

<p>A suitable site to be found for isolation of swarms, Chris looking at Four Ashes and Hilton Green. Sublimation agreed as a good winter treatment for disease. Chris has a 14 x 12 hive to come to the apiary. Nucs taken off site for the winter including one that belongs to Lewis.</p>	Chris
<p>Apiary Honey £836 has been raised for association funds by selling at various events, charging £5 for standard honey and £7 for heather. We have the equipment to carry out this task and would expect to sell honey next year. Stuart to analyse the honey to know the source. Wax extracted to be recycled, more money for funds.</p>	Stuart
<p>Beginners course 2017 6 or 7 people already booked at the new price. Course to be advertised on the BBKA website as well as SS&DBKA</p>	Stuart
<p>Improvers Group Alan had put together a very comprehensive questionnaire for members to fill in; this would give them the opportunity to say what they want. The suggestion to start the improver meetings at a pub whilst it's still dark and chilly to be in the tent. Various ideas Hilton, National Grid The Elms, Chris to check and come back with venue and date to start.</p>	Chris
<p>Basics & Module update Only 2 people have expressed an interest in taking The Basic exam, this to be advertised in the Newsletter. Julian felt he needed 6 people to make it worthwhile putting on this course. If we don't get the numbers they could be encouraged to work with the improvers on a Saturday. Stuart has taken his Module 5; a group of members are meeting in each other's houses and working towards module 6. Julian had given a talk to Sutton Coldfield bee keepers.</p>	Alan
<p>Quartermaster no report</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report It was noted that the sale of Ambrosia to members at what was a very reasonable price had covered the cost of feeding bees at the apiary. The purchase of nucs had proved a good investment in terms of swarm control and sales. To be repeated for 2017. Current account £3,028.22 Savings account £3,801.83 Cash in hand £244.98 Total balance £7,080.03 Two cheques to be paid in £101.50 not included in figures. Barry asked if anyone would like to be treasurer next year.</p>	
<p>Calendar for 2017 Honey extraction was discussed, Peter Bell to be asked if he would demonstrate this as he did so well this year. BBQ and Honey Show to be on the Agenda for discussion. Bernard Diaper to</p>	Lynne

be contacted re possible date.

Situation with National Trust obviously has a bearing on our activities for 2017.

Sedgely garden show, we agreed to take part, waiting date TBC

ADM 14th January 2017

Stuart and Geoff to attend this meeting Geoff expressed his thoughts on the ongoing court case and has confidence in the Chair and President. The hosting of international young beekeepers at a cost £30K will be discussed with the possibility of a levy passed on to members.

The committee agreed to support the proposition put forward by Sheffield and Devon.

Correspondence

Complaints received following the clear up day at the apiary were discussed, the committee were sorry that some injuries had occurred and will be mindful of this for the future.

As this was the last date we would have toilet facilities on site, many jobs were being fitted into the equation.

Members should dress accordingly when coming to the apiary, spare protective clothing is always available from the container.

Newsletter & Calendar update

The next Newsletter will be distributed at the beginning of December, items for copy are needed a week before. Alan was pleased that items and pictures are being sent in by members.

Winter lectures 2016/2017

Dates for next year are 9th February and 9th March. The immunologist is booked for March. Celia Davies suggested for February meeting and suitable title.

Lynne

Dates to be agreed with Shareshill for October and November 2017 winter lectures.

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AGM 2017

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March date to be agreed with Shareshill.

The amended constitution needs to be available.

A declaration of interest document to be included at the AGM

Paul

Kate to use her U3A form as a template to inform members of who's who also to include a nomination form.

Kate

Future Events

Stuart

Taster days agreed for 2017 between July and August dates to be agreed.

North Staffs are hosting a Healthy Bee day, some places may be available for our members, or we could ask Julian or Justus to run one at the apiary.

AOB

The hives belonging to Terry Haywood were discussed, at the Teddersley site they are in a very poor state. Geoff has a meeting with Charles Wolsely and will speak to Chris following that. Chris to liaise with David Rawsthorne and

Geoff

Chris

Terry to help resolve his problem. We have a duty of care for our members who have bees close to his sites.

Solar light suggested at £20 for the apiary.

With the uncertainty of our situation at the apiary, the purchase of land was suggested. Suitability of forage, parking access etc., many thoughts to consider. Agenda item for next meeting.

Disease books for the beginner's course were not received. Stuart to call into Stoneleigh to ask if they have some in readiness for next year.

We have enough booklets for the beginner's course next year but it was noted that it could be updated before the next print.

Stuart

Date of next meeting 17th January 2017 at 7.30 pm

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