

Minutes of Committee Meeting

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

1. Members Present
Mollie Bonard (Chair), Andrew Barnett, Jill Forbes, Marysia Owsianka,, Peter Smith, Philip Shepherd, David Dowson,, Kimberly Gimenes, Sheila Chamberlain, Amanda Lloyd, AndrewKnott
2. Apologies
Alasdair Maclean, Marysia Owsianka, Caroline Herring, Sue Lloyd, David Jones.
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. AL to circulate Training Questionnaire to Committee.
5. Agree AOB Items
6. Correspondence
Discussion around Samaritans . Possible additional charge in the winter towards heating. Invoice to be raised for lettings. DD to handle booking. PS to pass emails to DD to discuss further with Samaritans. PS to email AB to see if Insurance is OK.

Phil Shepherd and KG to attend the SE Region Association Day
7. Treasurer's Report
Report Accepted

AL suggested that ideas to use money should be available to show how money is being used to benefit the members.

Long discussions around budgeting / commitments of money into the future. AL to recommend how we should budget for a year.

Thanks to AB for setting up the “Waitrose” donation of £266.

Possible future expenses:
Flip Baker to attend at next meeting re heating.
New floor covering for Apiary Building. DD reported heat welded vinyl awaiting cost approx £1200.
No display material: Stands / display boards: JF to produce a costing / purchase suggestions JF to try and borrow for the Epsom Downs event.

Honey Jar cabinet KG to look at costings. Current costs between £600 – 800 per cabinet
8. Honey show
Catherine DelaHanty to be show secretary. Will arrange posters / literature. Fruit cake and biscuits. Get all cups in etc. Entry forms will be available by email.

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 has contacted him 24th Sept for a working party.

Fire Exit push bar to middle door. DD to investigate cost and extinguishers. Fire exit signs
Emergency Lighting.

10. Apiary Trading

Nothing to report

KG to ask Stephen Secker for a monthly report.

11. Membership

108 Beecrafts per month. Membership no increase in numbers 134 members. AL to look at the breakdown of the £47 membership fee. Fee needs to be agreed at next meeting.

12. Library

Missing book found. 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

Possible Apiary at Chessington Garden Centre PS & MO met on site and have been shown possible sites. They seem very positive about what can be made available. Waiting for plans to show possible site layouts.

14. Fixtures – dates for the diary.

Lavender Fields profit of £115.95

Open day profit £83.20

21st August in Royal Festival Hall "London Honey Festival" Cost £7 car parking or 2 little pots of honey.

29th August Epsom Training and Development Fund. Epsom Downs 3 Tables Negotiated £50.00.

15. Website / Newsletter

16. Queen Rearing 2011

7 nucs for sale. Sold 4.

17. Members handbook

Nothing further to report. We are still waiting for the photos to be added. AN

18. Training

AM to circulate questions to committee.

6 people paid for Beginners course.

19. Any Other Business

20. Dates of Next Meetings August 8th

September 5th Oct 3rd November 7th

AGM November 12th