

The latest development is that Arnia, having contacted our Secretary and again been told that we had cancelled the order, decided to repay us the £1,020.00 – the proceeds of the cheque they had banked before Lloyds actioned the “STOP”. JG proposes contacting Lloyds Bank to return the sum they credited to our account but retaining the £50.00 compensation payment. The sum repaid by Arnia is included in the account balance at the top of this report.

7) Sub-Committee Reports

Apiary

MG reported that 5 or 6 supers of honey have been taken off and that some have been fed back to the bees as there was a high water content.

There are currently 15 colonies with 2 still to be treated with Apiguard, but all 15 are strong enough for the winter without further changes.

MG has identified 2 colonies that do not seem to like being under the trees and will manipulate the colonies to confirm this.

The proposed familiarisation session for Llys Nini staff will now be done next year.

Bee Tent

No Bee Tent report, other than the financial element in the Treasurer’s Report (above) as MD away.

Education

Report received from Nicola saying that all three members who took their Basic Assessment passed. Certificates will be presented to them in November Social Evening (Honey Show). MG also added that a second Taster Day had been arranged but it was not possible to open the hives as it was raining.

Gower Show

GL advised that to date she had received no feedback from members.

8) Events

GA confirmed the following dates/events:

- 9 October – Education Opportunities – Nicola Oulton
- 13 November – Honey Show
- 1 December – Society Xmas Dinner
- 8 January 2019 – Preparing for Spring – Ade Bowen
- 12 February – AGM
- 12 March - “Bumbles of Honeywood” - Sue Poole
- 9 April – Title TBA – Peter Tompkinson

The Honey Show will include a buffet and GA will discuss with Ade Bowen and Claire Miller whether they would organise the event again this year. GA did also suggest that one or two other members might like to ‘shadow’ Ade and Claire so that they could do the work another year.

GA also suggested that whilst Peter Tompkinson is a friend of David & Jean Salkilld they should not feel obligated to provide accommodation for him if it is the Society that is inviting him to speak. In this respect David & Jean are

always very generous but it was agreed that alternative arrangements should be considered and GA would therefore discuss expenses with Peter.

GA reported that all the places on Skep-making Workshop had been filled and would arrange for all participants to send their payments to the Treasurer.

9) Asian Hornet Update

DOC reported that there is now a team of 8 members who are ready to respond to any possible sightings of Asian Hornets. An online system of reporting details of sightings has been set up and any reports will trigger an email to DOC who will then arrange for one of the team to visit. Details of recommended action have been included in the latest Society Newsletter and a page for the website is being developed.

Advice from the WBKA has been circulated to members at the same time as issuing our AHAT's Alert Notice following the discovery of Asian Hornets in Fowey, Cornwall.

DOC commented on the fact that there is not much information available on how to protect your bees from Asian Hornet attacks and will try to get something published as soon as possible. DOC also said that the AHAT were trying to keep all the information issued as simple as possible without compromising on content but acknowledged that there was already a lot of information 'out there' that members (and others) can access.

JC asked if details of our AHAT had been added to the National AHAT website and DOC confirmed that he had contacted them but had had no response – the website advises that any email received would be responded to personally within 24 hours, but this had not happened. JC said that he would contact them.

10) Correspondence

None received

11) Any other Business

Secretary's Role – DOC advised that he had, to date, had no responses to his email and is now considering approaching members personally.

Thanks - MG just wanted to add his and Jo's thanks to all the people who had sent them good wishes and kind thoughts following the death of his father.

12) Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 7.00pm on 16th October, 2018 (in the New Lodge Social Club, Gorseinon).

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