

**HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2010  
8.0pm at the ABC Hatch End

**Present:** Judy Earl, Odette Thomas, Aubrey Kutner, Jo Telfer, Aline Bowers, Susan Kelly  
Brian Desborough,

**Apologies:** .Moira Spiers, Pat Dutson, Danuta Loveday, Van Hinman

**Minutes:** of the committee meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 read & accepted.

**Matters Arising:**

- A big thank you to Moira for organising a most successful cheese and wine evening.
- Liam Kenny has given the Association a honey bucket with tap. Honey to be given to Liam as thanks.
- Observation hive bought for £296.76.

**Treasurer's report:**

Current account at 27.7.10: £4515.92

Savings account at 1.4.10: £4012.17

The cheese and wine evening made a profit of £120.

Candle rolling for Year 6 at Priestmead School raised £91

The price of Beecraft for 2011 will remain the same at £21.60.

Aubrey would like subs. paid before the AGM. No need for increase in subs. Subs must be paid before 15<sup>th</sup> November, otherwise members will not get January Beecraft.

**Apiary sub-committee:**

No news yet on a 5 year lease from LB Harrow.

**Buildings:**

Dennis Mack has given us a very generous gift in memory of Dawn to be used for the benefit of HBKA. . The Trustees supported the idea of funding an extension to our existing building and with Gift Aid this would cover the cost giving more space for educational purposes. Discussion included removal of two trees, our lack of insurance and possibility of a fireproof cupboard to contain valuable items. The committee agreed for the project to go ahead.

**Beekeeping Courses**

The taster general course on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Time: 10am – 3.00pm . Designed for those with an interest in beekeeping but who do not necessarily want to keep bees. Cost of £35 includes sandwiches.

3-day beginners' course: 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> April. Times: 10.0am to 3.30pm

The third extra day to cover swarm prevention and disease control.

Cost of 3-day course £70 with no concessions.

**Harrow in Leaf**

Judy has made a rota for helpers on the two days. Doreen & Dianne are shadowing her. More help needed for setting up. There will be more stalls on the day and we will share our marquee with others. Harrow in Leaf will need our help with stewarding.

### **AOB:**

- Problems with the 9-frame extractor. Odette will send off part for repair.
  - Brian would like to pass on responsibility of apiary manager. He would be happy to stand as deputy apiary manager.
  - Jo has received information from FERA funding teaching in the Life Long Learning Sector. Will put on the website forum.
- Meeting with Federation on 16th September to discuss Constitution.
- President's Day - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Van's suggestion of members bringing their bee products to show and consume at an afternoon tea was supported.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> September - last date to start treatment on Association sites (Brian subsequently changed this date from original date of 13<sup>th</sup> September)

### **Dates:**

29<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August Harrow in Leaf Show

19<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm Presidents Day at Van Hlnman's house.(Members to take products of the hive to enjoy – cakes, biscuits, mead etc.)

9<sup>th</sup> October Pinner & Ruislip honey show

23<sup>rd</sup> October Beekeep ing taster one day course

6<sup>th</sup> November HBKA AGM

26<sup>th</sup> February 2011 Federation Day in Perivale; Ealing to organise.

26<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011 Beginners' Beekeeping Course.

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

Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm at the ABC, Hatch End.

Meeting ended at 10.30pm