



- The location of the marquee and 'storage' remains an issue that needs to be resolved. (Storage for the NT also remains an issue). In the meantime a location for hives and the marquee was agreed, with the Trust agreeing to prepare some of the ground work. A new site for the marquee was considered to move it closer to the new access point to the apiary and to a potentially drier and safer part of the site. The beginner's bees to be moved to a new location where working them will be easier and safer. The NT Garden Team will clear the location. We can then place weed control fabric and slabs as required. SSDBKA to continue to maintain grounds surrounding hives.
- The Main Car Park is only temporary and its final permanent location may have a bearing on where the apiary is finally located.
- The Trust is keen to work with the Association i.e. joint promotion and good communication. We again offered to publicise NT events in our News Letter and website and to share information about events, as well as getting involved with the Trust to publicise bees and beekeeping at their events. We have agreed to exchange relevant contact information.
- On our initiative SSDBKA members who are also NT members visiting the apiary are to be encouraged to enter through the normal public entrance. This gives revenue to N.T
- The NT Gardeners are happy to loan a trolley for moving equipment to the new site

Keith had a draft copy of the licence to keep bees at Shugborough 2007 stating 2 weeks' notice. The N.T is aware if we need to move bees it will be a much longer and considered process, perhaps January being a good time of year. Attingham have a number of hives there, a volunteer from Attingham has been in contact. Where important documents are stored was discussed, cloud suggested.

### Education

- Bee experience days and beginners course discussed, costs approved; the increased charges being from increased hire of venue. Whilst the Gate House was a good venue for presentation it was not good for opening bees especially as the public were passing and we didn't have permission to do so. Hilton Green was suggested but would need a generator for power. Another suggestion was to use the Gate House for presentation and move to Shugborough for bees. Options to be discussed with Education committee and report back to the next meeting. Paul to put application forms onto the website for the courses.
- Subcommittee review, met 2<sup>nd</sup> October minutes to be published when approved. 7 members attended looked at strengths and weaknesses. From members survey lots of information to build a program on. Basic exams study group met 1<sup>st</sup> October 8 people taking part, 2 apologies from people on holidays Julian Routh to assess in July 2019, date to be confirmed. Module 1 group have met and have a 6 session program 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 for assessment, venue to be booked and invigilator. Clive is taking module 1 in November.
- Awards Evening suggested perhaps as an annual event to present certificates and prizes. We already have Shareshill booked for 14<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> March and could use one of these dates if the speaker is available. Ken Basterfield

Trevor

Paul

Trevor

has offered to speak; this would be a ticket event with supper. Trevor to discuss with subcommittee and Ken.

### **Honey Show at Hilton**

Whilst the show was very successful as far as we were concerned it didn't bring revenue to Hilton as the weather was not good. It was agreed to make a payment of £150 for the use of their facilities. A debrief to be held and notes for the future. Charles suggested an open judging which he had found to be most informative and interesting rather than waiting around to see your awards with no explanation or opportunity to learn.

Trevor

### **Quartermaster**

Craig has collected the fondant as ordered by members, this to be collected at the next Winter Lecture 8<sup>th</sup> November or Stafford Bee group 1<sup>st</sup> November Members to be emailed to advise. The supplier has liquid feed if needed. We have 8 Ambrosia at Hilton which should be enough for our needs.

Craig has in mind to purchase 2 plastic extractors in December or January and is watching prices.

There are boxes, supers and frames to be made, this being an educational opportunity.

Equipment needed for next season 2019 to be discussed with AWG

Alan/Steve/  
Chris/Charles

Paul

Craig

### **Extracting Honey 2019**

Again this could be part of the education program. If the frames could be taken off on a Saturday and put back on Sunday

The logistics of this to be discussed with Charles included, having the experience of the last few years; he has suggested taking honey off weekly.

Craig/AWG

### **Treasurer's report**

Claire presented detailed figures to the meeting with £7860 income and £3410 expenditure giving an excess of £4450

### **Calendar for 2019**

The calendar is on the website and kept up to date by Alan & Paul

### **Child & vulnerable adults protection**

It was agreed that members need to sign or fill in a tick box to say they have read the policy when filling in their membership form. for 2019 The BBKA have a new membership system, we will see how this works in with our system.

### **Correspondence**

Stuarts application to BBKA education committee was approved by committee and signed.

Kim Hillman Cannock school Trevor has contacted and is waiting to hear back. BBKA have presented their budget for 2019, this has been circulated.

BBKA survey Suzanne our coordinator has asked us to remember to fill in our surveys, She would like to visit us again and was pleased to know our Honey Show had been such good fun.

BBKA are keeping us informed of sightings of Asian Hornets. Trevor has some samples which he would like to embalm in resin.

Peter

### **Newsletter**

In the process and will be issued shortly.

**Website**

Working and being kept up to date, more pictures needed.

**Trophies**

Clive is storing at the moment. Alan to photograph all items for our record and insurance purposes. The trophy shop could store them for us.

**AOB**

A projector with bee slides has been offered to us, storage and PAT testing was discussed. Trevor has a screen

Claire confirmed that £25 was paid to Sedgley show from the sales of honey.

Treatments need to be taken off hives at the apiary

**Date of next meeting WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 subcommittee 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Approved Committee 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018