

HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 10th August 2011
8.0pm at the ABC Hatch End

Present: Judy Earl, Odette Thomas, Jo Telfer, Aubrey Kutner, Rob Atack, Jessie Atack,
Van Hinman Susan Kelly, Moira Spiers, Aline Bowers, Danuta Loveday,

1. Apologies: John Lawton, Pat Dutson

2. Minutes: of the committee meeting of 6th July 2011 read & accepted.

3. Matters Arising:

Odette is asking Norman Morley to look at the generator.
Storage still needed for library books.
Pat has sent message that he is meeting a council member re. the H.E. apiary trees.
The Ye family have rejoined and paid for 12 hives
Judy will buy another beekeeping book for the Association.

4. Treasurer's report:

Bank Balances at 10.8.11:
D/A £ 4016.18
C/A 6937.89
P/C 39.64

Gift Aid forms not yet sent off. Accounts for 2010 not yet reported to the Charity Commission.

5. Beekeeping courses

Decision made to hold a taster course for 12 charging £35 on 8th October.

5. Harrow in Leaf show August 28th & 29th:

Chris Symes is our Judge with the help of his wife. Odette to assist.
It is hoped that everyone will enter items for the show. Schedules are available on line.
H in L will be advertising in the press. There are fewer stalls this year. The HBKA marquee will also house the Harrow Community Farm stand. There are new fire regulations we have to observe.

6. Apiary Licence

LB Harrow has agreed on the licence on the basis we get reasonable insurance.
Cost of licence – £275 for 5years in advance.

7. First Aid

Following an allergic bee sting reaction to a member which needed hospital treatment last Sunday it was felt that all members should be aware of this possibility and should carry mobile phone and appropriate medicines when beekeeping or near bees.

Judy will talk to BBKA and Odette will email members with advice.

8. Equipment

Jessie has provided laminated instruction sheets to go with borrowed equipment. Most of the equipment is returned on time. She is chasing up a late return of an extractor.

Any Other Business:

John Lawton has asked if there is anything for the website.

Pinner & Ruislip quiz supper numbers to be sent in by beginning of October.

Moira requested £110 for hire of hall for AGM

Van suggested a wine and canapé event for the President's Day at his house on

Saturday September 10th from 6.30pm. He will provide marquee & drinks. Members to bring a plate of canapés/snacks/finger buffet food. Aline to send out emails with the details and Danuta to write to those with no email address. Replies needed by 1st September.

Jo has had a refund on one of the 2 tables purchased for HBKA. We will keep the other but still need small sturdy tables to take easily to events. H in L tables to be looked at.

Jessie thanked Moira for organising the cheese and wine event which made £68 profit.

Thanks to Liz Rowan's son for making the bench for the bower. Aline to write thank you letter.

Jo felt the ABC needed a spring clean and would like someone to organise the flowers for the H in L show. Judy will email around for volunteers.

Rob will buy 10 plastic sheets for covering items at the H in L show.

Dates:

14th August at Hatch End Preparation for honey show

21st August 1.0pm – 5pm Honey Show at Royal Festival Hall

28th & 29th August. Harrow in Leaf show

10th Sept. President's Day 6.30pm

15th October Pinner & Ruislip BKA Quiz Supper – replies by 1st October.

Date of next meeting:

5th October 2011 at 8.0pm

Meeting ended at 9.40pm