

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Epsom Division of SBKA on Monday 4th July 2011 at 7:45 p.m.
Upper Mill, Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey

1. Members Present
Mollie Bonard (Chair), Andrew Barnett, Jill Forbes, Marysia Owsianka, Sue Lloyd, Peter Smith, Alasdair Maclean, Philip Shepherd, David Dowson, David Jones, Amanda Lloyd.
2. Apologies
Caroline Herring, Andrew Knott
3. Agreement of last minutes
Agreed
4. Matter Arising
Questionnaire form to go out to members AM to look at existing questions and re-write. Not yet completed.
5. Agree AOB Items
Honey Show Secretary
Open Day
DJ had spoken to members of Local Constabulary in car park re vandalism. Make members aware via news letter.
6. Correspondence
Email from Samaritans re hire of building for use as a meeting room
In principle yes. Suggestion being to show what we can offer. Looking for £20 a letting am or pm. Look at online booking if possible. Have their own keys. Issues with hire during May-July. AB to check with insurance to see if covered.
7. Treasurer's Report
Report Accepted
Possible future expenses: New floor covering for Apiary Building. DC
No display material: Stands / display boards: JF to produce a costing / purchase suggestions
Honey Jar cabinet KG to look at costings.
AB is moving and has said he will complete the accounts for the year Amanda Lloyd will be working alongside AB to look to take over from AGM.
8. Proposed new purchase etc.
Banner for EBKA. PS to purchase 6' x 2ft £30 approx cost
Heating MB to discuss further with Flip. Would it be easier to replace consumer unit. 7 day timers on all installed heaters. majority voted to proceed.
9. Apiary Maintenance
Maintenance day Sunday 10 July "Tidy up Apiary" 10:00. Cancelled
Neil Manley will be taking on overseeing maintenance of the Apiary Buildings. DD to contact him and discuss. Working party Sep / Oct
The Mound needs looking at. PS to talk to Liz Knee
10. Apiary Trading
Foundation now available

11. Membership

2 new Joiner 134 members 105 registered beekeepers.

12. Library

One book is still missing Newsletter article to request it be returned. Buzz About Bees by Tautz. MO to email /call to see if the person who has it booked out has returned it.

13. Apiary Reports

Monitoring for varoa needed. Bad weather has stopped inspections of late.

No policy for integrated pest management look at drone brood culling. Suggestion to use Hive Clean.

Possible Apiary at Chessington Garden Centre PS is still chasing for dates. Their MD only available Wed Thur Friday. Awaiting response.

Vernons being sold?. MO substantiate the rumour. It is being sold.

Discussion re swarm collections

14. Fixtures – dates for the diary

BBQ Cancelled for 2011

Open Day 16th July CH & SL to make up a flyer for the open day. Starting 14:00hrs volunteers required etc.

30-31 July Lavender fields Stanley Park Allotments. Transfer needed for 4 tables and 2 gazebos to and from Stanley Park Allotments.

29th August Epsom Training and Development Fund. Epsom Downs 29th August

15. Website / Newsletter

16. Queen Rearing 2011

Sold 3 nucs @ £125 1 firm order 1 enquiry and can probably sell 4 / 5 over the next month.

17. Members handbook

Nothing further to report.

18. Training

AL to see if list of questions etc. is ready to go out.

19. Any Other Business

10th Sept 2011 Honey Show Secretary Audrey Gill Judge MB to steward with KG.

Secretary is needed. PS to ask Catherine Delahanty to be asked if she would carry out the task.

Open Day Newsletter editors to produce a flyer including 200 photo copies Budget approved £30

20. Dates of Next Meetings August 8th

September 5th

Oct 3rd

November 7th

AGM November 12th