

HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2012
8.0pm at the ABC Hatch End

Present Judy Earl, Odette Thomas, Jo Telfer, Aubrey Kutner, Rob Atack, , Moira Spiers, Aline Bowers, Pat Dutson Brian Desborough, Liz Rowan, Doreen Tylden-Pattenson.

1. Apologies Van Hinman, John Lawton, Danuta Loveday, Stephen Cameron

2. Minutes of the committee meeting of 5th October 2011 read & accepted.

3. Matters Arising

John House has been reminded on library storage.
No action yet taken by LB Harrow on horse chestnut tree.
Apiary Licence – we will pay £275 in advance to cover next 5 years.
New generator needs to be moved to new housing. Brian to do some wiring.
Orchard Grove apiary – Padraic OCunniffe to cut back undergrowth. New shrubbery to be planted at Village Way apiary site.
AGM – Moira and the cooks thanked for their hard work. Profit made of around £300.
£200 donation to go to Harrow in Leaf as our contribution to the August 2011 show.

4. Treasurer's report

C/Account Balance at 31/12/11	£ 9340 .66
Petty cash	£ 3 .14
D/A Flexible savings	£ 4016.18
Total	£ 13,359.98

We still owe to Beecraft and BDI.
Thanks given to the anonymous donor who gave a gift of £30 through the Charities Aid Foundation.
£2300 has been paid out for the Generator and Housing.
Membership arrears still owing from 4 members including one partner. Judy to chase up.
Gift Aid of £1098 not yet received.

5. Vacant Committee Posts

Stephen Cameron sent his apologies but it was agreed to co-opt him to the committee as *Forager* Deputy Editor & Harrow notes.
Liz Rowan was welcomed and approved as Harrow in Leaf delegate; Judy will cover this post with her for this year only.
Doreen was welcomed onto the committee as Deputy Apiary Manager.

6. Apiary Sub-Committee

Judy outlined the main points from the last meeting...

Planting in out apiaries.

Association hives to be on stands.

Assess middle shed at Hatch End.

Ramp to be put down by side door.

New Roxeth apiary site needs fencing.

Questionnaire to members – Brian and Jo organising this.

Vacant sites at Hatch End to be monitored. If no bees on site for 2 years, member may be requested to move hive. Suggestion that members with bees at HE apiary take the Basic Exam.

Notice board to contain hive numbering and apiary rules. Board needs mending.

7. Harrow in Leaf

2012 show not yet confirmed but probably at Harrow Museum in spite of rise in cost to H in L.

Judges for our honey show discussed. Fiona Dickson to be approached and Martin Buckle.

8. Education

Jo has 7 taking the beginners' course in March. Felt this number would increase.

Members must take the Basic exam before the Modular exams so Jo would like them to take the modular exams in November.

Alan Byham e-mailed to say he is booked for winter events but suggested 'doing something in the season maybe instead of the usual apiary check'. Felt that one learnt more from the apiary inspection and suggested Alan could do something in the evening of the inspection on disease following the day inspection.

9. Any Other Business

Moira raised dates & venue for AGM. Judy to look at Blackwell Hall on Uxbridge Rd. If not suitable then Moira will book St. Lawrence church hall. Dates in order of preference:

Nov. 17th, 24th, 3rd.

Suggestion of a Summer Party at the apiary with savoury & sweet food rather than cheese and wine.

Brian would like better use of the apiary clear-up Sundays.

John Lawton requested anything for the website. This year's diary/events are on the site.

Jo will send the link from Alan Byham re. the Asian hornet trap factsheet to John.

Aline sending off insurance premium for Hatch End site - £284.42. Jan 2012 – Jan 2013

Aline said that there would be a May Day at Harrow Museum but the Open Day at Grim's Dyke is cancelled this year.

Jo hoped members would attend Federation Day organised by Pinner & Ruislip.

Barnet hopes to join the Middx. Federation making it 6 associations. There may be changes at the AGM if Ealing's amendment goes through. Jo is retiring from the FMBKA as Secretary and from the committee.

Judy thanked Bruce for making the slab path up to the side door.

Moira suggested that a label could be added to the back of honey jars 'Not recommended for infants under 1 year' due to the possibility of botulism.

John House would like to be removed from swarm list but will retrieve swarms identified by Harrow members.

Dates:

25th February 2012 Federation Day at Ruislip Methodist Church Hall

10th & 17th March – Beginner's beekeeping course at Hatch End.

20th 21st 22nd April – Spring Convention, Harper Adams Univ. College Newport, Shropshire.

Date of next meeting:

11th March 2012 at 8.0pm

Meeting ended at 9.35pm