

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Monday 15th November 2010 @19:45hrs
at
Upper Mill, Kingston Road, Ewell Surrey.

1. Present:

Jill Forbes, Marysia Owsianka, Sheila Chamberlain, David Dowson, Kimberly Gimenes, Mollie Bonard, Andrew Barnett, Phil Shepherd, Andrew Knott, Peter Smith.

In Attendance:

Catherine Delehanty, Sue Lloyd, Caroline Herring, Des from Nescot.

2. Apologies:

Alistair Maclean, David Jones.

3. Committee members:

Mollie Bonard welcomed new members.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed and signed.

5. Matter Arising

Discussion on purchase of a notice board were put on hold, following Eileen Dann's offer of a second hand board. David Dowson to investigate its suitability and report back with all options.

Discussion with Des (Nescot) highlighted a different set of requirements than first thought. Peter Smith to contact Richard Stitson and together get together with Des to talk further on what we can assist him and his students with.

6. Correspondence:

BBKA have produced a 2nd "Course in a Case" for Novices. We already have the beginners course. Cost is £50.00 if purchased before 31st December 2010. Peter Smith to place order.

Thank-you letter received from Liz Knee. In addition she is prepared to assist with the following:

1. Help for practical bee keeping sessions
2. If arranged then willing to assist with Taster sessions.
3. Continue to set up equipment for bee disease days. Purchase addition pestle and mortars. Approx £30.00. (Already budgeted for)

In the light of these offers and other discussions:

1. Liz Knee and Andrew Barnett will take over running the training sessions at the apiary on Saturdays. Whilst Richard Stitson will assist Marysia Owsianka with the Tuesday evening sessions.
2. Taster days. Good or bad? Andrew Barnett to contact Liz Knee and feed back at next meeting with suggestions as to details and dates.

Livestock health running a extra course in December, Bee Health and Welfare. Catherine Delehanty to send out an email

Requests for assistance with hands on teaching in Apiary on either Saturday or Tuesday evening sessions to be put in newsletter. Peter Smith to arrange.

7. Treasurers Report:

Copy of report attached.

Sponsor ship of National Honey Show. Reduced rate available if we pay 20 years up front. Not a good idea to commit to such a long period of time so we will continue to pay yearly. Currently £22.00.

Requirement to keep 2 years reserve needs to be increased by £500 to £3500 per year. Agreed.

Agreed purchase of a 4 frame electric extractor. Approx spend £450
Kimberly Gimenes will pass all details to Andrew Barnett to order and pay. Jill Forbes will collect to save postage.

Discussion on who would be responsible for hiring of extractors. Andrew Knott and David Dowson would act as point of contact.

Treasurers report accepted

8. Apiary trading:

Nothing to report.

9. Membership Report:

Due to lack of subscription payments a number of people (approximately 8) will be removed from the register of members. Marysia Owsianka to contact owners of hives in the apiary who have not renewed their membership with the aim of getting to remove their hives as soon as possible.

10. Library:

5 new books and 2 DVDs have been purchased.

11. Apiary reports:

Members asked to keep an eye on hives to ensure any woodpecker damage is spotted quickly and remedial action taken if required

Nescot site meeting on Wednesday to look at additional space to increase number of hives there.

12. Fixtures:

Stalls booked at the following Craft Fairs:

4th December Stoneleigh Sea Scouts £15.00

12th December Epsom Medical Equipment, Ewell Court House

13. Website:

Andrew Knott and Peter Smith to look at possible additional uses of site.

14. AOB:

Inventory register to be maintained by David Dowson and Andrew Knott

Flip Bakker asked to look at light outside of building to fix.

Change to wording on the show schedule that cakes should be put in bags and placed on

paper plates supplied by the club.

Visitors / members will be asked to sign a book when on site Tuesdays and Saturdays. Book will be supplied

Mollie Bonard to ask Diane Jones to redo all information notices at the apiary ready for the new notice board and to have them laminated.

Catherine Delehanty to continue the news letter until her replacements are feeling confident to take it on.

David Dowson prepared to stand in as required to back up chair, but not as formal Vice Chairman. Therefore no position of Vice Chairman voted on.

Jill Forbes is going to look at producing a printed copy of the new rule book

Preferred method of communication will be via the web site or email.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

10th January 2011 07:45 @ apiary

Meeting closed @ 10:20pm