

HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2011
8.0pm at the ABC Hatch End

Present: Judy Earl, Odette Thomas, Jo Telfer, Pat Dutson, Brian Desborough,
Susan Kelly, Moira Spiers, Aline Bowers, Danuta Loveday,

1. Apologies: John Lawton, Aubrey Kutner

2. Minutes: of the committee meeting of 18th May 2011 read & accepted.

3. Matters Arising:

Generator not yet serviced. This is now a **PRIORITY**. If not done, Odette to find an engineer after her holiday.

Storage still needed for library books.

Still no news on the review of the apiary trees.

Oak processionary moth: possibility that it's in Stanmore Common. Bill will be asked to speak to Eddie Slaven.

48 came to Quiz Supper and a profit was made.

Forager: Danuta would like note put in next Forager to request that those who have email would have to opt in to have the printed copy sent by post. This would save money.

Apiary licence not yet through.

Inspection Day went well. Toby Mason from Regents Park beekeepers joined the inspectors as an observer. He sent his thanks and pictures of the day. Thanks to Odette for organising and Jo for the lunch.

4. Treasurer's report:

Aubrey sent through his report.

Bank Balances: £6778.50 current a/c
4012.17 deposit a/c

"Our independent examiner David Passey, Chartered Accountant, examined the books, records & accounts and gave his certificate, being a clean report for year ended 31st Dec. 2010. The accounts etc. will now be forwarded to the Charity Commission for filing."

Examiner to be given 4 jars of honey.

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

Special General Meeting of Harrow in Leaf on 29th June 2011 when Gordon Cox took over the Chair from Georgia Weston. There is a new committee with new Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer. Judy will remain as the HBKA rep. for the next two show committee meetings.

The honey schedules are out. Candle rolling wax needed for this and other events.

6. Events for the year:

9th & 10th July Roxeth Show. £35 for pitch. Felt little profit to be made for HBKA and too short a notice.

17th July Canon's Park Fun Day. Pat to run with Aubrey & KC to help. Need honey for sale.

30th July HBKA Cheese & Wine 30th July: Tickets £7.50.

14th August at Hatch End apiary – Preparation for honey show.

21st August 1pm – 5.0pm Honey Festival at Royal Festival Hall. Fed. of Middx. also involved.

10th Sept. President's Day at ABC Hatch End. Jo will discuss day with Van.

15th Oct. Pinner & Ruislip BKA Quiz Supper. Aline to reply that too early to make definite acceptance now.

Any Other Business:

Brian would like to see Harrow in Leaf's Constitution & felt no accountability in the organisation. Felt the distribution of funds was questionable.

Brian commented that the apiary was looking good.

Jo has been in touch with Ye family regarding their requests that their bees be sold/ removed. The family were requested to come to Hatch End on Sunday and should become members and bees could then be inspected etc.

Bruce to be given the go-ahead for paving to side door for wheel chair access. Agreed sum of £350.

Moira concerned about the parking for apiary and the pot holes on drive way to swimming pool.

Aline wanted thanks to be given to Doreen for her donation to HBKA funds from her bee sale.

Judy – given go ahead to buy 5 bee reference books for £56.57 to REMAIN at the ABC and not taken away.

Dates:

17th July Canon's Park Day (Pat & Aubrey)

26th July Watford Police Day (Odette)

30th July HBKA Cheese & Wine

14th August at Hatch End Preparation for honey show

21st August 1 – 5pm Honey Show at Royal Festival Hall

28th & 29th August. Harrow in Leaf show

10th Sept. President's Day (Date & time not yet finalised)

15th October Pinner & Ruislip BKA Quiz Supper

Date of next meeting:

10th August 2011 at 8.0pm

Meeting ended at 9.30pm