lateral flow devices can be supplied to the Apiary free of charge.

- Asian hornet group has been set up, members are Julie, Ray, Patrick and Chris B.
- Charity fundraising pack sent, this was not needed.

4. Membership secretary's update (Warwick)

Current membership:

Full members	149
Partners	20
Country	2
Associate	4
Hons	8
Family	20
Junior	2
Total	205

New members:

Ms Christine Peppiatt

Mr David Arch

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Mr Simon Cox	Mr Ben Donaldson
Mr Alexander Evans	Mr Charlie Hargreaves
Mr Clive Harris	Mrs Oli Harris
Mr Paul McGlade	Mrs Beverley McGlade
Mr James McKenzie	Mrs Marie Pereira
Mrs Josie Shantonas	Mr Mel Shantonas
Mr Samuel Vilcko	Ms Anna Smigielska
Mrs Lesley Smith	Mr Tomas Stehlik
Mrs Nicola Theobald	Mr Ian Whitehorn
Mr David Melville	

David Melville is the Genral manager of a church organisation in Southall looking at getting a volunteer to become a beekeeper there.

LBRuT will send a cheque for Chase Bridge school, they will be BBKA schools project members. There are already 7 or 8 people on the Winter course list

4. Treasurer's update (NH)

Via attached email from Neil.

The majority of the income is from school visits and membership subscriptions. The Open Day and Honey Show will be the major contributors to income.

The queen rearing items donated have been put to good use this year.

5. Visit to Newbury BKA

We have been invited to visit Newbury BKA on 24th June. Warwick indicated we should take them up on this kind offer and will gauge the interest.

6. Open Day 2nd June

Plans are well underway. Signs and publicity have been done. Publicity has been included on other relevant websites.

Patrick has kindly taken on the money aspect of the plant stall. When Malcolm and Julia organised the plant stall there was approximately £230 profit. It is though that this is a small amount for the work involved and there is a risk of over purchasing. Viability for next year will be discussed after the Open day. Dunkirk nurseries in Egham will be used again, aprox £500 to be spent on plants. Some members (Graham et al) have kindly donated plants from their allotments to sell at no cost.

7. AOB

- a. A prototype for the sign for the outside of the Apiary has been produced. The cost is £744 to supply and fit (reduced by £155 without fit). The motion is passed, the committee is happy to proceed with supply and fit. Some alterations required: founded 1919 rather than since 1919. Open sans font.
- b. **Library:** A stock take has been completed for all the main cupboards. A large stack of leaflets and the reserve collection also has to be audited. A list of new books for people taking modules has been made. £1000 is total spend for these new books. Kim will cross check what we have got in stock and what we need before putting this to the committee. The valuation of the old stock has not been done recently. Some books are out of print / old editions. To contact Mike Scotton /Chris Deaves to find out when this was last done. Kim would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped with the stock take.

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- c. Twickenham Green Fair is on 16th 17th June. The observation hive and a gazebo is to be taken. Volunteers are needed for this. Also Ham fair on 9th June requires the observation hive.
- d. Ann Douglas's Apiary in the Church road allotments was wiped out when a car swerved off the A316. The woman was drunk in charge and it was felt that compensation would be difficult to get from third party insurance. Help is requested to restock the hives and replace equipment. "Crowdfunding " was suggested for this.
- e. Summer social provisionally booked for 21st July. Food and drink to be supplied by members as usual. No barbecue this year.
- f. Basic assessment practical examinations are to be held on 14th, 15th and 21st and 22nd July.
- g. Patrick would like to thank everyone who turned up to help with the Apiary clean on 19th May.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next meeting on 4th July 2018 at 7.30pm