

Committee Meeting Minutes 2nd August 2017

Present

David Norton, Tim Syddall, Nikki Monaghan, Sandy Abel, Andrew Shaw, Nick Davis, Colin Campbell

Apologies

Neil Sandison, Sandra Crawford, Gordon Smith, Janet McCallum

1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of 7th June, proposed Tim Syddall and Seconded David Norton.
2. There is a balance of £1,546.55 in the bank and £6.00 in cash. Sandy is to pay for a nuc from the Club Apiary.
There are at present 2 Honorary Members, 45 Full Members and 6 Household Members.
Committee agree to Winter Festival at the moment and see if enough members have honey to book the table at the next meeting.
3. Programme for the Season's Meetings.

September: Review of the Year and Lessons Learned. What are the pros and cons you have had over the season and 2 things that you have learned. Possibly bring along some honey for other members to see and try and talk about the different types that the bees have managed to forage in the different areas – Colin to email members for this. Andrew to co-ordinate with members for photos ect. Nikki to contact Kerry and Dawn to do the Kitchen duties with her. Nick will make up a short list detailing what is required of members doing the Kitchen Duties.

October Committee Meeting, put on agenda Association Training Programme and all it entails and present to members at the Club Meeting at the end of October.

October Varroa Treatment and Different Types Available. Mike Thornley to give a talk about varroa and the different ways available of treating it. Also, someone to talk about The Training Programme and what mentoring involves – to be decided at the next Committee Meeting.

November: Fun and Buffet. First half of the meeting to be a hands on evening with making rolled candles and shown mould candles, and possibly some chocolates. Second half a Buffet where members all bring something to the table. Tim to put together a list of things for people to bring in time for the October meeting.

January: AGM and Home Grown Speaker. Arrange someone to tell members a list of equipment that is essential and equipment that is useful.

February: External Speaker

March: The Beekeeping Year. Video night.

April: External Speaker

May: External Speaker

4. Possible themes for External Speakers: Native Bees – Gavin Ramsey, The Bee Inspector, Honey Processing, Pollinators and What they Forage on. Colin and Michelle Berry to research and Colin will book speakers.
5. AOB.

Apiary Update – Sandy does this every month. Ask Members what they want from the Apiary. Sandy to update the equipment list and see if any new equipment is required. Review of the Apiary from the Team to see how the year has gone.

CABA outing has been publicised to Members.

Glasgow Beekeepers wanted to do a visit to the Club Apiary but because some of the hives were stropy this did not take place, as its now late in the season a visit for next year should be put in place.

Thanks to Mike Thornley for co-ordinating getting and distributing the Apivar. And while early treatment can have better results it is known in some areas that we still have foraging bees later in the season. Co-ordinating the local areas for treatment is felt to be a good option and

members should get together and discuss when they will be using the treatment.

Members should also be reminded that it is their responsibility to get whatever form of Winter Varroa Treatment they wish to use – maybe at the September meeting and again via email.

Next Meeting Wednesday 4th October.