

Epsom Division of SBKA

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2011 at Upper Mill, Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey at 8 p.m.

1. Members Present:
Mollie Bonard (Chair), Andrew Barnett, Jill Forbes, Marysia Owsianka, Caroline Herring, Sue Lloyd, Peter Smith.
2. Apologies:
Alasdair Maclean, Kimberley Gimenes, Philip Shepherd, David Jones.
3. Minutes of the Committee Meeting 4th April 2011 agreed.
4. Matters Arising.
Taster Day 13 people to attend.
Saturday and Tuesday – enough people to help the beginners on both days.
Dartington Hive – Julie and Robin Lynch had donated £100 to Epsom Division for this and had removed it from the apiary.
There had not been enough entries for the County Show and the closing date for entries were to be ignored. For 5 exhibits or offer to steward you would get free entry.
5. Agree AOB Items – Peter Smith not present but matter to be dealt with later.
6. Correspondence
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Swarm Season Support Information circulated. To go into the newsletter.
7. Treasurer's Report – as circulated.
The trustee for Epsom Division had put in her petrol expenses for travelling to and from Cobham. They meet 4 times a year. It was agreed that the Trustee or her representative will be able to claim expenses
Andrew Barnett and Stephen Secker to monitor the equipment being supplied to the apiary and the queen rearing project.
8. Proposed new purchases
Solar Extractor - £532 plus vat agreed from National Bee Supplies. Wax gained could be used for polish, candles or exchanged at Thornes for foundation. Kimberley Gimenes to purchase on our behalf.

Marysia Owsianka to contact Ian Lawson regarding his extractor that he said Epsom could have. If he wanted payment this would have to come back to committee.

Banners – Would like an upright one similar to a sail. Peter Smith is costing these and would report back.

9. Apiary Report – Epsom was given to the newsletter editor – Caroline Herring.
The bee inspector had visited the apiary.
Need someone to co-ordinate maintenance work at the apiary.
No report from Nescot.
10. Apiary trading – excellent.
11. Membership – numbers still increasing.
12. Library – nothing to report.
13. Fixtures – Dates for diary
12th May – Steve Wicks to talk on photography - £2 per head. Venue – apiary.
14th May – Stall at Oaks Park Golf Course, Wallington, cost £20 per table, Jill Forbes and Eileen Dann to man. Andrew Barnett to supply honey for sale.
28th June – Official open day at Dorking for Reigate Division. More details to follow.
15. Website/Newsletter.
Newsletter - fine
Website – Caroline had put some more pictures on. User name member/password m3mb3r.
16. Queen Rearing – 5 colonies, 2 swarms given by Stephen Secker, 2 colonies donated.
17. Members handbook – SBKA looking at all the handbooks. Report will follow later.
18. Training – Need sub committee of people who attended Train the Trainers day to a. set up mentoring, b. discuss possible taster days, etc. Mollie Bonard to ask members to attend on Monday 23rd May from 7 p.m. onwards. Jill Forbes to give Mollie list of attendees on the Trainers day.
Mollie to sort out speakers, activities for Club Nights.
19. Any Other Business
Peter Smith and Marysia Owsianka to meet Chessington Garden Centre to look at land available to set up an apiary.

Regarding heating by electricity. Flip Bakker to be asked by Mollie to cost and advise on heaters.

Michel Taylor was having trouble with her bees on her allotment. Mollie to advise.

Margaret Anderson had emailed Peter Smith about 10 apiary based events for Surrey. Were we interested? No
20. Date of the next meeting – 6th June 2011.