



CANTERBURY BEEKEEPERS



A branch of Kent Beekeepers Association

Agenda and Minutes of
Committee Meeting

**19TH JANUARY
2016
7PM**

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AGENDA

ACTIONS

<p>1. Actions arising from last mtg <i>Identify incomplete items</i></p>	<p>Stock take – we now have a document to record this. https://www.dropbox.com/s/8x5a77k0tavjze8/equipment%20inventory%20january%202016.docx?dl=0</p> <p>Action: all, but especially JCA (Whitefriars) DC (Bekesbourne) and JS (show stuff) Chris B has a nuc box. Ernest has extractor. Need to record condition of equipment. For example, the extractor is getting tired.</p> <p>Action: Generate a plot of all members (primarily for mentor group and membership secretary usage) on a map (create an Excel, upload into Google Maps) JS with advice from JCA In order to facilitate mentor group assignment</p> <p>Reminder: Members pack drafting (AD) n.b. JCA's course finishes at end March, and would be a good time to complete the work</p> <p>Invite branch members into Whitefriars organization role (Action: MR as new point of contact for Whitefriars, AD for newsletter). 2 BeeDays only. MR to contact Julie Holness to negotiate possible dates.</p> <p>JCA is happy to lead a Basic Certificate training event. JCA prefers to focus on practical. 2 sessions: 1 theory, 1 practical. AD to support. Start no sooner than late April. JCA to suggest some dates</p>
<p>2. Branch correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tenterden Rotary Club - Canterbury Young Farmers - - Acol WI - Brogdale events (esp Easter) - Drone-drifting – Bob Smith - NBU SE region newsletter - - Bee safari arrangements 	<p>Pass on to Weald or MidKent (Maidstone) AD Yes, we will host, and use club apiary. They meet evenings, try for 6.30pm. AD JCA happy to contact Strawberry, Cherry and Apple only (MM) We are signed up as expression of interest Colonies BeeBase (AD for newsletter, keep # of colonies up to date) Diane Steele recommends that Kay be the SBI on our safari this spring. Action: AD to arrange with KW.</p>
<p>3. KBKA/BBKA business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>John Hendrie was elected at President, BBKA Also delegate for Kent No rise in capitation. New finance director is accountant. RK-C opinion not a resounding impact. KBKA has ~£10K unrestricted funds. Sidcup proposal for matched funding seems a sensible approach Next council meeting is 12 March. Option: we can consider approaching KBKA for funding projects that we can't fulfill ourselves</p>

<p>4. Finances and Membership renewal <i>1st Jan was agreed as date to withdraw privileges</i></p>	<p>4 shirts, 6 caps still in inventory £70 surplus on Xmas event</p> <p>Partner with BBKA news is £18 not £17 (up date webforms , action AD/JS)</p> <p>We have ~£3500 in bank account, after current bills have been settled. Trading account for apiary – could include in KBKA figures. Bromley branch practice is that they keep finances of productive apiary separate from the financial affairs of KBKA. Action: JM to review whether to include a separate apiary trading account in the annual accounts forwarded to KBKA at the end of the financial year or include apiary receipts and expenses in with the branch general income and expenditure account.</p> <p>Action: MR/DC to find out how other branches track their apiaries.</p> <p>JS has to restore records for BDI/BBKA after losing his PC in an accident. Informally, quite a lot of non-renewals, but still 46 full members + 4 friends + 15 partners. Slightly lower than last year. Why do full members not renew? e.g. another branch more convenient, stopping beekeeping, don't come to mtg</p> <p>Action: JS will supply up to date list to AD for web access etc</p>
<p>5. Winter Schedule <i>Meetings for Feb/Mar/Apr</i></p> <p>Varroa 3rd Feb</p> <p>De-sensitisation 2nd March (DC)</p>	<p>AD/DC/JS to deliver a Varroa session. Part 1: natural history and interactions between varroa and bees. Part 2: techniques for control (chemical treatment options, bio-technical controls) (AD has confirmed Whitefriars booking with Julie Holness) Post-meeting note: need to arrange usual tea/coffee facility</p> <p>Dr Alasdair Stewart booked. DDBKA via Dougal thinks that 10-15 of their members might attend. Other options to consider – RSVP for other branches. DDBKA cost sharing. Aim for 60 people. Barham Village Hall has been confirmed by JCA. Dr Stewart is expenses only, no fee.</p> <p>Actions: AD to extend an official invite to WHB/DD/Thanet. MMH to do some catering when we have a better idea of numbers. All: Will need people to help set up at around 7pm.</p>

