

**North Somerset Beekeepers
BC&DBK Committee Meeting
6th May 2014 19.30 Tickenham Village Hall**

1.0. Present :- D. Welham, G. Packer, R. Ellis, D. Capon, A. Lewis, R. Francis, A. Wells, I. Cooper

2.0 Apologies John Banks, Steve Robinson, Janet McCulloch, Gerry Scott Wilson,

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting
Accepted as an accurate record of the meeting

4.0 Matters Arising
There were no matters arising

5.0 Chair's Report
Nothing to report but a vote of thanks was recorded to all members involved in the North Somerset Show, especially Richard and Lynne Ellis.
Action send letter to Hans Wilson to thank him for his support.

G.P

6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report
Richard reported that as a branch we pay £17/member to BBKA and £4/head to ABKA
At the present we have approx. £8k in our account
We made approx. £103 from sale of candles and honey at the NS Show
As we have a good surplus in the account the committee discussed possible expenditure on extra equipment as follows:-
A second observation hive

D.C

Further equipment for the apiary, including four suits.

D.C

D.C was given carte blanche by the committee to pursue these actions.

Books for the library committee members are to forward suggestions to R.F

All

A skep and two books ex Helen Fordham were to be purchased for the branch (£25) R.F
If we run Module courses the hire of the venue will be paid by the branch

R.E

The committee discussed the need for a welcome letter/pack which will be sent to all new members.

D.W/WBW

7.0 Hon Sec's Report
Not available

8.0 Apiary Manager's Report

An inventory of the branch equipment was supplied to the committee.

It was reported that the Sunday sessions were well supported.

D.C needs to obtain a new lock for the apiary gate

D.C

D.C suggested we need to consider a self propelled mower for the apiary.

Parking at the apiary was discussed as we must not block the drive to the bungalow.

A.L said she would visit the occupant of the bungalow to make contact. **A.L**

9.0 Programme Manager's Report

Not Available

10.0 Education Co-ordinator's Report

Queen rearing is progressing well see A.L.!!

R.F to co-ordinate with S.R to set up system of making mated Q's available. **R.F/S.R**

The School site on the web page is up and running.

Paddy Brading is putting a colony on site at Chew Comprehensive.

R.F. to send a copy of the school leaflet to the committee for comment. **R.F**

10.01 Annabelle Lewis, reported on the Bee Disease Day scheduled for the 26/06/14. To be held at Sidcot School.

Unfortunately Sidcot have decided that we cannot use their colonies on the day.

A.L. to contact the Bee Inspectors to discuss alternatives as the logistics for our Branch is becoming too great. **A.L**

11.0 Swarm Liaison

A.W reported that he had collected a couple of swarms so far. A.W then outlined the system he is using to supply swarms to members.

Any swarms collected and not required should be communicated to A.W **All**

12.0 ABKA Rep

DW reported that he had sent J.B details of the 2015 dates for ABKA events.

A general discussion then took place regarding the ABKA and it's relevance to the branches.

13.0 Web site Manager

No report available, but thanks expressed to S.R for the exceptional site.

14.0 Show Co-ordinator

No report available, but the committee wished to thank WBW for her efforts in organising the NS Show. G.P to write a letter. **G.P**

15.0 Members without Portfolio

See A.L above 10.01

Ian had nothing to report.

16.0 AOB

Branch clothing e.g. "T" shirts Polo Shirts etc, to be discussed at next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 21.30

Date of next meeting 01/07/14 at 19.30 Tickenham Village Hall