

HARROW BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2013
8.0pm at the ABC, Hatch End

Present Judy Earl, Tilman Marsh, Moira Spiers, Aline Bowers, Doreen Pattenson
Brian Desborough, John Van Dyken, Odette Thomas, Jo Telfer, Van Hinman

1. Apologies Danuta Loveday, Aubrey Kutner, Mimi Deneva-Keen, John House, Stephen Cameron,
Sarah James

2. Minutes of the committee meeting of 9th January 2013 read & accepted.

3. Matters Arising

Correction: April 6th and not April 13th for 3rd session of beekeeping course.

Storage cabinet still being sourced.

Jo to collect Herrod Hemsall Book Vol !! from Pinner & Ruislip Suggestion that we have a 'library' meeting during the summer when the books can be looked at..

4. Treasurer's Report

Aubrey sent through figures

Balances:	Current Account	£12,698
	Deposit Account	4,020

5. Harrow in Leaf

Tilman has been to H in L show committee meeting. Class of creamed honey and class of honey cake with spices has been included in schedule.

6. Any Other Business

Jo & Stephen attended BBKA meeting re. training. Gap between basic and husbandry exams. too wide; suggested meeting of those teaching on our course to fill gap. 11 people have signed up for the course.

Jo concerned that the DEFRA consultation 'Improving honey bee health', is confusing. Felt that the Federation should reply for the group. Training in bee diseases imperative. and meeting with Alan Byham important. No training help forthcoming from Bee Unit when inspectorate is reduced and concern that BeeBase will be wound up..

French water engineers used ABC last week; £50 to funds.

Jo spoke to Cllr John Hinkley re pollution of stream coming across field. Judy will contact Thames Water Board.

Moira

AGM hall has been booked 16th November, St. Lawrence Church Hall, Eastcote..

Odette bees from swarm apiary to HE apiary will need to be inspected. Would like suggestions for improvements to HE site, & uses for middle shed. To be discussed at next Apiary sub committee meeting.

Van

To contact Mimi re. the library books. Jo looking after the valuable beekeeping books and other beekeeping documents.

Van has kindly donated to the library 'Plants and Honey Bees'.

Suggestions for President's Day. Felt it would be good to incorporate it into our summer 'pot-luck' supper which was successful last year.

Brian

Suggested we buy Graham Royle's book, 'Apis through the looking glass' for the Association.
Asked if saplings had been planted. Judy to check.

Brian was asked if he could leave note in ABC when not around on Sundays. He would prefer members to text him when equipment needed.

John van Dyken thanked Jo for her Secretaryship of Middlesex Federation for 23 years.

Aline

May day at Harrow Museum on 6th May. There are offers of help but none so far for St. John's School Fair on 4th May. To email round again.
Swarm list to go out to local authorities.

Judy

Harrow in Leaf Quiz 27th April to let Judy know if anyone would like to go.
Pat and Mary Dutson thanked for hosting the excellent honey tasting evening. Would be good to repeat it at apiary.
Possible visit to Physic Garden in Chelsea and a visit to gardens of City of London.
20th July wax course has been advertised.
Judy would like to know how many beehives in Harrow owned by Barnet and Pinner & Ruislip beekeepers.

Doreen to contact Stephen re. purchase of a projector with a USB connection.

Dates

- March 16th 23rd. April 6th Beekeeping Beginners' Course 2013.
- 23rd March 2013 BBKA exams.
- 12th – 14th April, BBKA Spring Convention, Harper Adams University College, Newport, TF10 8NB
- 27th April – Harrow in Leaf quiz
- 6th May May Day at Harrow Museum & Heritage Centre, 12.0pm – 5.0pm
- 20th July Wax Course
- 20th July – Family Fun Day at Harrow Arts Centre 11.0am – 4.0pm

Meeting ended at 9.20pm

Date of next meeting 15th May 2013

Signed

Date