

Minutes of the 710th Meeting held on Wednesday 26th July 2023 at 7.30pm
on google meets

Present: Warwick Francis, Harvey Kirk, Ray Nicol, Jane Sachdev, Patrick Brennan, Phil, Christine Betley, Candida Williamson

Apologies: Jonathan Palmer

1. Minutes and Outstanding Issues from last meeting

Minutes accepted, proposed by Ray, seconded by Warwick, unanimously accepted.

Outstanding issues:

\$69 for software upgrade for hiring etc, RN to do in October/November

Queen clipping in hives ongoing. Provisional date of 23rd March for inspections to check if queen right.

Christine/Harvey/Warwick to be signatories. Paperwork needs to be completed in full again. To complete in due course.

Ted Chatley cup- ongoing on purchase of this. Honours board needs to be amended to add to list of cups/shields given out at Honey Show.

Twickerbees.co.uk owned by Warwick, to transfer to apiary in due course.

2. Apiary and Mole Works

Twickenham

- a. Slow progress on shed roofs, temp covers on at present, which may not withstand heavy wind. RN has list of requirements in felt etc. Selco useful supplier.
- b. Phil has kindly fixed the mower at Twickenham, Thanks go to Phil for his prompt attention.
- c. Shop- Email has gone out to membership regarding sale of treatments. Sale of jars has increased also. Price of jars to be reviewed and offered to membership at cost price. The cost review to be carried out when next ordering.
- d. Apiary cleaning-(RN) Clare has receipt of estimates for cleaning of food prep areas, ie HPR and Miller Hall. £350 for HPR. Use of honey prep room to increase to £10 for members. The discovery room and lab can be cleaned by the members fir Hoeny Show as was done for the open day. Discovery centre has some items from ex members which needs to be disposed of (WF)
Patrick to liaise with Harvey regarding wax recycling. The shop has been busy, need to get more volunteers in the long term.

Mole

- a. 2nd lawnmower uneconomic to repair. Disposed of. CB to enquire re petrol mower.
- b. Shed- To wait until mower purchased to get sizing right.
- c. Stuff in trailer needs to be removed, Ray has sent email , skip to be hired in Autumn to removal of stuff in the grounds of the apiary. The cement mixer is surplus to requirements and can be returned to Irek.

3. Education Group

Review takes place in August with a view to presenting the findings at the AGM. Expenses yet to be claimed by some of the education group. Jane to check.

There was positive feedback from the talk given to WI by Ray, Christine and Jane.

4. Correspondence Received

Nothing of note

5. Social Media & Website

We have no concerns about lack of media presence unless close to shows/sales.

6. Membership

128 Registered

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7 Partner

2 Country

8 Family

5 Associate

6 Honorary

No changes since last meeting. Lots of enquiries from general public wanting to sign up for the winter course. £75 per person

7. Treasurers update (WF)

Sum up account has honey sales and winter course money. £1370.23 left in this account
Capitation end of August

Update on deposit account £122,000. £82100 in CAF cash account.

8. AHAT

Worrying upward trend. Sightings in Dover, Plymouth. AH trap demo/talk to take place in very near future. Also identification details to be put on facebook, or tell general public to download the AH app.

9. AOB

1. Honey Market on Bank Holiday end of August if enough interest.
2. Harvey has a raffle £5 per strip of 5 tickets . Prize is the hive on display in the shop. £220 needs to be raised for it to be viable. Other prizes could include taster days, winter course etc. Winners to be revealed at the Honey Show.
3. WF- Friday evenings should not have basic assessments taking place because of the disruption. This needs to be addressed for next year.

Meeting ended 9.15pm. Next meeting 6th September at 7.45pm via Google meet.