



Chair: Rose Hardisty Treasurer: Geoff Hodgson
Group Secretary: Marcus Pilling
Gwarnick Cottage, St Allen, Truro TR4 9QU
Tel: 01872 540531 Mob: 07745 298669 email: secretary@roselandbeekeeping.org

MINUTES

Officers Meeting
Comrades Club , Probus
Thursday 14th April 2016

Present

Rose Hardisty (RH), Penny Hodgson (PH), Geoff Hodgson (GH), Matthew Buchan (MB),
Caven Hammock (CH), Colin Rees (CR), Bajka Pratt (BP), Mike White (MW),
Robin Villis (RV), Jennie Leach (JL), Gregory Leach (GL), Marcus Pilling (MP)

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and apologies were received from Tim Howes

1.CBKA

MP advised that current membership to the RBG was looking healthy with current levels similar to last year (80) and it was pleasing to see a large number of new members joining the group. Conversely there were a number of members from last year who have yet to renew

Matters arising from CBKA AGM

A .Microscopy – RH reminded the meeting that the CBKA have requested groups share microscopy results to keep county records .BP advised that Mike Somers will be arranging a microscopy course later in the season and this will be open to other CBKA Group members .

B.Spray Liason – The pilot scheme unveiled at the AGM which will register both farmers and beekeepers has not as yet been implemented but once it is place it would be sensible to support it. RH to monitor and promote membership registration **(RH)**

2.Group Apiary

CH has sent out reminders for group apiary inspections. Currently 16 members wish to attend 1st inspection this coming weekend. CH gave an update of the hive at Heligan. The shed has been painted and there are spare hives currently at the apiary. Last season the Group Apiary experienced a relatively poor season somewhat consistent with most members' apiaries. Roger Dewhurst is to carry out an inspection on the group apiary which will be broadcasted to members when a date is set CH advised that limited finance is likely to be needed this year in the apiary. CH requested that members advise him of any ideas that the group apiary could implement that would benefit the Group and the Apiary **(ALL MEMBERS)**

3.Finance

GH advised that the current Account Balance stood at £1637 .The new microscopes have been paid for and the only outstanding payment is Group Capitation. Agreed figures of £500 for Event , £200 for Programme Speakers , £200 for group apiary to be drawn from this . Also Bee Safari expenses TBC and this possibly to be designated an interim payment of £200 .



Roseland Beekeeping Group is a member of Cornwall Beekeepers Association
Registered Charity No 298470 - www.cbka.co.uk
which is an area association member of the British Beekeepers Association
Registered Charity No. 212025 - www.bbka.org.uk



4.Events

MB emphasised the benefit of members adopting 'easy funding' and how this benefits group finances .

MB asked CH to clarify with Heligan about any Heligan Events this season (CH)

MB advised details of other events are being finalised

CH to carry out a small presentation for the Grampound Brownies on May 26th

MB to order additional leaflets and other stock for this seasons events (MB)

5.Mentoring

Tim Howes was unable to attend the meeting but had previously advised GH that there are no issues ad mentoring is currently being provided where requested

6.Request for CBKA Funding

It was agreed that a Group Observation Hive would benefit Events. MB to look at purchasing of a lighter weight Observation Hive that would be easier for members to transport to various events. Once Price and Source confirmed a request for match funding from the CBKA to be made (MB & MP)

RV queried whether a group storage container may benefit the group but it was decided that this would likely be cost prohibitive and CH was happy to offer storage for RBG kit.

7.Social Programme

PH advised venue for Summer BBQ has kindly been offered by Robin and Jane Davies

Robin and Dominic have offered to be the chefs for the event. Date set for 25th June 2016

Looking forward to the Christmas Event (given that the October Officers Meeting will possibly be leaving it a little late to book a venue) it was agreed that maybe moving away from the traditional sit down pub meal to a less formal Village Hall Venue with a buffet may be a good option for a change. PH to look at options (PH)

8.Group Purchases

GL advised that Barbara has kindly offered storage but this would be in Constantine . GL was keen to find a more central location to suit RBG Members Generally. GL can offer storage so long as deliveries are on smaller vehicles and not big lorries. GL is arranging deliveries on smaller vehicles. Before final storage point is confirmed RH to canvas a couple of members she believes may be able to help (RH)

It was also discussed that a reasonable time limit should be set for collections which seemed only fair to persons offering temporary storage .GL to advise this when confirming orders (GL)

9.Winter programme

Winter Programme was given a positive response and has been enjoyed by all members.

It was felt that maybe talks with more advanced or technical beekeeping content should be programmed accordingly to avoid periods where meetings traditionally have a higher proportion of Newbees . (RH)

10.Swarm Coordination

JL gave an update on the swarm co-ordination and requested information from CR to complete the RBG lists. CR in turn still waiting information from CBKA members to complete his updated list but did advise that the CBKA information is still relevant from last year . JL advised that the coordination of swarms worked well last season



11. CBKA Representatives

MW advised that CBKA updates have been covered by recent emails forwarded to group members.
Basic Assessment fees still set at £15
Honey at the RCS to be sold at £6.50 a jar
RV advised that donations for the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers (IMYB) is to be controlled by individual groups and not the CBKA generally
MW advised that the Bee Disease and Husbandry Day will be at Wadebridge this year. Car share to be promoted due to limited parking. Currently 13 members have confirmed attendance

12. RCS

There has been a significant shortfall on the approval of funding from the CBKA for the RCS Kiddies Corner Section that RBG are running with only £100 being granted from the request for A more realistic £604.

Given the big difference it was decided that RBG will self fund this section of the show. It was agreed unanimously to grant BP the sufficient £600 fund for the show. This figure ultimately to be recouped from receipts from candle making etc and any spare stock to be used at events (GH)
BP to investigate sale or return rates offered to RBG by Porteath Bee Centre for candle wax (BP)
BP requested confirmation that there will be a power supply for the microscopes. RV confirmed
BP proposed 1 microscope to be linked to an eyecam and two microscopes highlighting bee parts
BP, RV, RH to agree on the minutia for the show (BP, RV, RH)
MP has sent out request for RBG Volunteers for the show and currently have 10 confirmed but
Need several more to ensure success of the Kiddie Corner. MP & RV to lobby (MP & RV)

13. RCS Showing

RH reminded the meeting of the importance of supporting the Honey Showing including honey, photos and entries in general. Entry details have recently been sent out by MP to members in CBKA correspondence and members are urged to support where possible

14. Safari

Safari Date currently clashes with the RCS so RH to revise the date and advise members (RH)

15. AOB

It was suggested by a RBG Member that we should open a RBG Facebook page. Discussion was made between the Officers and it was thought that as the CBKA and RBG websites already have a provision for a discussion forum at the current time these should be promoted before opening a further forum. To be reviewed at a later date

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm

Meeting Minutes taken by
Marcus Pilling (RBG Secretary)
14th April 2016

