

## Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on the 06/01/11

1. Present: Wendy Welham, David Welham, Bob South, Ivor Davis, Phil Clemente, Ashley Grist, Sally Webber, Jon Webber, Debbie Kolombus Peter Carter
2. Apologies for Absence: None
3. Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved and signed by Chairman
4. Matters Arising:  
Peter Carter's phone number was incorrect. To be amended to 820079

### **Action ID(JD)**

An email regarding the mentoring system will be sent out to all those requiring mentors.

### **Action A.G**

All other items were deemed as completed.

5. Chairman's Report; The Chairman (W.W) welcomed all committee members to the first meeting of the year, and stated that her aims were to increase the numbers attending meetings and to promote the various educational programmes run by the branch.
6. Treasurer's Report; (S.W) reported that she was working to the spreadsheet supplied by Tony Davies for records of membership and payments. The transfer of the bank details and new signatories was progressing, but owing to admin. difficulties Sally will be known as Sally Burrell.

It was agreed by the meeting that there would be four signatories for cheques- President, Chairman, Hon Treasurer, & Hon Sec. and that any two of the four would be required for any expense in excess of £300. Only one signature would be required for any amount less than £300 It was also agreed that as several new members had received old membership forms the discrepancy in payments, £27, would be written off.

### **Action S.W**

A discussion took place regarding the new membership form, but it was decided that no action would take place until Tony Davies clarified the situation regarding Partner Members, & County Members.

Proposed D.W., sec A.G

It was agreed a membership list with the intentions of members regarding hosting meetings, helping at shows, etc. would be supplied to D.K.

**Action S.W**

It was proposed by A.G sec I.D that we should recognise the efforts in sorting out the accounts by Tony Davies and the auditor Tony Poole by supplying an appropriate gift to the value of £25 each.

**Action D.W**

7. Secretary's Report: We are not receiving information from ABKA It was agreed that we should approach ABKA for help with purchases relative to our educational programmes.

**Action P.C**

8. Apiary Manager's Report: (P.C) Phil has inspected the colonies at the apiaries in the last few weeks.

A.G had purchased six new suits for use at the apiary and had them embroidered with the club logo. We now have six new and three old suits, the latter also have an embroidered club logo.

A.G also reported that the club had purchased 15 deep national and 15 commercial hives in flat packs to be sold on to members.

Re. The Langford apiary it was reported that the equipment needs to be inspected with a view to replacing worn-out kit.

It was proposed by A.G sec P.C that a small shipping container be obtained to replace the old wooden shed.

It was agreed that the lease should be examined regarding equipment on site to ensure that this was feasible.

**Action D.W**

An inventory of the equipment and a measurement of the site would be undertaken.

**Action A.G**

The committee agreed that we should actively seek land for our own apiary. The orchard on Brinsea Road was mentioned as a possibility

**Action All**

9. Swarm Liaison Report: (J.W) nothing to report at present. J.W is assisting with the accounts.

10. Programme Manager's Report:

The question of back-up speakers was raised and D.K will approach club members should this situation arise.

It was agreed that D.K would arrange for a vote of thanks to be proposed for the speaker and also arrange a "speakers friend" in advance of each meeting.

We will limit the speaker's time to a maximum of one hour, e.g. speak for 45 minutes plus 10-15 minutes for Q&A.

We have been unable to contact Chris Sperring regarding a branch visit to the Somerset Levels. Will continue to try or find an alternative venue.

**Action D.K**

11. Education Officer's Report: (I.D)

We have 36 members on the Beginners' Course.

I.D then ran through the situation with the other courses.

12. ABKA Delegate:

The next meeting is scheduled for the 20/01/11. PC was asked to raise the proposal from this committee that Tony Davies be made an

Honorary Member of Avon. Proposed D.W sec I.D

PC would also check that information from ABKA would be sent to the branch secretary.

**Action P.C**

13. AOB

Portishead Show - David Hounsell/Tom Salter are to be approached re booking the site.

**Action D.W**

The death of Dr Bruce Telford will be mentioned at the next branch meeting followed by one minutes' silence.

**Action W.W**

The article brought by P.C re. Rural Development Grants will be followed up.

**Action W.W**

A solicitor will look at the Lease Agreement from the Walled Garden.

**Action D.W**

Date of next meeting 09/03/11 at Jon & Sally Webbers'

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 21.30

Signed .....