

HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2011
8.0pm at the ABC Hatch End

Present Judy Earl, Odette Thomas, Jo Telfer, Aubrey Kutner, Rob Atack, Jessie Atack,
Susan Kelly, Moira Spiers, Aline Bowers, Danuta Loveday, John Lawton,
Pat Dutson.
Brian Desborough

1. Apologies Van Hinman

2. Minutes of the committee meeting of 10th August 2011 read & accepted.

3. Matters Arising

John House to be reminded by Judy that he was sourcing library storage.

No action yet taken by LB Harrow regarding dangerous horse chestnut tree which overhangs railway line.

10 have signed up for the taster beekeeping course

Apiary Licence will be completed when Bill F. has signed document.

No response yet from BBKA re. First Aid for stings. Perhaps instructions on procedure to be put on notice board.

4. Treasurer's report

C/Account Balance at 5.9.11	£ 7,295.02
D/A Flexible savings	£ 4,016.18
Total	£11,311.20

The rental for members who have hives at each of our 3 sites is £5.

Aubrey will send out annual subscription forms to members shortly and wants

remittance by 15th Nov. otherwise no January Beecraft. BDI certificates to be given out at the AGM.

5. Hatch End Apiary (Generator)

New generator needed. Quote provided by one of our beekeepers included two options with slight variation in kilowatt power. We requested that it would be acoustic-enclosed with start button operation.

Vote taken unanimously that we should go ahead and order Option 1 generator. Brian will follow this up.

6. Out Apiaries

Odette outlined the problem at Orchard Grove which needs work to cut back undergrowth and reveal the slabs for hives. Useful emergency bolt hole for hives, though site is difficult to access by car. Pdraic to be contacted re clearing. Village Way site needs screening from path leading to allotments. Eddie Slavin to be

asked if we can go ahead and do the work.
Odette, Brian and Moira will discuss work involved.

7. Education

Jo outlined the problems of teaching the various new beekeeping courses, the basic exam and the modules; very time consuming and prevents attendance at many other weekend beekeeping events. Agreed that we would run a course for beginners but no dates fixed. Suggestion that it could run over several weekday evenings. Jo will email round those who help with the teaching.

Alan Byham to be asked to do a session on disease in the New Year.

8. AGM

Moira has emailed round the details of AGM and request for help with food.

Aline to send out the minutes by email. Agenda to go on website.

Brian wishes to stand down as Deputy Apiary Manager.

Request for reports for Education and Apiary before the AGM.

9. Harrow in Leaf

Preliminary report from the Harrow in Leaf show, reveals a bare profit of £400 which includes our £200 donation. Agreed that we would contribute this to their funds again this year.

Their contribution to Heritage Centre will rise from £750 this year to £1000 - £1500 for next year's show. Other sites being looked at for next year.

10. Any Other Business:

Van was thanked for a very successful President's Day at his house on Sept. 10th.

Pinner & Ruislip Quiz Supper numbers to be sent in by October 10th.

John L. asked if there was to be a calendar again this year. Probably - but it may not be ready in time for the AGM.

John asked for anything for the website which has received nearly 15000 hits. Members have posted items for sale via the website Forum and he would find it helpful if the outcome of the sale was also posted.

Jo hoped members would attend the National Honey Show.

Dates:

15th October Pinner & Ruislip BKA Quiz Supper 7.30pm @ St. Giles Church Hall, Ickenham.

27th – 29th Oct. National Honey Show – St. George's College, Weybridge.

12th Nov. 7.0pm HBKA AGM. St. Lawrence Church Hall, Bridle Rd. Eastcote, HA5 2SJ

13th Nov. ABC Hatch End. Looking at syllabus for BBKA Basic Exam. & Module 1.

11th Dec. ABC Hatch End, Quiz, mead and mince pies.

Date of next meeting:

11th January 2012 at 8.0pm (to be confirmed by the new committee)

Meeting ended at 9.50pm