

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Epsom Division of SBKA on Monday 7th Feb 2011 at 7:45 p.m.
Upper Mill, Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey

1. Members Present
Jill Forbes, Marysia Owsianka, David Dowson, Kimberly Gimenes, Mollie Bonard, Andrew Barnett, Peter Smith, Phil Shepherd
Newsletter Editor Caroline Herring
2. Apologies
Andrew Knott, David Jones, Sheila Chamberlain, Alastair Maclean.
3. Minutes of Committee Meeting 10 Jan 2010 were agreed.
4. Matter Arising
5. Agree AOB Items
Roy Carter re pig roast
6. Correspondence
Amanda Rossi 02083375495 Fair in Carshalton May 14th £20.00 per pitch 10:00 - 15:00
Oaks Golf Club Interested in selling Honey Cystic Fibrosis JF to arrange.

Emails received:
Meridian Beekeeping Association are holding an open lecture in April this year

Jenny Crowther <jennycrowther@blueyonder.co.uk> Is keen to purchase beeswax
-form local hives.
7. Treasurer's Report
Discussions re possible ring fencing / use of money. Committee asked to think and bring ideas to next committee meeting
8. Apiary Trading
No trading
9. Membership
Changes as per attached spreadsheet.
10. Library
New book purchased by MO "Get Started in Beekeeping"
5 Additional copies of book MO to look at requirements "Bees and Honey" by Ted Hooper
Use of library increasing
11. Apiary Reports
Varroa little in hives in apiary, concerned with quantity of stores inspection needed. AB & MO to arrange
12. Fixtures – dates for the diary
 1. Surrey have asked to use the hut for exam Sat 19th March. DD to open up and hand Key to Audrey Gill £30.00 to be invoiced after event.
 2. Mon 28th Feb Surrey Show Committee use hut.

3. Phil Shepard, Jon Von Gerrard 50 Years of Beekeeping certificates to be framed JF Presentation Sun 13th March 15:00hrs MB to send press release to local press. Official invites to John Hammer. Malcolm Clark. MO to make presentation. Food bring and share.

13. Website / Newsletter
 1. Responsibility for content

Agreed this if the newsletter editors were unsure of publishing article, then circulate to committee as long as 50% of committee accept it then they can publish it
 2. Web master to be PS

14. Notice Board

DD viewed Eileen notice board not quite what we were looking for. Authorised to spend up to £100 on purchase of a new noticeboard.

15. Queen Rearing 2011 proposal

PhS explained aims and objectives to back up supplied document, copy Attached After discussion it was voted that the Queen Rearing Project should go ahead with an initial budget of £750 budget. PhS asked to provide summary for Newsletter

16. Members handbook

JF no feedback yet. Wording changed. Comments going to JF from Liz Knee. Pictures being inserted. Discussion next meeting

17. Training
 1. Beginners Course

26 Evening 11 in morning
JF as Training Co-ordinator will handle all enquiries for next years course

 2. Taster Days

Art work supplied by Liz Knee was discussed and accepted as being to a very high standard. AB to discuss with Liz Knee if a poster could be produced without the application form. All email request will be sent to the new address. info@epsombeekeepers.co.uk AB said that both he and Liz Knee would be taking a fee for running this course.

 3. Beginners Practical Pack

AB pack with us for review at next meeting

 4. Monthly / fortnightly evening Tuesday 12th April 18:30 Blind Honey Tasting

This was suggested by MB after a trip to Reigate Beekeepers where one was undertaken.

18. Feedback on discussions with ex members on why membership not renewed

Ex member is now a partner member

19. Any Other Business

KG to warm bucket of honey Starting Tuesday 8th so it can be bottled.

KG to get price for a Gloucester Old Spot pig to be roasted at the Summer BBQ.

20. Date of Next Meeting Monday March 7th 2011