

Minutes of the 714th Meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30pm
on google meets

Present: Warwick Francis, Patrick Brennan, Christine Betley Sachdev, Ray Nicol, Julie Hill, Candida Williamson, Phil Webb, Candica Williamson, Julie Hill, Irek G

Apologies: Jane Sachdev, Ray Nicol, Alex Lawrence, Jonathan Palmer, Harvey

1. Minutes and Outstanding Issues from last meeting

Minutes proposed by Julie, seconded by Warwick as a true reflection of the meeting.

Unanimously accepted.

Alex has made safe the Apiary wall, will need capping, lo leave this to Alex.

Patrick looking into a key safe for Twickenham.

AHAT jam jar trap link is 3D printed, may be expensive to produce. RN has another meeting in 3 weeks' time.

Julie conacted Richmond Parks/Richmond Council, awaiting correspondence from Wetlands centre, Ham House, Hampton Court Palace.

2. Apiary and Mole Works

Twickenham

a. Outside sink and tap to be connected to mains for use of apiary members/cleaning purposes. Quote from plumber needed.

b. Julie/Patrick to ask workmen re quotes for sheds

Mole

a. Lawnmower purchased, in Jan sale, £428.99.

b. Tree removed along with the tree which fell onto the trailer in the storm. Invoice to WF, including the extra £60 +VAT.

c. Skip to be arranged in the spring, £310 (JS)

3. Education Group

Nothing to add since last meeting. Schools visits start in April/May. 2 mornings and 2 afternoon groups was found to be too much of a rush so less groups and more quality time planned for the forthcoming season.

4. Correspondence Received

Most correspondence connected to AHAT/winter course.

St Mary's school looking to keep bees in Oak Lane cemetery area. Backs onto residential roads though, lots of hives in the area also.

Hounslow Urban farm looking to have apiary presence. Maybe a visit with observation hive. Very close to Warwick's apiary.

5. Social Media & Website

Need to concentrate on AH, ie bombard with AH educational information.

6. Membership

128 Registered

7 Partner

2 Country

8 Family

5 Associate

6 Honorary

No changes to membership,

21 new people on winter course list.

New forms to be sent in January

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7. Treasurers update (WF)

- a. End of year accounts : £16167.57 income, £9782.86 expenditure.
- b. Twickenham electricity bill £912.58
- c. To increase price of Honey prep hire to £10 per session, strictly hobby beekeepers only. Insurance ADM does not cover >39 hives.

8. AH group

-Another meeting in 2-3 weeks time,

-Brentford FC were keen but not enough time to sort out speakers/free room. Royal parks/Richmond council seem to be doing in house information.

-Trapping of queens talk in Feb/March.

Introductory lecture/ conference to sort next meeting

9. AOB

- a. Warwick will be our rep for ADM. (Ray is back up) He prefers this to be his last one. Propositions: adulterated honey/authenticity/honey analysis
- b. The ADM is a hybrid meeting. Some members want it to revert to face to face. This will incur expense/time (WF prefers hybrid). The voting system collapsed last year. The smaller associations do not get any propositions through compared with the larger associations.

Meeting ended 20.45pm. Next meeting 21st Februsry 2024 at 7.45pm via Google meet.