

if the Society doesn't offer alternatives members would have to accept or reject the means given and that if members don't respond with a positive answer then it is considered a 'no'. JC indicated that some organisations are not giving any choices as to the means of communication only whether the subjects in their data wish to be contacted or not e.g. Thornes will only communicate with customers by email. However, all options that are likely to be used need to be stated in the first instance as the Society will be unable to use a different contact method at a later date. JS said it was right to give members the choice however those choosing the postal method would have to acknowledge that they would not receive the information in a timely manner. JC pointed out that some of the information currently sent out was so time sensitive that posting it out would not only be very costly but also pointless.

DOC asked if the full compliance has to be in place now i.e. by 25th May, or could it wait until membership renewal. JC has contacted John Bowles (and may have to contact the ICO) to resolve this issue. MG felt that we would have to be compliant by 25th May 2018 and JC suggested that we are compliant with the Data Protection Act as members have chosen to be contacted either by email (by providing their email addresses) and/or by post (having provided postal addresses). The new regulations require the Society to also tell members what we are using the information for. DCO stated that we will need a privacy policy to cover this. MG asked if the WBKA have not already got a form of words that would cover the GDPR requirements and would be the same for every society. JC stated they have sent a first draft out to all secretaries and asked for comments although this form does not cover all the information that the Society currently obtains. JC also reminded Committee that the draft has also been circulated to them prior to this meeting. JC confirmed that hive related information currently goes only to BDI and APHA (Seasonal Bee Inspectors), member contact information (names & addresses only) is given to the WBKA and relevant information is given to the Society Librarian and Treasurer to fulfil their duties.

MG also enquired whether members should disclose any health issues which may have an impact whilst at the Society Apiary. MD suggested this could be covered at the briefing sessions prior to entering the Apiary but MG said this would then have to be logged and the member may not want this.

The forms that are completed at the Bee Events will need to be looked at and modified to comply and have a note explaining why we are asking for the information, what it is used for and that it is not stored electronically or passed to any third parties. MD stated that the forms are currently held for 2-4 weeks after the event, in case there is an insurance claim, and then shredded. SL asked why we need the address and DOC felt that it is needed not only to from

how far we draw our visitors but also assists in obtaining grants. A modification to the form is being considered where only the post code is provided, therefore minimising the information required.

DOC also advised that he asks for address details for the Children's quiz (Gower Show) in order to deliver the prizes for those not present. DOC stated he will destroy all the forms after use.

JS said that Gill Lyons (GL) has to keep a record of who submits exhibits at the Gower Show and keeps the application forms. JC asked if they were compliant and JS said that GL is aware of the new requirements although the Gower Show entry forms were currently on the website.

It was agreed to look at getting a privacy policy by looking at what information we currently obtain, how we use it, store it and dispose of it.

It was agreed that if there were suitable templates from the WBKA and/or BDI that we should utilise these. JC agreed to modify the documents when the template drafts have been finalised and bring them to the next meeting for approval and the Committee to make a decision on whether to get consent now or in December.

- **Sub-Committee Reports**

- **Apiary**

- MG said that all colonies except one were doing fairly well, the colony that wasn't moved is doing exceptionally well.

- The Apiary sessions will be starting on Sunday 22nd April, weather permitting. MG will decide nearer the time and draft an email for JC to inform members accordingly.

- MG would like to buy a new lock for the gate. Feed has also been purchased as none was left and it is also then available for any new nucs created.

- DOC has dismantled a potting shed and has offered it to the Society. It is hoped that this can be put at the bottom of the Apiary on slabs. MG will speak to Llys Nini to see if they are agreeable to this. NO has donated paint so MG is hoping to get the current shed painted this week.

- The Top Bar hive that was offered to the Society is to be inspected by Ade Bowen, removed from its current location and relocated to the Apiary.

- MG commented that the new location is wet underfoot and moisture is coming up into the hives. Unsure what can be done but needs to be looked at. Various options were discussed, but area will be

monitored during the year.

Bee Tent:

MD stated that the first event is in a couple of weeks. MG advised that, as it currently stands, the Society does not have any bees available due to the sizes of the colonies, so the bees (at least for the Spring Festival) will have to come from a member. MD said that the number of volunteers was low and that more were needed to ensure the event can go ahead, it is hoped that some of the beginners will help. Discussions are ongoing as to how the trailer is to get to the show.

There are currently enough volunteers to set-up on the Friday but more are always welcome.

JC asked if anyone from the Pontarddulais & Hendy Carnival had been in touch and MD said they had not.

MD has received posters for the Go Wild event on June 9th and MD will provide a copy to JC for circulation.

MD said that any forms he receives for the Gower Show were forwarded to GL.

Education

NO has purchased prizes for the quiz night for the Beginners' Class which has another 3 weeks to run.

NO and Stephen Davies (SD) attended a training session for the new bee certificate and are now able to teach it. It is a standalone certificate for beekeepers who have at least 8 eight colonies and is a 3 year course. If members don't have 8 colonies but want to participate in the course then they can do it as a group as long as they have at least 8 colonies between them. Once more information is available, NO will put to members to see who is interested.

The BBKA Module 4 (Intermediate Biology) was stopped a couple of years ago but the BBKA is thinking of replacing it with a Botany exam.

The number of candidates that complete the Module certificates in Wales are fewer than those in England. However, this is reflected in the fact that there are 19 BKAs in Wales and 200 in England.

Gower Show

JS spoke in GL's absence. The schedule for the 2018 Gower Show is available on line. JS stated that GL received several complaints regarding the lunch vouchers that she issues to those helping on the day, mainly about people not receiving them. JS advised that only a small number are provided by the Gower Society and GL has to issue them fairly. Those present thought that preference was

given to those who were there all day but weren't sure. GL will speak about this at the next Committee meeting. It was noted that individuals can also purchase lunch at the same tent.

- **Events**

GA enquired about the April talk and it was agreed that it was very good but the presentation was let down by a minor problem with the projector. JG asked if the society had a screen and JS confirmed that it did have one and that Matt used it on the night. This screen will now be kept by GA and used whenever one is needed.

The talk in May will be by Stephen Davies on "Queen Exclusion" with Bernard Diaper talking about preparing for shows in June and Kate Davidson from Swansea University giving a talk on the 10th July about the bee-related research she has done and is doing on "Honey bees foraging on Welsh salt marshes".

GA asked about the recent Skep-making Workshop run in Swansea, which was attended by a couple of members. JC confirmed that it was identical to the one run earlier this year by the Society but was heavily subsidised (50%) by a grant available to the organisers. The Society will run another Skep-making Workshop in October and the cost will again be £50.00 each for a maximum of 8 people.

- **Website**

JC has met with Jonathan Bowen and some progress has been made. It has been restructured but the menu boxes are creating minor problems in the layout.

The layout is still being worked on. If anyone has suitable images to go at the tops of pages they should send them to JC and Committee's attention was drawn to the fact that relevant people will need to put together and/or maintain the content on the various pages.

- **Asian Hornet**

DOC talked about the first meeting on the Asian Hornet Working Group which was also attended by Jeff Pritchard from West Glamorgan Beekeepers.

It is hoped that guidance notes and policy documents can be issued in the coming weeks.

- **Correspondence**

WBKA 75th Anniversary Conference – A request has been sent to Welsh BKA Chairs asking for nominations to chair the talks at the Conference – ideally with representation from all BKAs DOC indicated that he will volunteer if he is available.

- **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

- **Date of next meeting**

- Next meeting is scheduled for 7.00pm on 15th May, 2018 (in the New Lodge Social Club, Gorseinon).

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