

# HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. January 2013  
8.0pm at the ABC, Hatch End

**Present** Judy Earl, Aubrey Kutner, Moira Spiers, Aline Bowers, Doreen Pattenson  
Brian Desborough, John Van Dyken, Odette Thomas, John House, Pat Dutton,  
Bill Fitzmaurice, Sarah James, Tilman Marsh, Mimi Deneva Keen, Jo Telfer, Stephen  
Cameron

**1. Apologies** Danuta Loveday, Van Hinman

**2. Minutes** of the committee meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 read & accepted.

## **3. Matters Arising**

- First generator service now completed.
- Apiary rules have been signed.
- Moira given vote of thanks for arranging successful AGM.
- Beginners' course costs £70 and not £75 as minuted.
- Storage cabinet still being sourced.

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

Balances:	Current Account	£12,048
	Deposit Account	4,016

We owe £3000-£4000 for BBKA membership.

We have 101 paid up membership.

Aubrey inquired about using our funds for a big project such as laying on mains water/electricity.

Problem with water on site - we only have a soak-away from the ABC which could cause problems.

## **5. Forager**

Stephen said next Forager ready for first week in February. Two members showed interest in becoming Deputy Forager editor and Harrow Notes.

Website discussed and general feeling that it is a great improvement and lots of interest to be found there.

Suggested that members be asked in Forager for a project to benefit the Association using our funds.

## **6. Harrow in Leaf**

Sarah and Tilman welcomed as the new reps. for the H in L Show Committee.

Suggested we have the same judges as last year. Several changes to Show Schedule, including removing the black covers from the tasting honey class. Honey cookery to have spices as added ingredient.

One class for creamed honey and one class for granulated honey.

## **7. Any Other Business**

Brian concerned that decisions were being made outside of meetings, via emails or face to face with individuals. After discussion suggested major decisions to be made at committee meetings or at a special meeting rather than in groups or individually.

Brian said there were many objections to the signing of the apiary rules. After discussion, pointed out that most members were happy to sign the rules after explanations given. Increase in membership and decision to cut out the annual inspection from SE Regional Inspector, apart from emergencies, make it imperative to have rules in place. Felt that a team of our members should be trained in disease recognition, paid for by the Association. Jo to look into courses. 6 members selected, Jo, Brian, Bill, John van Dyken, John House & Moira.

Jo has vacant plot for hives at Belmont Allotment site. Space only suitable for one member.

At BBKA delegates' meeting this month, Hampshire putting forward proposition for areas to be identified where neonicotinoid seed dressings are being used.

9<sup>th</sup>. Feb. David Blowers of BBKA is organising training sessions in Cambs. re. basic and module exams. Stephen interested in attending.

18 members attended module session at PRBKA with Alan Husbands.

3 names so far to do Basic exam. Members need to be encouraged to take it.

Hoped there would be a good attendance at Federation Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Muswell Hill.

Discussed the purchase of Vol 1 W. Herrod Hemsall book from Pinner & Ruislip BKA who want to sell. We have Vol.11. Jo mentioned the very comprehensive report on the library produced by Susan Kelly some years ago. Felt that we would like to see these books even if they are eventually sold but that we should make an offer to PRBKA for Vol 1 and then decide whether we keep or sell. Jo to contact them and suggest a price not more than £70.

Pat: at the forthcoming delegates meeting of the BBKA, there will be a vote on increase in capitation of £2 due to increase in postal charges and costs of BBKA news now produced monthly & in colour.

Pat is retiring as Harrow Rep at the Middx.Federation, but remaining as Middx. Treasurer. New rep. required. John House and Yvette Siburn Mercer both showed interest; agreed that John had the greater experience of beekeeping and was voted unanimously.

Aubrey raised concern regarding cost of the Wax Day. It was mentioned that there were material costs involved and members would leave with products which they had produced.

Doreen requested a queen-rearing course; this to be looked into.

Stephen would like to alter the heading of the website and keen for schools to have input into the design.

Moira suggested same venue for AGM and date given as Sat.16<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Mimi to contact Van re. library books.

Aline has paid the insurance for Hatch End apiary to Zurich Muncipal of £298.81 (incl. £16.91 tax).

Judy has calendars for sale.

### **Dates**

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> BBKA Regional workshop in training/education – Hinxton, Cambs.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> Middx. FBKA, Royal British Legion, Muswell Hill Rd., N10 3NG. 10am. – 3.30pm

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.

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April, Spring Convention, Harper Adams University College, Newport, TF10 8NB

Meeting ended at 10.05pm

Date of next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Signed .....

Date .....