SWANSEA & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS' SOCIETY

Main Committee Meeting on (Tues) 18th, June 2019 at the New Lodge Social Club, Gorseinon

DRAFT MINUTES

- 1) **Present** Ian Algie (IA), Martin Davies (MD), John Gale (JG), Mike Grinter (MG), Sue Lawrence (SL), Gill Lyons (GL), Paul Lyons (PL), David O'Carroll (DOC), Jean Salkilld (JS)
- 2) **Apologies for Absence** Gerti Axtmann (GA), Stephen Davies (SD), Nicola Oulton (NO),
- 3) Minutes of last meeting (held on Tuesday, 21st May 2019)

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

4) Matters arising from the last meeting

None

5) **Treasurer's Report**

Our Account balances are: No: 1 Account £ 11,835.07

No: 2 Account - £ nil

The total for No: 1 account takes into account the sum of £175.00 sent to us by RWAS for the account of the Bee Tent at the Spring Festival.

Lloyds Bank have given notice that the Sketty branch will be closing at the end of August

6) Sub-Committee Reports

Apiary

The apiary now has 22 colonies with 4 being in the process of being sold to the new bee keepers. IA has been given a shed for the apiary so long as he arranges the removal of the shed asap and the donor would like some honey. The shed will need something to lift it off the ground and roofing felt. JG may have a roll of roofing felt and it was agreed that IA could purchase more felt as required and something to keep the shed off the ground.

Bee Tent

The bee tent zip has been fixed. Helpers are still needed for future events MD will send out an email.

Education

Some people have contacted the Society to do taster days. The weather is not the best for June and NO is not available for the last weekend in June nor 2 weekends in July and wondered if anyone else wanted to run a taster day.

Gower Show

Preparations for the show are going well, MD is in contact with the National Botanic Gardens of Wales who will have a display in the Honey Tent. GL will finalize the other displays. GL and MD will send out a joint email to get helpers for the Show. It was agreed that accommodation for the honey judge and his wife should be paid for by our Society.

7) **Events**

The next event is a talk on the apiary by MG and MD on July 9th.

8) Correspondence

None

9) **Any Other Business**

A new membership form was discussed along with a system SL has been asked by the WBKA to trial. It was agreed for SL to trial the system in July and August. The new system would involve members updating their own details on a database.

An equipment loan form, mainly for the bee tent or bee suits was looked at.

SL will attend the WBKA meeting on June 29th with PL.

10) Date of next meeting - Tuesday, 18th July, 2019