

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, July 19th 2016

Present:

Liz Westcott	Chair; Education Officer; Honey Show Secretary
Gerry Stuart	Vice-Chair; Librarian
Glyn Davies	Apiary Co-ordinator
Di Hatherley	Branch Secretary
Mike Ticehurst	Branch Web Master
Maureen Brown	

1 Apologies for Absence

Mike reported that Lindsay was unwell and unable to attend. It was noted that Wendy had contacted Di to offer her apologies for the previous meeting on June 26th.

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

780	Purchase stainless steel hive tools	Completed
785	Organise summer walk	Postponed
788	Arrange Winter Education Course 2016-2017	Completed
789	Seek permission to erect parking sign at apiary	Postponed
790	Acquire quantity of surgical gloves	Ongoing
791	Compile apiary inventory at the end of the season	2 nd week in August
792	Request a copy of insurance	Complete
793	Extract apiary honey when available	Ongoing
794	Advertise nucs in BUZZ	Cancelled
795	Erect new shed in apiary	Ongoing
796	Begin to organise speakers for Winter Meetings	Ongoing
797	Remove BUZZ archives from TBKA website	Completed
798	Insert notices re: drone laying queens in BUZZ and DBKA website	Completed

4 Chair's Report

Liz advised there was little to report on since the last meeting.

5 Education and Training Report

Liz commented favourably on the numbers of beekeepers who attended the winter course who were now enthusiastic attenders at the Saturday afternoon sessions at the Apiary and were included in all manipulations of the colonies.

6 Update from the Apiary Co-ordinator

Glyn made the following points:

- Currently, the Apiary has 13 colonies and 4 nucs
- It is his aim that 12 good colonies should be over-wintered
- The size of colony No. 6 is particularly impressive and has 6 supers
- Swarm controlling measures of a colony have resulted in: one colony where the queen swarmed which now has a virgin queen but few bees and another where some honey is evident but laying workers have been observed
- The overall health of the colonies is good although some wax moth trails have been observed. The use of disposable gloves is largely observed. Bailey comb changes will take place when appropriate
- Glyn recommended that the organisation of the scale hive should be re-considered

7 Apiary Matters

After discussion, the Committee agreed the following:

- Gerry to source flat-packed 8 seater table from Mole Valley Farmers. **(A/P 800)**
- Six crown boards to be made **(A/P 801)**
- Hardware to be purchased after inventory taken **(A/P 791)**
- Cockington themed labels to be designed and approved at next Meeting **(A/P 802)**
- Di to contact secretary of Newton Abbot Apiary to ascertain their provider of their insurance **(A/P 803)**
- Glyn to contact known sources to check on national availability of 'all risks' policies for club equipment **(A/P 804)**
- Members to bring ideas for the wording of two Apiary signs: i) to welcome visitors; ii) to advise that the parking area is reserved for beekeepers on Saturday afternoons **(A/P 805)**

8 Venue for Winter Meetings and Beginners' Course

After discussion, it was agreed that Di should contact the relevant personnel at the Gerston Chapel to ascertain the availability of the smaller hall for the eight

Beginners' Course sessions and the larger hall for the six Winter Meeting sessions from 7.00-9.45 p.m. (2nd Tuesday in each month to include the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 8th). **(A/P 806)**. As Liz will be away on November 8th, Gerry will chair the AGM.

9 Update on B4 at Paignton Zoo and Occombe Farm

Gerry and Maureen advised the Committee that two colonies from Cornwall are awaited to replenish the queenless hives at Paignton Zoo. Mike has assisted in transporting the Stephenson Trophy exhibition from Cockington Court to Paignton Zoo where honey is now on sale. At Occombe Farm, two swarms were collected from the Organic Garden.

10 Social Calendar

An end-of-season barbecue will be held at the Apiary on September 17th 2016.

11 Any Other Business

The Committee agreed unanimously that Alan Barrett should be asked to consider co-option to the Branch Executive Committee **(A/P 807)**.

The Committee agreed unanimously that the next likely Treasurer, Lynette Taylor, be invited to attend Branch Executive Meetings as an observer **(A/P 808)**.

Di will write to Mr R Barr to thank him for his generosity in donating a 12 frame extractor to the TBKA **(A/P 809)**.

13 Venue and Date of the Next Committee Meetings

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd and Monday October 3rd at Sainsbury's Restaurant, Yalberton Road Paignton at 7.30 p.m.

Action Points from the Meeting

A/P		RESPONSIBILITY
790	Acquire quantity of surgical gloves	Glyn
791	Compile apiary inventory and purchase hardware	Apiary Team
793	Extract apiary honey when available	Glyn, Maureen, Gerry
795	Erect new shed in apiary	Gerry, Mike + A Barrett
796	Begin to organise speakers for Winter Meetings	Doug
800	Source 8-seater bench table	Gerry
801	Make 6 crown boards	Mike
802	Design honey labels with Cockington theme	Gerry's daughter
803	Ascertain provider of insurance at Newton Abbot	Di
804	Check national availability of 'all risks' insurance	Glyn
805	Suggest wording for two Apiary signs	All
806	Check availability of venues for winter activities	Di
807	Write to Alan Barrett re: co-option to Committee	Di
808	Invite Lynette Taylor to attend Committee Meetings	Mike

809 Write to Mr R Barr to thank him for extractor

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