

**HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2009  
at the ABC Hatch End

**Present:** Brian Desborough, Judy Earl, Danuta Loveday, Aline Bowers, Aubrey Kutner, Jo Telfer, Susan Kelly, Van Hinman, John House.

**Apologies:** Moira Spiers, Pat Dutson.

**Minutes:** of the committee meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 read & accepted.

**Matters Arising:**

Licence for apiary: Licence not yet sent out.

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HBKA: Harrow Arts Centre have confirmed booking for Sunday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>

President's Day: Suggested the date be changed in view of Van's wife's pending operation.

Future possible dates - 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> October. Van to confirm.

Canons Park Fun Day: The day went well in spite of the wind.

Website: This is going well.

Need stock list to go on the site. Jo has started her FAQ list.

Beekeeping items for sale can only go on the members' forum.

**Treasurer's report:**

Accounts going into Charity Commission. No monies yet received for gift aid.

Canon's Park day made a profit of £20.82; candle making £24.10.

**Subs:**

Cost of Beecraft is increasing from £19.80 to £21.60

BBKA membership increasing from £13.00 to £14.00

Aubrey suggested present sub of £47 be raised to £49.

A figure of £50 was also suggested.

Aubrey would like all subs. paid before the AGM as Beecraft must receive their order from us by Dec. 1st

Danuta to liaise with Jeremy re. a sub-committee to look into the options for Forager; possibly bi-monthly, going on-line or other ways to keep costs down.

**Harrow in Leaf show:**

Honey prices: 1lb jar - £4.60. ½ lb jar £2.80 1lb chunk honey £5.00. Other prices staying the same.

If selling, then member has to enter gift class and one other class.

Committee members WILL enter and encourage others.

Trophies being returned from last year's show.

Jo said the dried flowers need refreshing.

We have wax for candle rolling; Judy will order more bee pins.

We will be selling raffle tickets for H in L and stewarding the marquee.

Suggestion made that we have a list of 'The uses of beeswax' and a note to say that all the honey is within a 5 mile radius of the museum.

Jo will organise a printing of 'Would you like to know more about keeping bees?'

**Bentley Priory:**

They would like us to have a stall again as last year on Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.- when veterans from Battle of Britain will be present. Also on Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. and Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.

12<sup>th</sup> Sept. is the day of Thornes sale in Windsor.

### **Treatment of Hives:**

Brian will email all members that treatment with Apiguard on hives at HBKA apiaries is compulsory and can start from 9<sup>th</sup> August until 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Members will be encouraged to use oxalic or lactic acid on their hives in late December/early January.

### **AOB:**

Susan queried joint country membership – to check with Aubrey.

Jo would like us to purchase a manual table top extractor & ripener with strainer.

She would like Bruce to be given the go-ahead to put in wired glass in small apiary windows.

Judy has had great difficulty in keeping cost of EnviroLoo under £7000. Cost has risen due to exchange rate as it's imported from France. The cost has finally come in under £7000 and it can be installed by 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. Invoice to go to Cllr Susan Hall.

The company will remove part of the hedge; one hive to be moved beforehand.

### **Dates:**

- 30-31<sup>st</sup> Aug. Sun/Mon. Harrow in Leaf show at Harrow Museum & Heritage Centre
- 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> September HBKA stall at Bentley Priory
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sept Thorne's sale at Windsor
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. Sun – Yvette Syburn-Mercer's talk on 'Homeopathy in the home & with bees.'
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. Sat. Beginners' one day taster course
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct HBKA 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- 17<sup>th</sup> President's Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. Sat. AGM
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 Federation Day, Broomfield School.
- 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 possible dates for Beginners' course
- 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 – Stoneleigh
- 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 BBKA exams

### **Date of next meeting:**

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 at 8.00pm at the ABC, Hatch End.

Meeting ended at 10.15pm