



CANTERBURY BEEKEEPERS



A branch of Kent Beekeepers Association

Agenda and Minutes of Committee Meeting

**5TH JULY
2016
7-9PM**

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AGENDA

ACTIONS

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| <p>1. Actions arising from last mtg <i>Identify incomplete items</i></p> | <p>Basic certificate – a number of people might be interested - JCA will follow up</p> |
| <p>2. Correspondence</p> <p><i>Goodnestone CEP School (1) Barton Court High School (MR) Thanet beekeepers NHS (4) Thanet Beekeepers EKPMA (5, 8) Radio Kent (6) beeswax</i></p> | <p>JCA will contact Goodnestone Barton Court Kyriakos teacher – Tyler Hill bee-club – would like to join; expect an application form. We can be supportive Scan and post the Schedule. Contact Charlotte Tagart – we have 2 small, lightweight gazebos and tables, rather than heavy duty(AD) Beeswax (Joan and David)</p> |
| <p>3. Summer Schedule <i>Meetings for July/Aug/Sep</i></p> <p>9th July Bekesbourne (cutting back + BBQ)</p> <p>6th Aug no location yet</p> <p>3rd Sep no location yet</p> | <p>MMH will contact RK-C. Ask if we can use the BBQ space (DC to talk to Cd'S) Email: to confirm numbers, by Friday lunchtime. Bring along. Veggies self-identify. Tools: loppers, pruning saw etc Bangers, burgers, veggie and buns.</p> <p>August: Bekesbourne (varroa boards in 31st July)</p> <p>September: Waldershare Park (Joan/Julian)</p> |
| <p>4. Bekesbourne Apiary management <i>Update Next subcommittee mtg</i></p> | <p>Most of the duties are covered, esp with 6th Aug being an apiary mtg. 20 Aug still needs a lead Have ended up with 3 duties/season, rather than 2 for a relatively small group of enthusiastic inspectors Ideally will need 5 more leads (reinforce at AGM)</p> <p>Labelling of hives with laminated tickets – Martin described an enhanced system, which follows the Q, mirrored in BeeBase. JCA described some issues with the BeeBase system, which needs some follow up (MR)</p> <p>Smoker (JS may be able to provide)</p> <p>Tackling the TBH – needs clearer guidance about inspection regime. Monitor progress rather than detailed inspections. How to feed? E.g. with a propped-up contact feeder. Straightening comb, swarm control in all colonies. Who manages equipment inventory. Some second season improvements can be identified, but we have got the basics of inspection regime. Opportunity to get a winter talk from the local TBH expert (contact Kay W)</p> |

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| | <p>What to do with removed super? Extractor/buckets etc. Where is the extractor? All stations call (AD)</p> <p>DC will transfer 2 more suits to apiary; 1 is already there. MR will supply some plastic boxes for suits, foundation and sugar. Some discussion of record sheets (MN)</p> |
| <p>5. Meet the public Brogdale (MM) <i>Strawberry Fair</i> 12 June <i>Cherry Fair</i> 17 July <i>Apple Festival</i> 15/16 October BeeDays (MR) 28th May, 18th July, 27th August East Kent Ploughing Match Wed 28th September, Nonington</p> | <p>Strawberry Fair was slow, cold, and not many CBKA volunteers. Good position near the greenhouse, but having our talk in the Greenhouse, wasn't ideal – don't catch so many passers-by, but wasn't competing with band and weather. Better announcements.</p> <p>MM can't make the Cherry Festival – MR, MMH. Needs to be a dedicated email this week (AD). SD and JCA aren't available, Simon can deliver equipment in advance. Obs hive is at Waldershare. JCA can deliver tables in advance of 17th July. Strong email to set up (DC can help), needs at least 4 people.</p> <p>Will want to have more honey for 27th August. Hope that it will be as good as the May event (where we sold all the honey)</p> <p>Post meeting report on Cherry Fair by MMH: <i>Eight members covered this event: Dave C, Magdalene, Michael, Paul, Ernest, David B, Norman and Jan covering this event. Dave C initially only planned to come and do the set up only and he ended up staying a bit longer. Michael was a star, he stayed longer than he planned to deliver the second talk at 1:30pm. Norman was another star. We only had 5 jars of honey to sell in the morning. In the afternoon he brought 4 more jars of honey and a full frame of honey in a plastic box for honey tasting, encouraging everyone to get stuck in with the spoon. Jan and I went to listen to Michael's talk, it was informative, enjoyable and he had lots of response from the audience. I would say that this was a very successful 'meeting the public' event.</i></p> |
| <p>6. KBKA/BBKA business</p> | <p>Nothing outstanding</p> |
| <p>7. Finances and Membership Feedback on online renewal forms (2); booking form for JCA (3)</p> | <p>Finances: JM provided an update (attached) Remember that KBKA will match funds for visiting speakers, providing that we invite KBKA. Slightly down on members; friends no longer go through KBKA records.</p> |

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| | <p>JM and JS have changed the balance of work, so that we have a clearer picture of membership records. Hopefully this will be easier, with electronic renewal system.</p> <p>Agree to use electronic renewals. JCA will provide feedback on the beginners' course e-application</p> |
| 8. Honey extraction <i>Suggestions for new purchases</i> | <p>Need some research. Thornes have a cheap simple extractor. Need to take a range of frame sizes inc 14x12. Price point ~£300 (SD ebay, DC catalogue, MM Bee Equipment)</p> |
| 9. AOB | <p>Swarm collection – what record keeping? MN started a thread on the forum. Very few swarm calls this year (bumblebees in the main). Consider a simple form for next season. People don't update the website readily. Reminder/phonecall by JCA</p> |
| <i>Dates of next meetings</i> | Tuesday 6 th September |

ATTACHMENTS

1. Goodnestone CE primary school
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/187chrgvq7jsuwa/Goodnestone%20CEP%20school%20June16.pdf?dl=0>
2. Online membership renewal form
Website: <http://canterburybeekeepers.org.uk/membership-renewal-2016-7/>
spreadsheet: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/mbou4zcv8rbep5p/CBKA%20membership%20renewal%202016-7%202016-07-04.xlsx?dl=0>
mail-merged forms:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ms9ko7k53p1wb2k/automated%20membership%20forms%20demo.pdf?dl=0>
3. Online beginner course registration form
Website <http://canterburybeekeepers.org.uk/beginners-course-registration/>
Spreadsheet:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/eeu2tcbnfg7m839/Beginner%27s%20Course%20September%202016.xlsx?dl=0>
4. National Honey Show coach trip
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/epf6pnc6kz8gdhw/Honey%20Show%20coach%20trip%20July%202016.pdf?dl=0>
5. East Kent Ploughing Match
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/hq6gfn6w7guqowr/East%20Kent%20Ploughing%20Match%20July%202016.pdf?dl=0>
6. Radio Kent opportunity
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/qx1lgqz05w2e5dw/Radio%20Kent%20July%202016.pdf?dl=0>
7. Branch finances and membership
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ufhiszb8942as4s/CBKA%20%3D%20financials%20and%20membership%20-%20July%202016.pdf?dl=0>
8. East Kent Ploughing Match show schedule
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/foar3cjix6oi7zx/ekpma%20-%20honey%20show%20Sept%202016.pdf?dl=0>