

Minutes of Committee Meeting

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

1. Members Present
Jill Forbes, Marysia Owsianka, David Dowson, Kimberly Gimenes,, Andrew Barnett,
Peter Smith, Phil Shepherd, Sheila Chamberlain, Alasdair Maclean,.
2. Apologies
David Jones, Andrew Knott, Mollie Bonard.
No Apology
Sue Lloyd / Caroline Herring
3. Agreement of last minutes
Agreed
4. Matter Arising
KG Bought 15Kg sugar & tea making materials. Payed for out of coffee money box.
5. Agree AOB Items
Dartington hive
Apiary site
6. Correspondence
Non Received
7. Treasurer's Report (copy attached)
Ideas for use / ring fencing of funds
Gift aid forms need to be updated periodically to ensure compliance.
Gift aid is paid to Surrey and returned through capitation.

MB to feedback: Flip Baker re electric loading to see if heating can be
accommodated. Check on roof David Chartres.

Further ideas received:
Internet access / Phone at Apiary: Not felt necessary at present.
Large extractor Possible gift to Apiary by Ian Lawson + settling tanks MO to
follow up.
Solar Wax Extractor KG to look out availability and report at next meeting.
8. Apiary Trading
Last week £1149.27
9. Membership
I new member Chris Dravel been invited to Saturday sessions.
10. Library
A new list of books has been prepared. Borrowing is good.
Reminder to fill in loan book for both library and equipment. Location of load books to be
confirmed..

11. Apiary Reports

Disease check 10 members brought bees almost all had nosema. All Apiary hives had large amounts of Nosema. Hive 1 non laying queen. Frame of brood added. Looking for queen cells. Proposal to migrate the 2 worse hives no 1 & 7 in Apiary onto new comb. Look to test and treat in the autumn. MO to contact Bee inspector for advice.

12. Fixtures – dates for the diary

No new dates

KG to print and hand out flyers for Taster Day in Epsom

13. Website / Newsletter

Committee minutes now on web site.

14. Notice Board

Thanks to David for purchase and installation of board

DD suggested moving the letter box to be under Notice Board.He will move it.

PS to contact Newsletter Editors to take responsibility of board and its contents

15. Queen Rearing 2011

Equipment being purchased via shop. 2 hives and 4 poly Nucs. Frames are being made up and on schedule. Stock of bees building slowly in Vernons. Stock also been donated by Susan Wharton. Looking to start rearing mid May.

16. Members handbook

AM still waiting for pictures to add to it. Pics of bees etc.

17. Training

1. Where should we be going following “Training The Trainers” day.

Agree to have an open meeting to discuss training and the way forward. Committee to produce agenda / facilitate meeting. DD to discuss with MO

2. Monthly / fortnightly evening

2.1 External speakers ?

2.2 Dates for club nights etc. for the rest of the year. DD to discuss with MO

18. Any Other Business

Dartington Hive Julia and Robin want to run it away from the Apiary . Based on a donation to club. DD to contact them

Apiary at Chessington Garden Centre progress to see what may be achieved. PS

Training how are we running it on Saturday – Tuesday. Confirmation sought as to what we are going to do how we are going to do it.

Colin Sutton donated 4 benches letter of thanks to be sent. PS.

19. Date of Next Meeting Thursday 5th May

Meeting closed 22:00hrs