

HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18th May 2011
8.0pm at the ABC Hatch End

Present: Judy Earl, Odette Thomas, Jo Telfer, Pat Dutson, Brian Desborough, Rob Atack, Susan Kelly, Moira Speirs, Aubrey Kutner, John House, Aline Bowers

1. Apologies: John Lawton, Van Hinman, Danuta Loveday, Jessie Atack.

2. Minutes: of the committee meeting of 16th March 2011 read & accepted.

3. Matters Arising:

Generator not yet serviced.

Extractors: now have 2 x 9 frame and 2 x 4 frame & 1 plastic. Rob & Jessie thanked for their good work and efficiency in lending out the equipment.

The filing cabinet has gone. Efforts being made to look for storage for library books. Will need insulation.

29 people did the Beginners' Course. Very successful with a good feedback. A big thank you to Jo for its success.

No news on the review of the apiary trees.

Possibility that the oak processionary moth could cause a problem.

44 coming to the Quiz Supper on 21st May. 4 tickets left.

Van to be asked for possible dates for President's Day in September.

4. Treasurer's report:

Accounts for year ended 31 December 2010 were produced.

Aubrey went through the accounts in detail; some items will be sent to the Charity Commission.

Profit on the sale of beekeeping equipment £590.41. Brian thanked for his hard work in producing this profit. Aubrey thanked for the clear and thorough accounts.

5. Harrow in Leaf:

AGM on 11th May. Brian and Jo attended. New constitution accepted.

Several committee members resigned but will remain until SGM on 29th June.

Hopefully a new committee will be formed to run the organisation.

HBKA to back the show on August Bank holiday.

6. Apiary Licence:

This still hasn't come through as we would like the wording on the original documents to be reinstated.

This to be requested.

7. Events for the year:

Jo requested that those taking on an event should put the details in the diary.

Jo visiting several schools to talk about bees. Beaver cubs coming to the ABC.

Suggested that Charlie should find someone to run the Sudbury Court Residents' Day.

Jo will do the event at St. John's School summer fair on 25th June.
Agreed that 10% of takings go to HBKA from honey sales at Grim's Dyke, Canon's Park & Harrow in Leaf events.

Any Other Business:

New honey prices agreed. £5.00 for 1lb jar. £3.00 for half pound.

We do not charge for swarm collecting but will always accept a donation to funds.

Suggestion that a receipt could be given for this.

24th June – visit of regional bee inspector; Odette will work out the programme for the day.

The Association hives need allocating to beekeepers. Suggestion that extraction should take place earlier than planned as the supers are filling up.

Odette will email around that no one should bring electrical equipment onto the Hatch End site.

Brian concerned that members are not locking the gates correctly. Perhaps sessions given on correct way.

Alan Byham the bee inspector has requested we put in place tick box system on membership & renewal forms giving him access to our membership details for the NBU database.

Dates:

21st May HBKA Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz

30th May Grim's Dyke Hotel Open Day (Judy & Aline)

19th June Sudbury Court Residents' (Charlie or other)

25th June St. John's School summer fair (Jo)

26th June Watford Police Day (Odette)

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

30th July HBKA Cheese & Wine

30th 31st August. Harrow in Leaf show

Date of next meeting:

6th July 2011 at 8.0pm