

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Epsom Division of SBKA on Monday 5th September 2011 at 7.45 p.m.
Upper Mill, Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey

1. Members Present

Mollie Bonard (Chair) Marysia Owsianka, Philip Shepherd, David Jones, Kimberley Gimenes Shelia Chamberlain, Amanda Lloyd Catherine Delahanty, Alasdair Maclean, Caroline Herring, Sue Lloyd David Dowson.

2. Apologies

Jill Forbes, Peter Smith

3. Agreement of last minutes

These were passed with the observation that Andrew Barnett did not attend the meeting on the 7th August.

4 Matters Arising.

Clarification was needed as to whether or not the Association had received the money that had been collected for us by Waitrose, Amanda will liase with Andrew.

In view of the fact that only 30 entries from six people had been received for our Honey Show it was reluctantly agreed to cancel the event, in view of this the question of next years could be raised at the A.G.M. Thanks were made to Catherine for undertaking the Show Secretarys post and for attending the meeting.

Flip Bakker had conducted a feasibility study for the proposed installation of new heaters in the main section of the hut, his initial reccomendation was for four heaters of 3kw.each at an approximate cost of £530. Three of these could go in the main body of the building the fourth possible in the kitchen area, he explained that we were near capacity with the supply to the building. Although there was space in the consumer unit for the heaters to be wired in seperately, he explained that we would have to exercise caution about having too many appliances on at the same time. A query was raised about the cost and practicality of installing a new main, Flip ageed to liase with David Chartres about this.

5. Correspondence

Letter received from Robin and Julie Lynch about minutes from meetings to be displayed on notice board in the hut.

A point was raised about our Public Liability Insurance with the B.B.K.A. for outside events and to clarify the position with regards to equipment at both the main and out apiaries , David Jones to check with Andrew

The position about the charges for the event at Epsom Downs was discused and will need to be included on the agenda at the next meeting.

6. Treasurer`s Report

The report that had been sent out was for the last committee meeting on the 8th August, overwintering costs for the Queen rearing project were discussed , with Phil costing 10lbs

of sugar at £17.00 this he thought would equate to approximately £136.00 for winter feeding.

The end of the financial year for the Association is the 30th September and Andrew would sign of the books and hand over to Amanda. She informed the meeting that after raising her concerns about the potential Fire Risks in the hut she spoke to the Fire Service. Their advice was as this was only a basic club that we would need to:

1. Fill out a basic risk assessment form.
2. Purchase a domestic dry powder extinguisher
3. Install a smoke detector
4. Unlock designated fire door during meetings
5. In addition they would supply free of charge a blanket for use in the kitchen.

7. Apiary Maintenance

David Dowson had received a quote from Deadline Flooring for two possible types of vinyl floor coverings for the main body of the hut he brought some samples of both. The price for the Polyflor was £30.m2 and £35m2 for the Tarkett Contract Supreme Wood this equated to £1260 and £1470 respectively. This included the uplifting and removal of the old flooring latexing to the subfloor and clearing all waste, he is also trying to obtain two more quotes. He has also arranged to meet Neil Manley to discuss Apiary maintenance The display boards from S.B.K.A which were for interior use only would cost between £500 and £600 for six and these were double sided, Kimberley would check prices with Lyreco. No news to report on the cabinets.

8. Apiary Trading

The last day of this season would be Saturday 24th September.

9. Membership

This currently stands at 134 members this included 6 children who were sent Beecraft, membership fees for the next financial year were discussed and voted on, forms for 2011-2012 will be sent out shortly. A proposal that Beecraft should not be sent out to children was passed

10. Library

A missing book had been returned , a fee of £10.00 was confirmed for the hire of the extractor .

11. Apiary Reports

Approximately 50lb of honey had been taken from 3 hives and Apiguard treatment had been carried out , there were 8 hives and 1 nuc in the apiary. There was no report from Nescot, as previously discussed the question of insurance cover for equipment at Vernons will be raised with Andrew, David Jones will progress this.

12. Fixtures

A working party was arranged for the 1st October details to go in next Newsletter, notification had been received about about the Nonsuch Park Awareness Day in November.

13. Website/Newslette

14. Queen Rearing 2011

David and Philip were still hopeful that they could supply more nucs before the onset of Autumn, Queens would depending on the weather be available from early next year with more nucs available from May

15. Members Handbook

Nothing further to report.

16. Training

Questionnaire for new and existing members to be discussed at next committee meeting

17. Any Other Business.

None.

18. Next Meeting October 3rd