

**HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2009  
at the ABC Hatch End

**Present:** Brian Desborough, Judy Earl, Danuta Loveday, Pat Dutton, John Lawton, Aline Bowers, Aubrey Kutner, Jo Telfer.

**Apologies:** Moira Spiers, John House, Susan Kelly.

**Minutes:** of the committee meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 read & accepted.

**Matters Arising:**

**Fencing for apiary:** this work now completed.

**Licence for apiary:** we now have approval to store fuel in container. Licence to be sent to the secretary.

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HBKA:** Harrow Arts Centre still not confirmed booking for our preferred dates of Sunday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> or Sunday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Aline to chase this up.

**President's Day:** Aline to contact Van to confirm the suggested date of Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Canons Park Fun Day:** Pat will organise our stall for the event and has requested help. We will give 5% of our takings to Friends of Canons Park.

**Treasurer's report:**

Current account	£6696.19
Deposit account	£4008.16
Cash in hand	42.95

Draft balance sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2008 to go to Charity Commission as we have over £10,000 in our accounts. Hope to receive over £1000 from Inland Revenue through Gift Aid.

**Apiary sub committee:**

Brian went through the main points from last meeting.

Our mid to long term aim is to have to water & electricity supply.

Modifications needed to the ABC shutters.

Generator needs dry and secure housing.

Second hive carrier has been purchased for £61.57.

**Website:**

John Lawton went through items which could go onto our new website.

Beginner's kit and what is needed to start beekeeping

Stock list which could be filled in & printed off by members.

FAQs and a 'bee-monthly calendar' – Jo to make suggestions

Items for sale

Items wanted

Minutes

Apiary rules

Photos

FAQs

John given a big vote of thanks for the work he has done in bringing our website to life.

**Allotments:**

Harrow-in-Leaf assessing all the sites in Harrow. Would like us to monitor sites particularly those uncultivated.

Judy will write to LBH requesting that we assess sites suitable for beekeeping.

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

Fiona Dickson is our judge for the show.

John Lawton will organise boards for photography.

A plea for members to persuade everyone to enter and for entries to be sent in good time.

Judy will leave entry sheets in the ABC.

A committee meeting requested before the event.

### **Grant/Enviro loo:**

Application for grant for enviro-loo not accepted. We have too much money in our account. This wind-dried system needs no connected water, little maintenance and estimated cost is £6768.

Decided we will need a special general meeting to ask members if this expenditure can go ahead. Date of 2<sup>nd</sup> August suggested which gives enough time to send out information and voting instructions.

### **AOB:**

- John House sent in points for consideration -
  - limiting numbers of new members joining next year
  - selling off Association hives & buying new nucs. each year
  - spending money on a compost loo
  - purchasing another small honey extractor
- Brian would like new beekeepers to have mentors

### **Dates:**

- 19<sup>th</sup> July Sun 2 – 5pm Canon's Park Fun Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> July Sat. from 4.0pm - Cheese & wine at the Hatch End ABC
- 8<sup>th</sup> August –Harrow in Leaf BBQ
- 9<sup>th</sup> August – Extracting honey at the Hatch End ABC
- 30-31<sup>st</sup> Aug. Sun/Mon. Harrow in Leaf show at Harrow Museum & Heritage Centre
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sept Sat. from 7.0pm date for President's Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. Sun – Yvette Syburn-Mercer's talk on 'Homeopathy in the home & with bees.'
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. Sat. Beginners' one day taster course
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct/11<sup>th</sup> Oct Sun. possible dates for 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. Sat. AGM
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 Federation Day, Broomfield School.
- 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 possible dates for Beginners' course
- 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 – Stoneleigh
- 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 BBKA exams

### **Date of next meeting:**

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 at 8.00pm at the ABC, Hatch End.

Meeting ended at 10.10pm