

Committee Meeting Minutes 5th April 2017

Present

Colin Campbell, David Norton, Neil Sandison, Tim Syddall, Sandra Crawford, Nikki Monaghan

Apologies

Gordon Smith, Nick Davis and Andrew Shaw

Committee was happy with feedback from the members' survey and decide what to do for the rest of the year. The April Meeting will be the Beekeeping Year, the second part of the meeting to be 2 or 3 people talking about swarm control – one simple way of doing this. Possible people for this Fi Bashford, Neil Sandison and Mike Thornley, Neil to co-ordinate.

May Meeting a Social Evening at the Ardencaple Hotel with a small buffet to be paid for by the Association.

The programme for the Winter Meetings to be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

The Committee reviewed the requirements of the Data Protection Act and how they affect the Association. The view taken was that we are a “non-profit making” organisation under the Act, and as such are exempt from registration with the Information Commissioner's Office.

We confirmed that we only keep the personal information about members that allows us to maintain our membership records. This information is taken from the membership form.

There were a series of actions agreed to ensure we comply with the law in respect of such things as how long records are kept, secure deletion, a check of Firewall and other security software on the part of Committee Members processing member data.

Where the published booklet of members' names is concerned, we will ask for specific permission for name and contact number together with the area group the member is to be shown in.

For things like paying for the Winterfest stall members who wish to sell their produce will need to contribute to the payment to avoid paying £40 registration to the ICO.

Need to update information to make contact details correct, and do this when taking subscriptions on an annual basis.

Neil has said that there is still a problem getting people to take on the Club Apiary. Sandy Abel and Norrie Forster have been very helpful. Donnie and Neil Turnbull are available for

back up for help. Leaving David Norton, Sandra Juster, Jane Leech as main help – 6 people would be better. Health and Safety needs 2 people to be present at all times. Neil will be away for the entire month of June and we need to make sure there is cover for this. We need to decide as an Association what we want from the club apiary – honey, nucs.

It was agreed that the Association price for Nucs will be £100 and the price for Mated Queens will be £40. The nuc will be 5 or 6 frames with a queen, bees, brood, stores & pollen.

Colin will get forms sent out and back in for people who want a Mentor, those who are willing to be a Mentor – pair these up, and find out which members are looking for nucs.

Colin is going to look through what information we have in the items given from Cameron regarding information for new members. Tim will talk to Michelle and see what information we can get from the SBA and try to make up a Welcome Package or leaflet for new members.

At the end of March we have a confirmed membership of 37 individual members, 6 household members and 2 honorary members. David will remove those members who have not paid for this year from the email list and send them an email saying to the effect that we are sorry that they have decided not to renew their membership of the association.

The Association is in good Financial Health.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Neil said could we co-op Sandy Abel onto the Committee.

Colin has received 2 Asian Hornet Traps from the SBA, it was decided that one will be placed at the Club Apiary and the other at Eddie and Nikki's Apiary on the Peninsula.

It was decided that minutes from future meetings will be approved before the next meeting and then put on the Association Web Page for all members to be able to read.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 7th June at 7.30pm in the Ardencaple Hotel.