

Minutes of the 704th Meeting held on Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm
on google meets

Present: Warwick Francis, Chris Betley, Harvey Kirk, Ray Nicol, Jonathan Palmer, Jane Sachdev, Harvey Kirk, Alex Lawrence, Candida Williamson, Irek G, Julie Hill, Patrick Brennan

Apologies: Jonathan Palmer

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Julie proposes the minutes as a true representation of the meeting, Jane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Matters arising: Mole apiary new shed to be: Shed size 10' x8' base being 12' x10'.

2. Apiary and Mole Works

Mole:

1. Harvey to get quote for laying concrete base for 10x8 foot shed in corner of apiary gardens. Dimensions above.
2. Molesey Magic Christmas is 24th November 2022, 5pm till 7pm, for members to sell honey, set up 4.30pm, location with increased footfall this year.

Twickenham:

Spec. for apiary sheds done by Ray and put on MY Builder website complete with photos. One company expressed interest but they are based in Kent. Ray is happy to leave a couple of weeks to see if there is any more interest. Julie to contact her builder to see if he is interested

3. Education Group

Talk to be given to membership at the beginning of the season 2023

4. Correspondence received

-New dates to be set for Winter course, plenty of interest here.

-Julie has emailed Hounslow council withdrawing support for a member to which she mentored last year (who has bees on a council allotment site) and who was abusive to Irek.

To discuss his joining again with the committee

5. (Membership Update (Warwick))

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

6. Treasurer's Update (Warwick)

Funds in good health, COIF bank have added more interest. Unit trust value has gone down by £2000 which was to be expected.

7. AHAT

No other sightings apart from the one reported sighting in Rayleigh, Essex.

8. AOB

1. Planning 2023

Winter Course Starting date January 19th 2023 (8 Thursdays to 9th March)

Face to face only this year, £65 in advance first come first served. Currently there are 80 people on the waiting list.

Summary document of the 8 week course to be sent by Ray to the committee

2. Irek requires Twickerbees account, to forward this to the committee.

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3. Significant dates

- AGM 24th March 2023
 - First Friday of the season at the apiary 17th March 2023
 - Beginners start 14th April 2023
 - Basic group starts 14th April
 - Mayday Bank Holiday 1st May
 - Coronation Bank Holiday 8th May
4. **“Bees in the garden” event** – presenters met Julie at the Honey Show in October, Dave Goulson is keen (subject Bees/gardening). Aim to do midweek Wed 17th May/24th May at the Exchange theatre Twickenham. **To confirm dates.**
5. Open day June 10th
6. Last Beekeeping Friday evening 29th September
7. Honey Show 6th -8th October
8. Honey Market 28th August
9. Molesey Open day 18th March
10. President’s evening 24th November
11. Molesey WI talk 1st March at 8pm
- Diary can be updated via diary app, found on website under members apiary schedule.

12. Other Talks/External speakers

One speaker a month suggested, either Friday or online midweek (live).

Patrick has come up with some topics as suggestions:

Bee breeding/Dummy board with double brood/snelgrove/Candle making/preparing wax/filtering/Bailey Comb changes/Bee genetics

Next meeting to put together schedule for approval, also ideas for external speakers

13. Library on agenda for next meeting

Meeting ended 8.50 pm

Next meeting (Hybrid) 4th January, online on Google meet or at Miller Hall in person