

## HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 **ACTION**  
8.0pm at the ABC Hatch End

**Present:** Judy Earl, Odette Thomas, Jo Telfer, Aline Bowers, Brian Desborough, Jessie Atack, Rob Atack, Susan Kelly, Moira Speirs, Aubrey Kutner, Danuta Loveday, John House, Dianne Allmey, Doreen Pattenson,

**1. Apologies:** Pat Dutson, Van Hinman,

**2. Minutes:** of the committee meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 read & accepted.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

Generator not yet serviced.

Extractor – Odette to look at Stoneleigh

#### **Odette**

Dawn's plaque is in place

Microscopes are bought.

The filing cabinet has gone.

Insurance is in place.

John Lawton has put equipment on our website.

Beginners' course now has 30 people, and there is a waiting list.

Federation Day

### **4. Treasurer's report:**

We have £9650.96 in the bank  
38.33 in petty cash  
4012.17 in savings.

We owe money to Beecraft, BDI etc. which will reduce the account back to £4,000.

We owe £44.88 for website. Plaque commemorating Dawn is now up; cost £171.60.

### **5. Apiary sub-committee:**

Judy went through the minutes from meeting of 4.2.11.

Power – estimate cost of laying water supply down track - £2000/£2500

Trees should be assessed for health while they are still Harrow's responsibility.

Shutters on the ABC building need some attention.

Container ventilators are under investigation.

Access to apiary track had been a problem but swimming pool staff had been helpful with traffic cones. We need emergency access down the track.

ABC building needed more power points.

External painting was also to be done.

A ramp to the new door would be investigated.

The middle and end sheds would be cleared.

A new list of jobs to be done would be ready shortly.

Some hives had been removed from Orchard Grove.

At Village Way hives need screening and access to this site was slippery. Odette

& Brian were

forming a working party.

Possible liaison with Harrow Community Farm which may be sited on George Vth Ave.

Hive thefts - brands are available but expensive.

Be aware – lock apiary gates correctly on all sites and keep hives out of site.

Security suggestions ranged from marker pens to a notice saying, 'These hives are marked'.

There was a brief discussion on wind power and solar panels.

#### **6. Harrow in Leaf:**

Judy has resigned as our representative on H in L.

Judy is on the H in L Show Committee, with Derek & Gaynor Osborne, Ron Dickens, Diane Church, Diana Dolman, Judy Walker, John Hillier, Bernard Harris and Roger Kirkham, plus a new rep. from Belmont. The committee is facing certain difficulties in preparing for this year's show. However the schedule is printed and hopefully show will go ahead on August Bank Holiday.

Their AGM is 11<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **7. Events for the year:**

May Day - there was no confirmation yet that this would take place.

Grim's Dyke Open Day May 30<sup>th</sup>. Judy to do this.

Sudbury Court Residents - July. They had dropped their price for us to £12.50 as HBKA is a charity, but would not provide tables.

Canon's Park - 17<sup>th</sup> July. Pat Dutson will be asked if he could do this day. They are not charging for a table but will take 5% of our takings.

French Water Engineers - 6<sup>th</sup> April. They use the ABC for watching a film about the re-rooting of the River Pinn and usually give a £50 donation.

Fish & Chip Supper Quiz - 21<sup>st</sup> May. Moira, Judy & Odette to do this.

Cheese & Wine – 30<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **8. Library Storage:**

Van wished to move the library to the ABC, where it would be more accessible to members. The purchase of a cabinet with moveable shelves was mooted to house books and microscopes. John H. to look into this & given a rough price of £40 - £60. The library occupies approx. 16 feet. A list of available books could be placed on the HBKA website.

**John**

#### **9. President's Day:**

It was thought Van might like to use the ABC for this.

#### **10. Any other business:**

Alan Byham our bee inspector would like a list of our members for the NBU database. We would

need members' agreement for this so until there is a tick box system on our membership and renewal forms, this cannot be approved.

**Aline**

Insects were in the news as food. One beekeeper apparently sells his drones to be encased in

chocolate.

Beekeepers' Quarterly, described as very technical and repetitive, is offering a reduced subscription to a minimum of 6 subscribers from one source.

Well End is a new possible site at Borehamwood, a privately owned piece of land whose owner wishes to build a pavilion and have bees there to be looked after by us. Mentoring of new members will continue, people being matched to where their hives are kept.

**Dates:**

26<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011 Beginners' Beekeeping Course.

2<sup>nd</sup> May May Day at Harrow Museum & Heritage Centre. 12.0pm – 5.0pm

11<sup>th</sup> May Harrow in Leaf AGM

21<sup>st</sup> May HBKA Fish & Chip supper & Quiz

30<sup>th</sup> May Grim's Dyke Hotel Open Day

17<sup>th</sup> July Canon's Park Day

**Date of next meeting:**

Date of next meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011. (This was originally fixed for 11<sup>th</sup> May but clashes with H in L AGM)