

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

DBKA website: [www.devonbeekeepers.org.uk](http://www.devonbeekeepers.org.uk)

Branch website: [www.tbbka.co.uk](http://www.tbbka.co.uk)

Registered Charity No.27067

**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 Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

**Present:**

<b>Liz Westcott</b>	<b>Chair; Education Officer; Honey Show Secretary</b>
<b>Glyn Davies</b>	<b>Apiary Co-ordinator</b>
<b>Di Hatherley</b>	<b>Branch Secretary</b>
<b>James Schindler-Ord</b>	<b>Branch Web Administrator</b>
<b>Jim Mogridge</b>	<b>Social Secretary</b>
<b>Doug Westaway</b>	<b>Editor: BUZZ</b>
<b>Lynette Taylor</b>	
<b>Mike Ticehurst</b>	
<b>Alan Barrett</b>	

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Di reported that Gerry had given his apologised on both his and Maureen's behalf as they would be returning from the USA at the time of the meeting. Mike gave apologies on behalf of Lindsay who was not well enough to attend. The Committee offered their best wishes to Lindsay.

**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 meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**3 Matters Arising**

**A/P**

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| <b>810 Advertise Winter Course</b>                                       | Ongoing: in' English  |
| Riviera and to be advertised in 'Around the Clubs'                       |                       |
| <b>811 Contact previous course attenders</b>                             | Completed             |
| <b>812 Filter and jar Apiary honey</b>                                   | Completed but jarring |
| needs to be finished   |                       |
| <b>813 Bring ideas for TBKA venue</b>                                    | Cockington Cycle Hub  |
| may be available in future (see letter from Damian Offer – in TBKA file) |                       |
| <b>814 Create temporary Apiary signage</b>                               | Completed             |

- |            |   |  |
|------------|---|--|
| <b>815</b> | <b>Advertise AGM in BUZZ: approach D Packham</b>  | Completed but no speaker for the AGM as yet: Doug to approach John Risdon re half an hour's talk on the history of Cockington and enter in BUZZ <b>(A/P 820)</b> |
| <b>816</b> | <b>Make arrangements for Annual Dinner</b>        | Completed  |
| <b>817</b> | <b>Approach possible Guests of Honour</b>         | Completed (Tim Lovett)   |
| <b>818</b> | <b>Consider ideas for Stephenson Trophy theme</b> | Liz introduced the idea of comparing activities of bee colony with human city life and this was met positively   |
| <b>819</b> | <b>Order Ambrosia for TBKA and individual use</b> | Completed  |

#### **4. Chair's Report**

Liz commented on the success of the Apiary's honey yield: 226lb and thanked Glyn, Gerry and Lindsay for their extraction and selling efforts. It has also been possible for members to purchase Apiguard and Ambrosia thanks to Glyn's purchasing supplies. Two hives have a high level of varroa but the majority practically nothing. Liz welcomed James to the Committee and to his role of Web Administrator and expressed her appreciation of Lynette's attendance at Committee Meetings to understand the role of Treasurer. The end of summer barbecue was attended by only 7 people but was nonetheless enjoyable. The leasing of the former Cycle Hub building as a Beekeeping Centre has been put on hold but remains a distinct possibility for the future. Liz noted the interesting speakers at forthcoming winter meetings. She expressed her regret at missing the beginning of the winter course and although unable to attend the AGM, would be happy to stand for re-election as Chair.

#### **5. Education and Training**

There are approximately 5 people interested in attending the Winter Course. TBKA will need to become a supplier for Torbay Council in order to invoice the 3 TOR2 employees wishing to attend. Mike will advise Torbay Council of Lynette's details to facilitate invoicing **(A/P 221)**. James will add dates and leaders of the Winter Course to the web site. **(A/P 222)**

#### **6. Update from Apiary Co-ordinator**

Glyn talked about the benefits of the new shed at the Apiary. Honey has been sold at the Apiary gate and sales have been buoyant. It will be necessary to buy a table for 2017. Car parking issues have been resolved. Of the 11 hives, two productive hives are collapsing with a large volume of varroa, although the incidence of deformed wings is low. Glyn mentioned that Declan Schroeder, based at the Marine Biological Association, would be interested in running a controlled experiment on the 2 collapsing colonies, treating one and not the

other. The Committee agreed to this experiment taking place and look forward to progress reports from Glyn.

**7. Inventory of Club Equipment**

An inventory will be undertaken on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. For insurance purposes, photographs will be taken as appropriate.

**8. Annual General Meeting 2016**

The Committee agreed the agenda for the AGM. Liz will send her report to Gerry who has agreed to deputize for Liz at the AGM. Dave Packham is unable to speak at the AGM and Doug will contact John Risdon to request he talks about the history of Cockington for half an hour prior to the AGM. Jim will contact Kingsley Law to check his willingness to continue as President and advise Di. Di will prepare the agenda and minutes of the 2015 AGM and send to Doug and James for inclusion in BUZZ and the web site. Members will be requested to bring food to share. All present at the meeting expressed their willingness to remain on the Executive Committee in the forthcoming year and Mike advised that Lindsay, although stepping down from the Treasurer's role, will be happy to continue as the Branch delegate on the DBKA Executive Committee. **(A/P 223)**

**9. Honey Show**

Liz has contacted Jack Mummery who has agreed to be the judge and will also contact Adam Vevers and Martin Hann to be on the 'Any Questions' panel. Members from other Branches will be invited. Liz will advise cup holders to return their cup. The large cup (Cookery Cup) will be awarded for Honey. Jim will provide silver spoons to be awarded to cup winners.

**10. Apiary Matters, to include Purchase of Additional Equipment**

Mike discussed a summary of the Apiary assets which are to be sent to DBKA.

It was agreed that the value of a hive plus colony be £200. Charity Commissioners have raised some concerns about excess funds in local Apiary funds. Mike has put together a plan for possible spend in the forthcoming year to counter this.

**11. Any Other Business:**

Di gave a summary of the EC Meeting (17<sup>th</sup> September 2016) provided by Lindsay.

Mike gave a verbal Treasurer's Report on behalf of Lindsay.

Expenses: Shed balance: £694.40; Timber for shelving: £166.55; Autumn Capitation: £318.50; Apiguard: £154.26

Income: Sale of Nuc: £90; Sale of Apiguard: £129.6-; Honey Sales: £174.00

Membership: 43 full; 3 associates; 6 social; 8 partner and 3 junior making a total of 63.

Balance at bank: £4016.97

Jim asked about arrangements for Cockington Apple Day and will contact Gerry to check. Alan asked for clarification of food brought to the AGM

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

Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. 2016 Sainsbury's Restaurant, Yalberton Road, PAIGNTON

**ACTION POINTS FROM THE MEETING**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**A/P**

<b>220</b>	<b>Invite John Risdon to speak at AGM</b>	<b>Doug</b>
<b>221</b>	<b>Provide Torbay Council with Treasurer's details</b>	<b>Mike</b>
<b>222</b>	<b>Add course dates and leaders' names to web site</b>	<b>James</b>
<b>223</b>	<b>Prepare for AGM</b>	<b>Di/Doug/James/Jim</b>

Di Hatherley (Hon. Secretary)

6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

[e-mail: dianne.hatherley@btinternet.com](mailto:dianne.hatherley@btinternet.com)

Tel: 01803 844804