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MINUTES

Officers Meeting
Comrades Club , Probus
Thursday 13th April 2017

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present ; Bajka Pratt (BP) , Jayne Spenceley(JS) , Carol Morrison (CM) , Simon Kellam (SK) ,
Matthew Buchan (MB) , Ian Tanner (IT) , Penny Hodgson (PH) , Geoff Hodgson (GH) , Mike
White (MW) , Marcus Pilling (MP)

Apologies ; Gregory Leach (GL) , Colin Rees (CR) , Julian Durell (JD)

1.CBKA & Membership

ACTION

- MP reported that current membership stands at 81 with final membership likely to top last years total of 83 over the summer.
- IT advised that CBKA are looking at ways to promote early payment of membership & that RBG are currently the largest Group in the CBKA

2.GROUP APIARY

- Simon Kellam has taken over the Apiary Manager role from Caven Hammock
- SK advised the Apiary currently has 2 colonies , one appears to be very small
- SK has carried out Apiary Clearance.
- New Heligan Management has asked for updates on RBG activities
- Heligan staff have been offered the opportunity to attend the Group Apiary Inspections
- MB can assist with provision of bee suits if staff wish to attend (MB)
- SK advised Heligan may need the current bee shed for Heligan Business . Position to be Reviewed over the season , maybe able to split the shed.
- SK advised 14 members have signed up for the 1st Apiary Inspection . 1st Inspection has Been arranged for April 22nd.
- SK advised the aim is to have 4 colonies at the Apiary so bees needed . These by Donation or from swarms . MP to advise members of request (MP)
- Heligan have asked for members at Apiary Inspections to have passes issued
- There are several restrictions at the Heligan Apiary with regard to storage & access And it was suggested that despite the positive points of the Heligan Apiary alternative Sites should also be considered if current arrangements are not working for the Group or Heligan Gardens . (ALL)

3.FINANCE

- GH advised the following ;
Group cash assets currently stand at £ 1599 with £115 advanced honey sales and

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Capitation from the CBKA to be added to this.

-Current update on group budgets , both approved & (remaining) as follows ;

Events £500 (£452) , Speakers £300 (£150) ,Safari £200 (£200) , Apiary £400 (£320)

If all remaining approval were expended group assets will cover this expenditure

4.EVENTS

-MB advised that Events are getting busy . Current Events & dates for the season as follows ;

Caerhayes 18/6 , Grampound Road 25/6 , Sticker 22&23/7 , Tregony 13/8 , St.Ewe 20/8 ,
Grampound 2/9 and Griggs 30/9 . Volunteers required to help run all these (ALL)

-Marquee needs a thorough clean and volunteers required (ALL)

-Awning extension has been purchased to help with inclement weather at shows

-It was agreed the group would benefit from a Nucleus Observation Hive and MB to
Forward costs to MP to seek funding from the CBKA (MB&MP)

-MB to advise GH on costs of consumables for goodie bags to be handed out at
Scouts & Beaver Events . (MB&GH)

Ideas for goodie bags requested (ALL)

5.MENTORING

-TH was unable to attend the meeting but it is believed that Newbees requiring a mentor
Will be catered for during the season

6.REQUEST FOR FUNDING

-Nucleus Observation Hive covered under Events

-Other requests for funding covered under individual titles

7.SOCIAL PROGRAMME

-PH advised that three offers have kindly been made to host the summer BBQ . Carol
Morrison , Andree Stewart & Tom White have offered and PH to review and advise group.

-The Christmas venue was received well and PH/GH to look at the availability or Hall &
Caterers for the coming year (PH&GH)

8.GROUP PURCHASES

-GL unable to attend but is waiting on bulk purchase prices on jars & syrup (GL)

9.WINTER PROGRAMME

-MP advised the April topic will be on Skep Making on April 27th

-A discussion was held on prospective speakers for the year ahead . Amongst suggestions
Were Flow Hives , zest hives , Horticulture related to bees , Asian Hornet .

-MP keen to include Seasonal Bee Inspectors by means of introduction to the group
-MB has a contact for Horticulture talk and will forward details to MP (MB)

10.SWARM CO-ORDINATION

-CM advised CR to shortly forward CBKA list of swarm collectors to her

-CM asked RBG website to be updated with her contact details . The swarm collectors
Section had previously been updated but MB to check other sections within the
Website such as Officers & Programme (MB)

11.CBKA REPRESENTATIVE

-IT gave update on latest CBKA Meeting . CBKA looking at means to encourage

Prompt membership payments. Also how to encourage younger members . Numbers

Overall to the CBKA possibly down on last year but this dependent upon numbers of

Late subscriptions. CBKA also looking at how to encourage members to the AGM



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Which was not particularly well attended . Possible an auction to be included on the day.
CBKA also looking at data protection laws . CBKA not to issue lunch tickets for
The RCS this year. CBKA looking at updating means of swarm reporting

12.SAFARI

- BP gave report as JD unable to attend .
- Confirmed May Safari numbers currently low for both Apiary Inspections & Observers .
- JD &MP to discuss & send reminder to members for May 8th date . (JD&MP)
- It was highlighted that the Safaris are key opportunities for newbees to learn from Bee inspectors and also for Apiaries to have bees inspected . So please support** (ALL)
- Bee Inspectors have been booked for May Safari.

13.RCS

- JS gave update on arrangements for the 2017 show. Had some response for volunteers but Still need more members to fill all shifts . Carpark and gate passes to be provided to Volunteers . **Please advise JS &MP if you can help out .** (ALL)
- JS to provide CBKA RCS meeting next week with list of material requirements for the Show with an anticipated budget of £300 to cover the cost of purchases which will include Badges,stickers,plastacene,pipe cleaners , crayons and other items for the children.
- Set up day for the show being Wednesday 7th and volunteers needed to set up the Microscopes on this day or Thursday AM . Volunteers who understand microscopes and Computer please . (ALL)
- JS to update group on RCS meeting discussions after next weeks meeting (JS)

14.Education

- BP intends to hold revision sessions for the Basic Assessment and will advise the group Nearer the time .Members need to advise BP if they intend to take the Assessment (BP)

15.AOB

- None arising

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Minutes Prepared
Marcus Pilling 14th April 2017





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