

Minutes of the 707th Meeting held on Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm

on google meets/hybrid at Miller Hall

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

Apologies: Jonathan Palmer

1. Minutes, and Outstanding Issues from last meeting

Julie indicated that Pret and M&S can't help with food for Friday evenings as the priority is to food banks. Patrick needs to review software re. expanding the rentals, similar to Honey Prep room. Software is only free for one resource. Ray to make further enquiries.

Reigate beekeepers were impressed with the HPR and the lab set up. There will be a return visit once their HPR is set up and running.

Ray has dealt with the water butt overflow issue, the pipe run off positioned away from the gazebo.

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

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

- a. The piece of roofing is asbestos, need to double bag this and dispose. Charlton recycling centre has asbestos removal sign, CB to enquire about price.
- b. Harvey is waiting for the builder to contact him re the provision of a concrete base. Minimum price £400. Jane priced up the slabs and this was about the same price. Harvey to chase builder.
- c. Irek has a cement mixer, Phil has a Berlingo van to transport it to Mole. 14th May pencilled in to have everything in place to start constructing the shed base. Need scaffolding boards/ballast/sand/cement. Phil to liaise with Patrick to calculate volume/scaffolding boards. Selco usually deliver locally

Twickenham:**a. Memorial for Ted on 30th April**

Warwick organising a dry event, so members/friend to bring along mead/wine if required. Fran (Ted's daughter) will need access to the Hall the day before to set up. The apiary freezer will need to be turned on.

We need to do some research into a new "Ted Chatley cup", ie type of cup, eg the silver Centenary cup was £500, a model of a Queen Bee in silver is approx £1600.

An idea for memorial plaques around the central square by the shop to be discussed at future meeting.

b. Future of shop.

Harvey is continuing at present, but needs to train a group to take over if Harvey has other commitments on Friday evenings. The shop is well stocked at present. Harvey to give Warwick monthly sales figures once set up. Harvey is away Mid May to end of June. Ray to send out email to members to drum up interest. Training to start a week on Friday.

3. Education Group

-The core group plus volunteers met today (5th April). Phil Webb and Sonia are now on board. Bookings discussed, expenses claims (ie show evidence of tickets). Warwick to set up a claim form in due course. Jane proposes a signing in book, with expenses on a calendar month basis, with mileage allowance at the going rate 45p/mile (Warwick to check)

Jane needs a set of apiary keys. Possibility of a key safe in the future.

2 new clocks needed for the apiary as the educ groups have to be on time as 2 back to back visits. Jane to purchase from Amazon

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4. Correspondence Received

Warwick to set up secretary @twickerbees email account.

Proposal from Mark Ford to have "Life Membership". Committee feel this is not something that would be appropriate. Julie to reply once the account has been set up.

Julie is happy to run the twitter account again.

Agenda item for next meeting "Social Media"

5. Membership

114 Reg

2 country

8 Family

5 Associate

New members: Gloria Fahid, Robert Hall. John Mc Michael, Sophie Adams. Linda Duffield, Fran Scott (Ted's Daughter), Chris James, Maria ?? Chris Bowles.

New members accepted by the committee.

6. Treasurers update (WF)

The auditor has signed off the accounts, the committee have no issues. Details to be sent to the Charities Commission. £14775 income, £11064 expenditure.

£2516 BBKA capitation.

We need to spend money on charitable purposes (there have been fines for not doing so)

At present £8000 aprox income

£3801 expenditure

£1300 gift aid

CAF account has £83,000 reserves, COIF account new statement due in May.

Mole has received an electricity rebate.

7. AHAT

No sightings. Ray to send links about AH onto the Website. BBKA already doing this. Ray to send link to the AH talk.

8. AOB

1. No "Bees in the Garden "event this year
2. Jane/Julie/Chris to work on a tea rota for the rest of the season, Warwick to make sure there is Coffee/Tea/Cake. Donations only, no set payments this year. Cash to be available through Warwick to purchase cakes etc.
3. Harvey wants to introduce incentives for volunteers eg 10% off shop purchase. Ray suggests members to give so many hours per year to then receive a £20 voucher . To discuss at the next meeting. All this would need to be declared to the Charities Commission.
4. Jane suggests making Friday night more social, free Tea/Cakes, talks, make it a great place to volunteer.
5. Warwick needs to appoint a new signatory to bank. CB willing to be another signatory.
6. Carl is again organising the Open Day. He is going to organise judging for the Honey Show in October.
7. Teaching groups for the beginners are being run by Carl, Christine, Ray and Karen Mann.

Meeting ended 9pm. Next meeting 3rd May 730pm via Google meet.