

## HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
8.0pm at the ABC Hatch End

**ACTION**

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

Brian Desborough, .Moiria Spiers, Pat Dutson, Danuta Loveday, Van Hinman

**Apologies:** John House

**Minutes:** of the committee meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 read & accepted.

### **Matters Arising:**

Secretary omitted John's apology at the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Brian stated that he wanted to step down as Apiary Manager but was willing to help with any apiary work.

11 booked on taster course for 23<sup>rd</sup> October. 6 names on the spring course; Generator requires new bigger battery and needs servicing.

Odette felt the 9-frame extractor should be offered for sale to members at not less than £200; if no sale then will be put on E-bay.

***Odette/Judy***

Thanks to Van and Ros for organising President's Day which was a pleasant occasion for members to meet each other and eat honey products.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Annual return for accounts ending 31 Dec. 09 sent to Charity Commission on line.

Current account: £4334

Savings account: £4012

Expenditure on extension of ABC so far is £6390.

With donation and gift aid (£1250) we have covered most of this; there will be more expenditure on painting and fitting out the extra area.

### **Subs. for 2011:**

No increase in subs. for 2011.

Members - £47

Partner £12

Country £9.50

From subs we have to pay out:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Partner</u>	
Beecraft	21.60		
BBKA	14.00	£9.24	£7.00
Middx. Fed.	.75	.75p	.75p
BDI	2.00	2.00	
Forager	1.36		1.36

Associate members to pay same as last year.

Not yet known if there will be an increase in BBKA capitation for 2011 to £15.

Aubrey would like subs. paid before the AGM and before 12<sup>th</sup> November as he is away from 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Otherwise no January Beecraft will be delivered.

### **Apiary sub-committee:**

Met on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Judy read out main points.

Extension has been completed and has given extra space; power/light sockets, guttering, cleaning, painting and fitting-out to be done.

New door at back of extension is compliant with disabled access requirements; ramp will be moved to this door eventually.

Brian to order scalplings for working party day in November and sort out apiary lock on gate.

**Brian**

Yeading Ave: screening required

Orchard Grove One member's hives to be reduced from 7+ to 4 in next two months.

Village Way Screening required

### **New Extension:**

Extension has been completed and Dennis would like a plaque placed in memory of Dawn. Wording of this agreed.

Judy will look into prices of fireproof cabinets.

**Judy**

Floor covering of extension discussed.

### **AGM:**

Hall booked; tickets same as last year £9. Time: 6pm – 11.0pm Raffle donations have been requested.

President to hand out certificates. Subs to be ratified at the meeting. Other FMBK. associations to be invited.

### **Harrow in Leaf show:**

Show went well, though numbers down on last year; weather poor on the Sunday Profit made £460 included candle rolling of £252.

Agreed to give donation of £200 to Harrow in Leaf; they provide the venue and marquee for us.

H.in:L. will vote in November on next year's event. Concern expressed as to how they had appointed their trustees.

### **AOB:**

Moira will organise sandwiches for Taster Course.

Pat & Jo discussed Twickenham BKA's proposition to the BBKA's Annual Delegates' meeting in January 2011 to break their links with the agro-chemical industry which use BBKA logos on a few of their products. Some unease was expressed regarding the link, but Van felt the break with the BBKA would sever the dialogue and good relationship they have built up with the chemical industry. As an almost identical proposition was put forward last year, he felt it would not go through. Jo to send out the proposition to the committee.

**Jo**

Jo would like Middlesex cups given out at Honey Show to be collected.  
Purchase of microscopes discussed; further discussion next year before Stoneleigh.

4-frame nuc. at apiary to be kept separate and fed.  
HBKA Calendars for 2011 to go on sale at the AGM.

13<sup>th</sup> November. Garston Manor, Watford would like an HBKA stall. Anyone who would like to run it to contact Katy Martin who organises events at Bentley Priory.

**Dates:**

23<sup>rd</sup> October Beekeeping taster one day course

6<sup>th</sup> November HBKA AGM Tickets on sale £9.00

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:**

To be agreed after the AGM

Meeting ended at 10.30pm