

# HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
8.0pm at the ABC, Hatch End

**Present** Judy Earl, Aubrey Kutner, Moira Spiers, Aline Bowers, Doreen Pattenson  
Brian Desborough, Danuta Loveday, John Van Dyken, Odette Thomas

**1. Apologies** Liz Rowan, Jo Telfer, John Lawton, Pat Dutson, Van Hinman

**2. Minutes** of the committee meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 read & accepted.

## **3. Matters Arising**

- Odette will follow up first service of the new generator and contact Normal Morley.
- Harrow in Leaf BBQ went well in spite of the weather.
- Van was thanked for organising President's Day at Hatch End. Perhaps next year it will need more publicity to attract members.

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

Balances:	Current Account	£10521
	Deposit Account	4016
	Cash	20

Subscriptions for next year discussed. Beecraft subs. going up from £21.60 to £24.50 due mainly to rise in postage. BDI are not increasing their subs.

Proposed subs. for approval at the AGM:

Registered members	Partner	Junior	Country
£47	£13	£10	£10

(Omitted at meeting: Donation of £100 from Jennifer Hampson to HBKA from sale of equipment)

## **5. Harrow in Leaf**

Very successful show and Harrow in Leaf said it was their best one.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made it such a success.

We made a profit of £506.68. Honey sales: £264, Candle rolling £155, HBKA sales £87.68

Judges fees came to about £200 which is mainly made up of mileage costs. Great difficulty in finding local judges.

Agreed that our donation to H. in L. should be £200.

## **6. Apiary Rules**

These have now been agreed. Apiary Manager would like rules signed by all beekeepers with hives on apiary sites and list put in the ABC. Odette and Judy to decide best way of sending out Rules to relevant members.

Concern that one hive at Hatch End has been neglected. The member will be contacted to discuss the future position; £13 owed for treatment to this hive.

**7. Website**

John Lawton now feels it is time to pass on his website duties to another member.  
We would like to thank John for all the work he has done over the years in setting up and maintaining the website.  
Judy will to discuss the website with a possible successor.  
Brian voiced concern over the future of Forager as Jeremy is not standing for re-election as editor.

**8. Any Other Business**

- Doreen has been offered a tour of the Harrow Council silverware by the Deputy Mayor.
- Moira requested cheque for £140 - payment of hall for AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Requests to be sent out for those who will help with catering. Agreed £10 tickets. Raffle items needed.
- Jo sent through details of Ian Homer’s workshop/training day at Harrow Arts Centre on 17<sup>th</sup> November, for Federation of Middx. beekeepers with 2-3 years’ experience. Some concern that this will clash with the AGM later in the day, particularly for those who may be preparing food.
- London Honey show details have been circulated.
- Felt that we should not be successful in applying for a £2000 grant from Neal’s Yard as we have good financial reserves.
- A request for us from the Deputy Mayor, to give a presentation to the President of a Chinese honey association, has been put back to later in the year.
- Judy was given the go-ahead to bid on E-bay up to £150 for storage cabinet.
- Beekeeping course for 2013. March 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> with half day April 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost £75
- BBKA exams. March 23<sup>rd</sup> .2013

**Dates**

8<sup>th</sup> October from 6.0pm London Honey Show at the Lancaster London  
25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October, National Honey Show, St. George’s College, Weybridge, KT15 2QS  
17<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 HBKA AGM at St.. Lawrence Church Hall, Eastcote. 7.0pm  
16<sup>th</sup> December, HBKA Mead and Mince pies, Hatch End.  
March 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> April 13<sup>th</sup> Beekeeping Beginners’ Course 2013.  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 BBKA exams.

Meeting ended at 10.05pm

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