<p>Swarms, casts and control 6 April (AD) <i>Whitefriars booked for all 3 mtgs</i></p>	<p>Revisit next time</p>
<p>6. Bekesbourne Apiary management <i>Update from Martin</i></p>	<p>MN and DC visited apiary recently, checking for stores; treated hives with OA sublimation (except TBH). Warre tall stack was a concern Now have a combination lock – xxx – on shed</p> <p>MN described drafts of Duties Roster, and Inspection Record. 3 roles: apiary manager; lead inspector (instructor/decisions); assistant inspector(s) (record keeping in duplicate). Leads: committee + other more experienced beeks. Gmail calendar established with apiary manager email.</p> <p>Equipment: to be determined. Leave couple of beesuits for visitors (inspectors bring clean suits) Shopping list – JS/DC have a budget of £300 for general supplies (hive tools, disposable gloves, frames/foundation, smoker) – the essentials to conduct an apiary inspection</p> <p><u>Operating Norms</u> Expectation of a standard time on Saturday. How to cope with weather-changes, and how to communicate. Lead expected to organize these changes, and publicise</p> <p>Parking – gate will normally be locked</p> <p>Dedicated emails to recruit volunteers (2 inspections/year per person will be maximum)</p> <p>Working parties to manage the environment. e.g at proper apiary meetings, 2-3 times/year. Includes making up frames etc</p> <p>Action: all give feedback to MN on the following documents General description of activities (here) Apiary record cards (master sheet and duplicate) Table of signed up members (rota)</p> <p><u>Next Steps</u> AD to build web-page for roster support MN to pitch the principles at 3rd Feb meeting, also in newsletter. MN/AD to fine tune informatics needs</p>
<p>7. Swarm collection plans <i>BBKA.v.CBKA points of contact</i></p>	<p>Change in approach: We will support BBKA system; as in previous years, participants should be approved by CBKA officers</p>

	<p>Canterbury City Council– recommend that they use BBKA system Remind swarm collectors of responsibility to be a knowledgeable collector (e.g. familiarity with response for bumblebees)</p> <p>JCA as the master swarm collector to engage occasional collectors. We will maintain branch pages as in previous years to facilitate matchmaking of swarms with hosts. Control of re-allocation of swarms – by contact with JCA. Spare nuc boxes at the apiary</p> <p>Action Newsletter article (AD)</p>
<p>8. AOB</p> <p><i>Dates of next meetings</i></p>	<p>Thursday 10th March Tuesday 10th May</p>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Tenterden Rotary Club
2. Canterbury Young Farmers
3. Acol WI
4. Brogdale events (esp Easter)
5. Drone-drifting – Bob Smith
6. NBU SE region annual newsletter
7. Bee safari arrangements
8. Whitefriars room booking

1. Tenterden Rotary
Club: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/3ug9f1cplaac4q7/tenterden%20Rotary%20club%20Jan16.pdf?dl=0>
2. Young Farmers: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/lpb06r9tyn55uzi/Young%20Farmers%20Jan16.pdf?dl=0>
3. Acol WI: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/tzhzbt5tbc621mf/Acol%20WI%20Jan16.pdf?dl=0>
4. Brogdale dates: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/pkkkth7w6sfywez/Brogdale%20Jan16.pdf?dl=0>
5. Drone Drifting: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/vg2v1m7hafq0xly/drone%20drifting%20Jan16.pdf?dl=0>
6. SE region report: https://www.dropbox.com/s/gkle9vrrpp4lppq/SE_Annual_Report_2015.pdf?dl=0
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8. Whitefriars: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/g5ixcmhgotztc7n/whitefriars%20room%20booking%20-%20Jan%202016.pdf?dl=0>