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MINUTES

Officers Meeting
Comrades Club , Probus
Thursday 18th April 2019

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present ; Bajka Pratt (BP) , Simon Kellam (SK) , Ian Tanner (IT) , Geoff Hodgson (GH) , Julian Durrell (JD) , Tim Howes (TH), Jayne Spenceley(JS) , Marcus Pilling (MP)

Apologies ; Carol Morrison(CM) , Matthew Buchan(MB) , Colin Rees (CR) ,Mike White(MW), Michelle Hammock(MH) , Nichola Anderson (NA)

1.CBKA & Membership

ACTION

-MP reported that current membership stands at 84 with an additional 20 on email distribution.
-Membership numbers slightly up from last year and close to Groups best membership total Of 2017

2.GROUP APIARY

-SK advised first inspection arranged for 24th April weather permitting.
-Planning to arrange Group Inspection at once a month and possibility of combining one with a Heligan Event Day (SK)
-Five Colonies in the Apiary going into winter and all five looking pretty busy now
-Groups Top Bar Hive Surplus to this seasons requirement and to go on loan to JD
- Hopefully have the Tree Hive Occupied this season
-Several Newbees have made contact to be involved at the inspections when they occur

3.FINANCE

-GH advised the following ;
-Group cash assets currently stand at £ 2076
- Set against this will be the agreed budgets from the October Officer Meeting including £300 for Events , £300 Apiary , £188 Winter Programme . Furthermore a small amount to be set aside for the Royal Cornwall Show and a sum of £100 for the Bee Safari to cover Inspectors Although Inspectors did not charge last year so likely not to be needed
-IT advised feedback from CBKA meetings Capitation Rebate not to be paid to Groups for 2018/2019

4.EVENTS

-SK reported 'Heligan Days' are being planned
- Additional Event planned at Caerhays on 16th June
-GH and Penny attended Event at Farm and Country Day at RC Showground at RCS request
-Patrick Wharton has given talks to the 'Probus Group' and given donations to the RBG



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5. MENTORING

-SK advised that he has received mentoring requests / enquiries from 5 newbees with some Of these to attend the Group Apiary Inspections

6. REQUEST FOR FUNDING

-No request forthcoming . Although TH to look into the possibility of PAT testing of the Microscopes for which CBKA will cover the costs (TH)

7. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- MH has arranged the Summer BBQ at Andree and Colin Stewarts Home in Summercourt with The date revised to July 13th . Group Members have been advised with further arrangement To be made in the coming weeks . Thanks to Colin and Andree for their offer (MH)

8. GROUP PURCHASES

-TH looking into bulk purchases of Syrup , jars and fondant (TH)

-SK to forward details on Cork Insulation Quilts to TH (SK)

9. WINTER PROGRAMME

-MP to advise members of April's Comrades Club Meeting . (MP)

-NA to take over the 2019 – 2020 Programme Arrangements . Handover meeting needed (MP/NA)

-IT suggested a potential speaker .Andrew White who talks on Bee Venom and has given Talks to other Groups . IT to forward contact details if known (IT)

10. SWARM CO-ORDINATION

- GH gave feedback from CBKA Co-ordinator that Swarm Lists are now covered under The BBKA website Nationally and has been suggested that Individual Group Lists should be superceded .With this arrangement the public make use of the postcode reporting system on the BBKA reporting system .In essence the onus to be placed on the public to secure a swarm collector rather than individual Group Swarm Co-ordinators which removes workload from individual Groups. Although in principle a sound idea one significant failing is that the co-ordination of directing reported swarms to individual members , particularly newbees who want their first Bees is overlooked . Therefore the Group will still need a 'Swarm Distribution Co-ordinator' To ensure bees end up where needed.

Actions therefore required ;

-MB to update Website Page to Remove Current Swarm list and replace with a new advisory Tag to BBKA swarm reporting method . MP to advise MB on the detail (MP/MB)

-RBG to maintain a 'Swarm Distribution Co-ordinator' to control 'Bees Wanted' (MP/CM)

-MP to remind Members to contact CBKA co-ordinator should they wish to be included On the Swarm Collection List . As this is no longer controlled by RBG (MP)

-AHAT Co-ordination in place should it be required (MP/CM)

11. CBKA REPRESENTATIVE

-IT advised on a number of changes to CBKA Officers including President , Chair , Treasurer Equipment Manager , Magazine Editor .

-Update on Centenary Event to be held at St.Erme 18th June.

-IT reminded meeting of CBKA protocol of rolling programme for representatives is meant to be on a two year tenure



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12.SAFARI

-MP advised this years Safari date is 11th May . Currently have 12 members wanting to be observers and 6 Apiaries for inspection . Reminder to be sent to Group. (MP)

13.RCS

- JS advised volunteers still needed for the Saturday . MP to send email out to Group (MP)

-RBG section to promote Winter . Current ideas include candle rolling , hive hefting , And Frame making. Any other ideas to be advised to JS (All)

-RBG to be provided T-Shirts to volunteers in the absence of CBKA free issue

14.Education

-BP advised that currently two members are intending to take the Basic Examination

-BP to look at possibility of arranging a microscopy session (BP)

15.AOB

-SK suggested the benefits of an advertising frame with contact details of the Group which Could be attached to the Events Tent . This received positive support . SK to submit proposals For consideration . JD advised that Mike Wells may be able to help (SK)

There being no other business the Chairman thanked the Officers and meeting closed at 8.40pm

Minutes Prepared

Marcus Pilling 19th April 2019



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