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MINUTES

Officers Meeting
Radnor House , Grampond
Thursday 14th September 2017

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm

Present ; Bajka Pratt (BP) , Carol Morrison (CM) , Colin Rees (CR) , Simon Kellam (SK) ,
Matthew Buchan (MB) , Penny Hodgson (PH) , Geoff Hodgson (GH) , Gregory Leach (GL) ,
Mike White (MW) , Marcus Pilling (MP)

Apologies ; Tim Howes (TH) , Julian Durell (JD) , Jayne Spenceley(JS), Ian Tanner (IT) ,

1.CBKA & Membership

ACTION

- MP reported that current membership stands at 86 maintaining a year on year increase.
- CBKA have forwarded the 2018 membership forms and MP to forward to the group **(MP)**
- MB has also uploaded these onto the RBG Website for individuals access

2.GROUP APIARY

- SK gave an update on the Apiary
- The Officers thanked SK for the considerable efforts that he has given to organising The Group Apiary this season dealing with upkeep , Heligan Management and inspections
- SK.Currently there are 5 hives in the Apiary consisting of Rose and National types
- Some of the stock from swarms appear to be black bees from Heligan Grounds
- GH.The Bee Display at Heligan week proved very popular with both the public and Heligan Management. Very busy & Included record candle sales .
- SK advised on his views towards Sustainable Beekeeping and gave a brief insight into Tree Hives . This view also suits the Heligan Ethos.
- SK.Hopes are to run sustainable elements alongside National and Rose Hives
- The Officers then discussed the recent email from Roger Dewhurst and his wish to promote The British Black Bee (B4) with Heligan made a dedicated Black Bee Reserve.
A wide ranging discussion was had and the positives of the Black Bee were acknowledged As were the positives of diversity of other stock . The concensus was that the role of the Officers And RBG Members should not be to advocate the promotion of one stain of bees over another But to promote beekeeping generally to the public.
- GH to draft a Response Letter to Roger Dewhurst identifying RBG Support of Beekeeping at Heligan but identifying that the Groups primary objective at Heligan is to have the Apiary as a Learning centre for members and the general public . **(GH)**



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3.FINANCE

- GH advised the following ;
- Group cash assets currently stand at a healthy £ 2314
CBKA Contributions ,gift aid and easy funding included.
- Officers Acknowledged thanks to £50 Mike Somers donation from sale of extractor
- Agreed budgets for 2018 approved as follows ;
Events £500 , Speakers £300 ,Safari £100 , Apiary £500

4.EVENTS

- MB Advised that generally the Events Attended were quieter than in previous years with This in part down to the weather
- GH advised in contrast that footfall at the 'Heligan Summer' Event proved far more popular Than any other event and also incorporated record candle sales .
- MB proposed that in 2018 rather than attend the various one day shows the Group may Be better placed promoting Bee Craft on a regular basis over the summer at Heligan . SK Advised that Heligan would be receptive to this given the positive feedback that the Group Have received from Heligan . Having a single base at Heligan over the summer has Numerous benefits including maintaining a static tent / display as well as being placed Close to the group Apiary which potentially opens up a number of opportunities for Education and interaction with the public.
SK to discuss this with Heligan (SK)

5.MENTORING

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

6.REQUEST FOR FUNDING

No Current requests

7.SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- PH advised that the Grampond Village Hall has been booked for Saturday December 2nd And caterers have also been booked.
- Agreed to purchase 50 plates for the event (PH)
- PH Advised that Michelle Hammock will be taking on the role of Social Secretary
- PH was thanked for her contribution

8.GROUP PURCHASES

- GL advised that there is no 'members warehouse' to facilitate bulk deliveries . Instead he has arranged discounts through BBWear on a number of deals and this has proved popular

9.WINTER PROGRAMME

- MP Advised that the Winter Speakers have been engaged with the exception of April 2018 Possibly Shiela Sleeman could fill this vacancy with talk on Candlemaking . To enquire (MP)

10.SWARM CO-ORDINATION

- CM gave a review of the season . CBKA Swarm Control had worked well with RBG Swarm Control picking up the balance of swarm calls particularly on the Roseland . In excess of 20 calls
- CR thanked CM for her work and the Officers acknowledged the importance of this role
In helping the public with swarm collections.



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11.CBKA REPRESENTATIVE

-MW advised the CBKA are reviewing the CBKA Strategic Plan . Currently this appears to be a somewhat fluid Strategy with details tbc

-IT was not at the meeting but had noted for the meeting that the CBKA were considering Withdrawing the membership subscription reimbursement .

12.SAFARI

JD was unable to attend the meeting but MP advised that a decision has been made to reduce the Safaris days from two to one .

The 2017 May Safari was very well attended but the June 2017 Safari had to be cancelled due To lack of demand . It was felt that for 2018 one Safari would suffice in May

13.RCS

JS was unable to attend the meeting

CR read out the report which gave an update on this years RCS and which also touched on the coming 2018 Event . . The Officers thanked JS for her input and await to hear which section RBG are to be involved on at next years event (JS)

14 AOB

-GL Raised the question on the attributes of a facebook page for the group . MP to email The group to gauge support on this (MP)

-MB raised the topic on a Scientific Survey into honey analysis . Small quantities of honey Can be sent away for scientific analysis and support to be gauged at the September meeting (MB)

-GH&PH were thanked for their hospitality in holding the meeting at their house

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

Minutes Prepared

Marcus Pilling 14th September 2017



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