

Improvers group

The date of the last meeting of the group at Shugborough was discussed and agreed 23rd August, this to be in the Newsletter.

Tent to be taken down after 9th September, tent to be reviewed as to condition of panels which need discarding and replacing. It would be useful to have costing available for replacement of various parts or all at this point, in order to make an informed decision

Alan

Healthy Bee Day.

Penny is contacting other groups that may want to attend. The Bee Inspector wanted to visit Hilton Green before the event. Chris to arrange a suitable date and time.

A payment of £300 has been made to Hilton Green for this event.

Penny/Chris

GDPR The document has been emailed to all members and is available on our website.

Education Officer role & responsibilities

Having read the document Trevor asked if there was an inventory and budget set for education, what resources the association already had. The Course in a Case, 2 at Shugborough, 1 at Hilton.

The library to be looked at (list of books on line) Lynne to collect books from Peter Magee.

The association has one virtual hive; Keith has 2 which are Thornes & Manlake, Keith is happy for these to be used by the association.

We have microscopes for educational purposes.

Trevor asked about module information. In the past people had bought their own resource material and used past papers.

Trevor asked if there was a record of the modules members had passed, this would be helpful to acknowledge their mentoring skills. This information will either be with Julian or BBKA.

The types of hives available at the apiary was discussed, these were nationals as these are the most popular and standardise for easy use at the apiary.

Other hives to be displayed when time and space allows.

Barry is donating a top bar hive, those interested in this type of hive will be encouraged to take care of it.

Lynne

Induction of new members.

As an experienced beekeeper but new to our association Trevor felt lost, not knowing who was who; who was in charge, where anything was and what the procedure was. This experience has been noted and hopefully some structure will ensue. Chris was very helpful it was noted.

Trevor thought the beginner's course was very well done.

The committee thanked Trevor for his input and observation which with fresh eyes made very relevant comments. The committee are all doing their very best but time is always short. We welcome your input and comments at future meetings.

Basic & Module update

The group taking their Basic exam are meeting up next week. The assessment date is Sunday 22nd July 5 hives will be needed for this day. These to be marked on Saturday 14th July as suitable and not opened on the 21st July.

Quartermaster

<p>Moving of equipment as discussed earlier. Alan showed the cardboard box packaging for the frames of honey for the Honey Show. A working group is needed to make some supers and wax some frames.</p> <p>Purchase suggestions It was suggested to buy a stainless steel extractor for club use with sieve and bucket. This to be loaned to members with a refundable deposit if returned clean. Approximate cost £250 New lightweight display boards to be purchased Keith to let Claire know what supplier his are so that display material is standardised to fit all boards</p> <p>Treasurer's report Having paid the venue hire at Staffordshire wildlife and others expences for the Beginners course the profit was £2492. Claire has £4131 money in for course fees leaving a short fall of £300 looking at the figures Stuart has. Claire & Stuart to liaise to resolve the query.</p> <p>Honey Show John Carrier is going to judge. There will be honey tasting session on a Thursday and a Saturday before the event to encourage members to take part.</p> <p>Calendar for 2018 Claire to print BBQ tickets to be available for sale</p> <p>Association Library To be collected</p> <p>Correspondence Various items covered during the meeting</p> <p>Newsletter Alan is putting the next Newsletter together.</p> <p>Winter Lectures Keith has booked Mr Jackson a butterfly man to give a talk with projector and slides. Keith will collect him on the night to save travelling expenses. Date agreed 8th November 2018. Lynne to contact him also book Shareshill for that date.</p> <p>Future Events Alan to make enquires out the pig racing event.</p> <p>AOB A work party to do ground maintenance at the apiary. Alan to check with Howard for a suitable date and work around him if that suits him. Steve has taken delivery of 200gr of sugar which is in Chris's garage. Stuart to message if anyone wants any sugar the usual terms apply. The question of the apiaries priority was raised for discussion. Whilst our top priority is teaching the production and sale of honey cannot be ignored as a valuable asset which enables us to maintain and improve the apiary for teaching purposes.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 24th July 2018</p>	<p>Date to be agreed</p> <p>Craig</p> <p>Keith/Claire</p> <p>Stuart/Claire</p> <p>Claire</p> <p>Lynne</p> <p>Alan</p> <p>Lynne</p> <p>Alan</p> <p>Alan</p> <p>Stuart</p>
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