Minutes of the 667th Meeting held on Wednesday 29th August 2018 at 7.30pm

Miller Hall, 41, Whitton Road, Twickenham.

Present: Chris Betley, Patrick Brennan, Neil Hillbery, Irek Gajowniczek, Ted Chatley, Candice Williamson, Michael Foster, Harvey Kirk, Alex Lawrence, Jean Loveland, Warwick Francis, Ray Nicol, Clare Toberty.

Apologies: Kim Coles, Jenny Band,

1. Minutes and Outstanding issues from last meeting

No amendments required, Minutes accepted as read.

2. Centenary Honours Board Clare Toberty)

The honours board will provide solution to the lack of room for shields on cups and plinths and to present the history of the Association. It also ties in with the new signage at the front of the Apiary.

Material is aluminium with acrylic cover, to be displayed in the covered area, both weatherproof and UV proof. This can be taken down in the closed season. Logos and signage according to the new layout. The boards will be tray shaped. The cover can be taken off to add new shields.

Cost: a. For production of the honours boards, shields, revision of plinths, 12 trays for the

12 cups £3630

b. Cost of shields £2139

Total £5769 inc VAT plus £200 contingency thereafter.

Darling signs have been chosen and are already doing the signage for the Association.

This was proposed by Warwick, seconded by Irek. Motion passed, one against, two abstentions.

Clare and Chris to organise this in time for the Centenary celebrations.

3. Mole works

Harvey proposes a new ship lap shed, flat pack 6 x 8 feet at a cost of £639.99.

Base required at a cost of £100, paving slabs 12 at £6 each plus sand and cement. The existing shed would need to be removed ie skip would be required. No other quotes at present.

4. Hide

Paul (Nicobuild) present. He indicated that he needs to consult an engineer to determine size of the concrete foundations required for the Dunster House spec.

Costs:

- a. Foundations, OK'd by engineer, slab flooring
- b. Gazebo installation costs with either flat roof (requires felt which doesn't last)or pitched roof and guttering.
- c. Dunster house gazebo costs £2500.

The installation would be needed before the end of the year to allow for time to contruct the inners.

Ted proposes the above, Ray seconded. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Candy notes that the timing is crucial. The side wall is grade II listed and council are to repoint the wall at some point next year and will need access.

5. Correspondence received (Sarah Corfton)

Nothing of relevance.

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6. Membership secretary's update (Warwick)

Current membership:

Full members 163
Partners 20
Country 2
Associate 6
Hons 8
Family 22
Junior 2
Total 223

Membership closed until next year. Capitation for BBKA due September 1st.

New members: Mr Martin Lanighan, Mr Keiron Caunter, Ms Felicitas Guertier, Ms Mei-Ling Kan, Miss Iris Klever, Mr Jim Murray, Mr Andy Parkes, Miss Helen Williams, Ms Sue Scott, Ms Helen Valentino.

7. Treasurer's update (NH)

Accounts circulated. Stock carried forward aprox. Same as last year. Ted makes it £4800. Honey prep room made £180-£200 for the year.

8. Library

Kim has purchased some books from Ann Denny as new for £50. Kim to present update at next meeting.

9. Health and Safety

To discuss at next meeting

10. Asian Hornet Action group

No confirmation of Kingston sighting. The action group presence to be put on website.

11. AOB

- a. A hive has been on loan from Ann Denny. Ray suggests the Association buys the bees plus equipment for £225. This was agreed.
- b. Warwick has suggested a public lecture for our centenary in the new St Mary@s University lecture theatre. Speakers suggested are Dave Coulson and Sarah Raven. Gardening associations and BBKA members to be invited. Theatre charged at £100 per hour/ £500 per day. All in favour, motion carried unanimously.
- c. South West London network, looking at a "loose group" action plan for biodiversity. Jean suggests that the Association get involved and there could be a "bed" with an anniversary plaque which would tie in with the Centenary.
- d. Patrick mentioned the Summer Social which was enjoyed by all.

Meeting closed at 8.58pm

Next meeting Wednesday 10th October at 7.30pm

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