

MINUTES of COMMITTEE MEETING HELD on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
At Ivy Farm Cottage Banwell

1. **Present:** WBW DW BS SW JW ID PC DK P Carter
2. **Apologies:** AG
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were approved and duly signed
4. **Matters Arising**

Item 6 Final para: the Basic Course was not designed to make a profit

Item 7 The George Simms cup has been purchased and will be passed on to David Hounsell for the Portishead Show

Item 10 re NS Show, if you are selling product there is a charge, if not the stands are free.

### **Officers Reports**

#### 5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that she is experiencing problems with administrating the web site. It was agreed that an email would be sent to the membership to ask for help.

Action DW

#### 6. Hon Treasurer's Report

On the 21/6/11 we had £3416 in the account and had 153 members on our books. A discussion followed regarding the charge for membership in the middle of our year, it being considered that the full membership fee is not fair. Consequently it was decided to charge £15 to members joining after the 1st May. They would not be charged BBKA or ABKA capitation and any colonies owned by these members will be deemed as part of our apiary for BDI purposes. ID will arrange for DW to receive additional BBKA News Letters for these members.

Action SW/DW/ID

#### 7. Secretary's Report

A visit was made to Wraxall Primary School and the Sec was presented with a collection of £44 this will be passed onto Bees for Development.

Action DW

ID commented on the training day at Bristol and the lack of information being passed to our members. The secretary will look into this.

Action DW

The secretary has written to the Sec of the North Somerset Agricultural Society regarding help in finding a suitable apiary site in the centre of our area.

#### 8. Apiary Manager's Report

Discussion took place regarding the diversion of the footpath near to the Lower Langford site. It was agreed that the Hon Sec would write to the NS Footpath Officer regarding this.

Action DW

PC and Denis Sims had erected a mesh shield at the apiary and the committee wished to record their thanks to PC and DS for their work.

The apiary manager reported that he and Stephen Brain had supplied approx 40 colonies to members this year. The committee expressed their thanks for all this work.

#### 9. Swarm Liaison

JC reported that most messages received were on his personal mobile or his home number, not on the dedicated "bee line"

#### 10. Programme Manager's Report

We have had two visits to the Somerset Levels and Bristol Botanic gardens which though poorly supported were successful and proved interesting.

Discussion took place regarding the meeting scheduled for the 13/8/11 at the Walled Garden and the problems with car parking. It was agreed that DK would contact the WG to obtain the key to the overspill car park.

Action DK

Provisional dates were then given for the 2012 season as follows:-

4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> February- Branch meeting, Honey Show (Tom Salter)

3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> March - Branch meeting

17<sup>th</sup> March - ABKA AGM at Shipham Hall

April 21<sup>st</sup> Stoneleigh

12<sup>th</sup> May - Branch meeting

9<sup>th</sup> June - Branch meeting

7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> July - Presidents BBQ

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> July - Portishead Show

4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> August - Branch meeting

15<sup>th</sup> September - Winscombe Show

6<sup>th</sup> October - Branch meeting

24<sup>th</sup> November - Branch AGM

1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Xmas Meal

#### 11. Education Officer's Report

ID reported that there would be a General Husbandry Course run at Bath

On the 12/1/12 the module 5 course will start at Shipham with the exam on 24/3/12

Tom Salter will be running a Module 1 course at Kenn

DW will be heading the 2012 Beginners Course commencing on the 16/1/12 at Churchill

Tom Salter will no longer be running a Novices' Course. The possibility of Stephan Brain running it in future was discussed. DW will ask him.

Action DW

The Sunday morning sessions at Langford are generally preceded by teaching talks and it was agreed that these should be for the benefit of all attendees, not just the beginners. This would be explained to the branch as a whole.

Action DW

## 12. ABKA Delegate

It was reported that ABKA had voted to give each branch a grant of £250 for teaching purposes. After discussion it was agreed that we would write to ABKA suggesting that the payment should be *per capita*

Action DW

## 13. AOB

5.1 Quarry sites: WBW gave a report on the 3 sites visited with DW and Peter Bryant of NSC. It was agreed that as many committee members as possible should revisit the sites with Peter, if possible on 30/7/11 at 10.30 meeting at the Wood Lane site. AG to be informed of this arrangement.

Action WBW

5.2 See ABKA Delegates report

5.3 Purchase of Projector: ID will provide a wish list

Action ID

5.4 The leftover net used at the Langford apiary site is being held by PC

5.5 Regarding the ABKA AGM, WBW will obtain quotes for the catering.

Action WBW

Date of Next Meeting: 6/09/11 at ID or BS

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.55