

**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, August 23rd 2016**

**Present:**

<b>Liz Westcott</b>	<b>Chair; Education Officer; Honey Show Secretary</b>
<b>Gerry Stuart</b>	<b>Vice-Chair; Librarian</b>
<b>Glyn Davies</b>	<b>Apiary Co-ordinator</b>
<b>Di Hatherley</b>	<b>Branch Secretary</b>
<b>Mike Ticehurst</b>	<b>Branch Web Master</b>
<b>Jim Mogridge</b>	<b>Social Secretary</b>
<b>Doug Westaway</b>	<b>Editor: BUZZ</b>
<b>Maureen Brown</b>	
<b>Lynette Taylor</b>	
<b>Alan Barrett</b>	

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Di reported that Wendy had contacted her to offer her apologies and Mike mentioned that Lindsay, although improving, was still not well enough to attend the Executive Meeting. Liz welcomed Alan and Lynette to their first meeting of the Executive Committee.

**2 Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting**

There being no proposed amendments, Liz signed her copy of the minutes to indicate they formed an accurate record of the above meeting.

**3 Matters Arising**

**A/P**

790	Acquire quantity of surgical gloves	Completed
791	Compile apiary inventory and purchase hardware	End of season
793	Extract apiary honey when available	Completed
795	Erect new shed in apiary	Nearly completed
796	Begin to organise speakers for Winter Meetings	In hand (Doug)
800	Source 8-seater bench table	Deferred to spring
801	Make 6 crown boards	Completed

802	Design honey labels with Cockington theme labels to be adopted and personalised	Completed but Thorn's
803	Ascertain provider of insurance at Newton Abbot	Completed: NFU
804	Check national availability of 'all risks' insurance option	Completed: NFU best
805	Suggest wording for two Apiary signs	Completed
806	Check availability of venues for winter activities	Completed via Jim
807	Write to Alan Barrett re: co-option to Committee	Completed
808	Invite Lynette Taylor to attend Committee Meetings	Completed
809	Write to Mr R Barr to thank him for extractor	Completed

#### 4. **Winter Beekeeping Course: advertising and organisation**

Liz intends to advertise the course in Torbay Riviera magazine and the Herald Express 'Around the Clubs' and Gerry advised he knows of 5 or 6 people already interested. The course will also be advertised at Cockington Manor. **(A/P 810)**. The organization is arranged. Jim will open the hall for meetings. Doug will organize refreshments. Mike will email previous attenders to ascertain whether they would like to repeat the course at the previous price of £75 **(A/P 811)**.

#### 5. **TBKA Honey: extraction, marketing and selling**

226 pounds' weight have been extracted and currently in tubs at Glyn's home. The honey needs to be filtered and put into jars. Jim and Alan agreed to this **(A/P 812)**. The honey will be sold on site to passers-by for £6 per pound. The Committee will consider various options to establish a more permanent venue for TBKA activities at the next meeting **(A/P 813)**.

#### 6. **Parking and Signage**

The Committee considered ideas for signage suggested by Glyn and agreed the wording. Mike will create a few A3 signs to be displayed outside the Apiary and will refresh the NO PARKING BEEKEEPERS sign **(A/P 814)**.

#### 7. **Winter Meetings and Christmas Social Event**

Doug is in the process of inviting speakers for the Winter Meetings. The Christmas Social Event on 13<sup>th</sup> December will be less structured this year and include a quiz and a raffle.

#### 8. **Annual General Meeting 2016**

Gerry will chair the meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Doug will contact David Packham to speak at the meeting for 30 minutes maximum. The topic is likely to be Varroa. Members will be invited to bring refreshments. Notice of the AGM and also the agenda and Minutes of the 2015 meeting will be included in BUZZ **(A/P 815)**.

**9. Honey Show**

Liz presented a schedule for the Honey Show to be held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the Gerston Christian Centre. The Committee agreed the contents of the schedule. Doug will advertise this in BUZZ. The prize money has been reduced a little to keep costs down. Jim can provide additional prize cups if required.

**10. Annual Dinner**

The Committee agreed that the venue should be the Paignton Club on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Jim will book and get the menus. **(A/P 816)**. Glyn will check with Tim Lovett or Ivor Davies as to whether they will be the Guest of Honour at the Dinner **(A/P 817)**

**11. Stephenson's Trophy**

Liz will enquire about a possible theme from Barrie and Ruth Neal. It will be reasonable to spend around £200. Members to consider ideas for next meeting. **(A/P 818)**.

**12. B4/Paignton Zoo/Occombe Farm**

B4 has received large grant from Tesco's and all branches of Tesco in Devon and Cornwall have donated free bags of sugar to B4 and BIPCO. Three hives at the Zoo have been re-queened.

**13. Any Other Business**

Jim mentioned that Alan Bennett would like to site a hive at the Apiary in a temporary situation. The Committee agreed this would be a possibility should he renew his membership. Glyn agreed he would order 15 tubs of Ambrosia for individuals or the club **(A/P 819)**. Gerry brought to the attention of the Committee Bee Improvement Group who are keen to involve TBKA in their activities. After discussion, it was agreed, in order to adhere to protocol, to refer them to DBKA and also to explore the possibility of a Bee Improvement Day at Buckfast Abbey or engage local expertise. Wendy Ashley has contacted Di to advise of her decision to stand down from the Committee because of other commitments. The Committee expressed their regret but agreed that Wendy does not need to wait until the date of the AGM to resign.

**14. Date and Venue of next meeting**

The dates of the next meeting are: Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Sainsbury's Restaurant, Yalberton Road, PAIGNTON.

**Action Points from the Meeting**

**A/P**

**810 Advertise Winter Course**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**Liz and Gerry**

<b>811</b>	<b>Contact previous course attenders</b>	<b>Mike</b>
<b>812</b>	<b>Filter and jar Apiary honey</b>	<b>Alan and Jim</b>
<b>813</b>	<b>Bring ideas for TBKA venue</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>814</b>	<b>Create temporary Apiary signage</b>	<b>Mike</b>
<b>815</b>	<b>Advertise AGM in BUZZ: approach D Packham</b>	<b>Doug</b>
<b>816</b>	<b>Make arrangements for Annual Dinner</b>	<b>Jim</b>
<b>817</b>	<b>Approach possible Guests of Honour</b>	<b>Glyn</b>
<b>818</b>	<b>Consider ideas for Stephenson Trophy theme</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>819</b>	<b>Order Ambrosia for TBKA and individual use</b>	<b>Glyn</b>

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Wednesday, August 24th 2016

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