

**THE DEVON BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION, TORBAY BRANCH.**

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**BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes of the Torbay Branch Executive Committee Meeting held at Sainsbury's Restaurant, Yalberton Road, Paignton at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26th 2016**

**Present:**

<b>Liz Westcott</b>	<b>Chair; Education Officer; Honey Show Secretary</b>
<b>Glyn Davies</b>	<b>Apiary Co-coordinator</b>
<b>Di Hatherley</b>	<b>Branch Secretary</b>
<b>Jim Mogridge</b>	<b>Social Secretary</b>
<b>Lindsay Ticehurst</b>	<b>Branch Treasurer</b>
<b>Doug Westaway</b>	<b>BUZZ editor</b>
<b>Mike Ticehurst</b>	<b>Branch Web Master</b>
<b>Wendy Ashley</b>	
<b>Brian Thomas</b>	

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence**  
Di reported that Gerry and Maureen had contacted her to offer their apologies.
- 2. Minutes of previous committee meeting: approval and signing**  
There being no proposed amendments, Liz signed her copy of the minutes to indicate they form an accurate record of the above Meeting.
- 3. Matters arising**

776 'Basic' Refresher Course Reminder in BUZZ March/April editions	Doug <i>Completed</i>
777 Digitize Basic Course Handbook on Web	Mike <i>Completed</i>
778 Build Solar Wax Extractor	Mike <i>Completed</i>
779 Source items for Apiary <i>Completed; Mike has made up dummy boards, crown boards, wax extractor, frames; stainless steel hive tools to be acquired (A/P 780)</i>	Apiary Team
- 4. Education: practical training/experience of bee handling for new beekeepers**  
The Basic Assessment will be re-advertised in BUZZ. Liz will encourage members to take part and Glyn is prepared to offer a practical session prior to

individual assessments. The final session of the 2016-2017 Introduction to Beekeeping Course may be held at the apiary so that would-be beekeepers can gain early practical experience and be encouraged to attend the apiary sessions on a regular basis.

**5. Cockington Apiary Update**

Thanks in large part to Mike's efforts, Glyn reported that resources at the apiary are improving. There are plans to acquire more nuc boxes and we are also short of National deep frames. A successful split was effected recently and the hive which generated 2 queen cells will be separated out. Liz confirmed there is a demand in the club for nucs of bees. There are lots of drones in the hives which will be flying soon. Glyn explained the difference between a split and an artificial swarm. He also suggested that the apiary should be open every Saturday and he is prepared to be there. The Committee expressed their thanks and appreciation to Glyn for his suggestion. Refreshments will continue to be provided on alternate Saturdays. Issues around parking were discussed. It was agreed that Mike should make some stickers which can be used to alert the public and particularly when it is necessary to double park (A/P 781). On Glyn's recommendation it was agreed that a second shed (approx. £500) should be acquired. Mike agreed to research sheds and their cost (A/P 782). Doug will advertise the additional, less formal sessions to be held on alternate Saturdays in the next edition of BUZZ (A/P 783).

**6. TBKA Honey Sales**

Jim reported that we had 183lb of honey to sell; all jars have been sold and the balance credited to the apiary account was £573.00 net

**7. Speakers for Winter Meetings**

Liz advised she would like to invite Dave Packham, Seasonal Bee Inspector who spoke well at Holsworthy. He is Exeter based. The South West Chairman of the NFU can talk about neonicotinoids from the farmers' perspective and Liz would like to consider him amongst speakers for Winter Meetings. Di will contact Barry Neal, secretary of DBKA with regard to the DBKA current list of speakers (A/P 784).

**8. Social Calendar: Summer Walk**

Jim agreed to contact Jack Richardson Brown with regard to ideas. Date to be arranged (A/P 785).

**9. Stephenson Trophy Update: Devon County Show**

Wendy, Jim, Mike and Liz offered to take hives, stands and resources to the Show. Stands need to be sourced: Mike will look at what there is available at

the Apiary (A/P 786). An additional meeting to be held on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m. at Sainsbury's Restaurant.

**10. Any other business**

Di reported on the content of two emails from Gerry. In response, the Committee agreed that Gerry should purchase the book Natural Varroa Control by William Hesbach for the Branch Library and also that they are happy to support the work at Occombe Farm during Devon Pollinators' Month in July through lending information on the Introductory Course, honey samples and the Torbay entry for the Stephenson Trophy. Di will advise Gerry of the decision and also ask Gerry to make arrangements with Sainsbury's for the meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> (A/P 787) and the next Committee Meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**11. Venue and date of the next committee meeting**

The next Committee meeting will take place at Sainsbury's Restaurant, Yalberton Road, Paignton, on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

**12. Action Points from the Meeting**

**A/P**

<b>780</b>	Purchase stainless steel hive tools	Apiary Team
<b>781</b>	Create apiary car stickers	Mike
<b>782</b>	Research cost of shed for apiary	Mike
<b>783</b>	Advertise weekly apiary sessions in BUZZ	Doug
<b>784</b>	Request Speaker List from Barry Neal	Di
<b>785</b>	Arrange Summer Walk	Jim
<b>786</b>	Source stands for Devon County Show	Mike
<b>787</b>	Contact Gerry re: response to emails and dates for next two meetings	Di

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