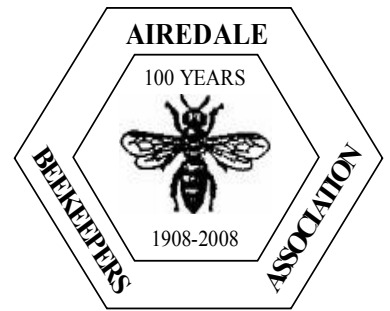


Committee Meeting
Monday 20th June 2016
7.30
Mike and Gill's



1 **Apologies** – Chris Solloway, John Tatham, Helen Gibbs

2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 3 May** – agreed as a correct record

3 **Matters Arising**

Linda has been helping member John Stewart with his bees.

Sue had been asked by the Scout Hut people for £80 for 4 sessions. Agreed not to pay until we get an invoice then will only pay for the 3 sessions we have actually had.

Helen Gibbs had drafted a disclosure/disclaimer form for people to fill in when visiting the apiary in case of stings, etc. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

4 **Correspondence:**

(a) **Bee More Project:** Simon Croker – has requested ABKA to donate hives for this charitable project to help vulnerable adults. Agreed to donate 2 colonies from East Morton. Sue to contact him.

5 **Treasurers Report**

Jackie reported the current account stands at £2,418. Deposit account £5,850. Table top sale £133 net profit. If anybody has anything to sell please do it through the web site.

6 **Association Apiaries**

East Morton - Sue reported some colonies keep going queenless. The bees seem to be setting down now. To discuss at next meeting downsizing East Morton. John Tatham had strimmed the apiary.

ERH – Chris reported issues with young queens. To merge some of these colonies. Colonies were producing lots of honey.

Cliffe Castle – Linda reported everything going well. A queen cell in the hive. Meeting taken place with the management and Bradford Council to fund equipment so can keep some there in situ. Linda had approached Richard Law and he's agreed to head up management team – having a meeting to discuss. Jane Law to head up education. The Cliffe Castle group planning to do weekly "Info at the Hive" sessions during the school holidays.

Out Apiary at Hainworth – Jill Mastin took up a colony late one evening as a test. She doesn't want to continue with the project for several reasons. We are over stretching ourselves. Got one colony up there. Some members not happy about this apiary. Will wind it down.

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7 **Membership Communication:**

Minutes to go to everybody in future. Agendas to go out in advance in order for members to be able to contribute. Sue to ask Jill Wadsorth to join the Committee. Gill to put minutes/agendas on the web site. Regarding emails to members – when replying members should not hit “reply to all”.

8 **Winter Meetings**

Linda to contact top bar hive speaker from Lancashire. Suzanne has offered to do a microscopy presentation and a later meeting could be a members’ open discussion. Louise to liaise with Bradford and Wharfedale regarding dates so we don’t clash. Suggest end Jan/Feb/March.

9 **Insurance for members joining half way through the yea**

Jackie explained that insurance is delayed by 90 days for BDI. However they would be covered for public liability through BBKA. All to be made clear on website.

10 **AGM Date** 9 November - Jackie to check with Rolands. £7.50 for supper.

11 **Social Date** (25 November) at Rolands £12.50. Partners and friends to be invited. Gill to update the web site.

12 **Any Other Business:**

Cliffe Castle Shop - Linda said that Cliffe Castle would like to sell honey, wax, candles etc in their shop. To think about this and discuss at the next meeting.

Keighley Show: Sue said the date of this year’s show is 3 September. To include a short film about bees which the National Trust are producing to go with their “walks and talks”. “Those Plant People” to be invited. Jackie agreed to do face painting. To display the observation hive as last year. Need more people on the candle rolling. To have a taste and talk table.

Bee Basic Exam – Suzanne said this was booked for Sunday 31st July.

Response from Yorkshire Water – Gill had contacted them but no funding was available. However they do have a volunteering programme and Gill’s request for land access and possible facilities for ABKA had been passed on to the appropriate department.

Honey Bottling Plant - Chris in process of liaising with Environmental Health about concerns re honey bottling plant at Micklethwaite being a possible source of AFB infection. Chris to write a follow up letter to the council.

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 3rd August. Jackie to check with Rolands to see if it is available.