



CANTERBURY BEEKEEPERS



A branch of Kent Beekeepers Association

Agenda and Minutes of Committee Meeting

**26TH JANUARY
2017
7-9PM**

THE OLD GATE INN

**162-164 NEW DOVER ROAD,
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minutes

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AGENDA

ACTIONS

<p>1. Actions arising from last mtg <i>There are no minutes from December gatherings of committee. Brief notes from AGM are recorded (1) and need approval for circulation</i></p>	<p>Action: All to review AGM minutes and recommend any additions</p>
<p>2. Finances and Membership <i>Need a finance statement to append to the AGM minutes</i></p>	<p>JM to investigate possibility of e-BACS transfers for club bank account – still need 2 signatures but apparently can have an email/card reader system.</p>
<p>3. Autumn and Winter training courses <i>Brief update on courses from JCA</i></p>	<p>Already have a half full course</p>
<p>4. Winter/Spring Schedule <i>Feb 15th – Stuart Andrews, relieving extreme poverty in Uganda Mar 15th – Joan, Julian, Adrian Q rearing April 1st apiary swapping floor, clean hivecomb, marking/clipping, hornets/disease e.g. Debbie (ALD) May 6th Bee safari inc Bekesbourne June 3rd Bekesbourne/Queen Raising July 1st Waldershare Park with Joan/Julian August 5th Wasp control/honey harvest September 2nd Varroa October 4th November 8th AGM December 2nd social</i></p>	<p>Better advertising of individual meetings Focused write-ups How to get more members to turn out What puts people off? More personal contacts e.g. via neighbourhood groups and introductory courses. Could combine this with the survey proposed to follow up on the AGM minutes. Change of day? E.g. Saturday</p> <p>Actions: name labels at mtgs Action: contact Debbie Burton to see if she could host April meeting (AD) Action: DC/AD to draft a survey Action: Contact Kay Wreford about Safari (AD)</p> <p>Note: all dates have been transferred to branch calendar, including EKPM and Brogdale</p> <p>Yearbook for the branch Jan-Dec 2017 can be found here</p>
<p>5. Bekesbourne Apiary management <i>Apiary manager Winter tasks in the apiary</i></p>	<p>Ernest and Norman declined Chris/Sally on lists, do they need bees. Action: DC to follow up Try to avoid discipline of weekly inspections, esp after artificial swarms. What is the best time? Sunday mornings Committee members to step up and drive a month's work. Action: all to offer up time Action: JS to contact last year's volunteers to start negotiating inspection commitment JCA to take some more active role, to be defined</p>
<p>6. Establishing a queen rearing working party <i>Purchases Outline</i></p>	<p>Mtg on 24th Feb for Q rearing team, bring hive records (action: DC). QR SOP draft available (action: JS). Jan to order the apidea/nucs, as agreed</p>
<p>7. Branch bulk buying opportunities</p>	<p>Thanet might be a good partner. Have a very</p>

	<p>efficient system for stocking, and are preferential rates. Action DC/AD to discuss with TBKA</p>
<p>8. Meet the public <i>Principles for this season</i></p>	<p>Although dates aren't yet all confirmed we agreed to support the following events:</p> <p>Ploughing match (27 Sept, Quex Park) 2x Whitefriars inc Canterbury In Bloom Brogdale Strawberry – 11/June 1 day festival Brogdale Cherry – 16 July 1 day festival</p> <p>Focus on talks. Last year poor organization & site set-up. Down to inexperience of site manager</p> <p>Note: DC bring the honeycomb to a meeting for consumption</p>
<p>9. KBKA/BBKA business <i>KBKA updated contacts info provided (2)</i></p>	<p>MR/DC reported on the circulation problems at BeeCraft. Also the organization of Lenham lectures is up for debate. KBKA will be running a survey. New webmaster and website design in the works.</p>
<p>10. Swarm collection <i>Brief notes on lists for 2017</i></p>	<p>Use process as last year Reminders that people can pass calls onto JCA. Action: AD to use last year's records as starting point for conversation and newsletter articles.</p>
<p>11. AOB <i>CBKA email addresses</i></p> <p><i>Dates of next meetings</i></p>	<p>Note the branch email addresses for officers and committee on the first page of these minutes</p> <p>8th March 4th May 5th July 6th September</p>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft minutes of AGM
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/nurs75qe6ue5lka/AGM%20agenda%20and%20minutes%202nd%20November%202016.docx?dl=0>
2. Contacts of KBKA and branch officers
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/6wdu4lhle1vab3s/2017%20COUNTY%20AND%20BRANCH%20OFFICERS.docx?dl=0>