

HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 14th March 2012
8.0pm at the ABC, Hatch End

Present Judy Earl, Odette Thomas, Jo Telfer, Aubrey Kutner, Moira Spiers, Aline Bowers,
Pat Dutson Brian Desborough, Doreen Tylden-Pattenson, Van Hinman,
John Lawton

1. Apologies Danuta Loveday, Liz Rowan, Rob Atack, Jessie Atack,

2. Minutes of the committee meeting of 11th January 2012 read & accepted.

3. Matters Arising

Apiary Licence received and paid for next 5 years.
Generator now moved into position and working. Wait to see if all well before selling the old one. Keys for casing to be hidden on site.
Hedging has been ordered for Hatch End, Village Way & Roxeth apiaries.
Harrow in Leaf not yet received money from gift classes from 2011 show.
Judy will speak to Stephen Cameron about Forager.
Ramp now down to side door; safety rail now needed and Jo will ask Bruce about this.
Jo & Brian to write questionnaire to members and email to committee.
Federation Day was a very good day. Barnet now included in the Federation.

4. Treasurer's report

C/Account Balance at 31/12/11	£ 10243.34
D/A Flexible savings	£ 4016.00

We still owe much of c/account to Beecraft, BDI, & the Federation.

5. Apiary Manager

Generator needs servicing regularly. Odette will raise this with Norman for quote.
She would like members to refrain from putting bee boxes, smokers, boots, etc. on picnic tables; middle shed, if tidied could be used. Odette would like an apiary manager + deputy for each apiary site.
Apiary rules to be scrutinised by apiary sub-committee.
Doreen given evidence at Federation Day that wasp traps should be put up at end of March to catch queen wasps.

6. Harrow in Leaf

Quiz – 14th April Sat. 7 for 7.30pm incl. supper held at West Harrow allotment site.

Plant sale – 19th May 11.0am – 2.0pm

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BBQ 21st July Details not yet available.

Show schedule out and on H in L. website.

7. Events

27th May Stanmore Society Village Fete in Bernays Garden, Stanmore. Would like to have HBKA represented. Bill F. may have details of this event already.

8. Any Other Business

Jo said there are 11 on the beginners' course. Agreed that anyone who had paid for course and not attended could defer course to following year rather than receive a rebate.

Modules being taken on 24th March. BBKA has been asked to allow extra time for those who have English as a second language.

HBKA veils have been taken and not returned from ABC. Judy to email round before buying replacements. Felt that we should be aware of leaving valuables inside ABC when doors open.

John said website up for renewal – cost £40.88.

Van discussed President's Day. Suggested cheese and wine at Hatch End in September. Van to check dates.

Summer social at Hatch End 7th July - from 5.0pm.

Doreen asked if committee would consider purchase of power point projector which could be linked to a laptop for teaching purposes. Jo suggested selling the HBKA overhead projector towards its cost. She will ask Bruce to look at pricing. Brian & Doreen to investigate possibility of grants.

Judy said that Tilman Marsh had suffered a bike accident and fractured his femur. Aline to send a card from us all, wishing him well.

Dates

20th 21st 22nd April – Spring Convention, Harper Adams Univ. College, Newport, Shropshire.

7th May Mon. 12 – 5.0pm May Day at Harrow Museum & Heritage Centre, Pinner View, HA2 6PX

27th May Sat. Stanmore Society Village Fete, Bernays Gardens, Stanmore

23rd June Sat. 12 – 4.0om St. John's School Summer Fair, Green Lane, Stanmore.

7th July Sat. HBKA Summer Social from 5.0pm at Hatch End Apiary

26th & 27th August 12 – 5pm. Harrow in Leaf 8th Horticultural Show at Harrow Museum & Heritage Centre.

Date of next meeting

Wed. 9th May 2012 at 8.0pm

Meeting ended at 9.45pm