



TBG Steering Group Meeting – Thursday 4th May 7pm – Bee Bothy

Present: Lizzy Shepherd (LSh), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Lindsay Stewart (LSt), Sarah Leahy (SL), Marie Clark (MC), Dave Muirhead (DM)

Apologies: Dave Woods (DW) Lizzie Bacon (LB)

Agenda and minutes:

1. AP's from last meeting, 15/10/22

- Art Group Status

The trial has worked well. The group will stop for the summer. Numbers would always need to be capped but there is potential to open it up to members in the Autumn. Non-bee group usage of Bee Bothy to be discussed at the next meeting **(AP)**

- A Booking system for the 3 user groups of the Bee Bothy

DM agreed to produce a system **(AP:DM)**

2. Membership forms and lease hive forms (including new membership administrator and photograph taking policy/wording)

DM agreed to be membership secretary.

SL to make agreed changes to forms and issue for agreement and distribution **(AP:SL)**

Members to be offered lease hives **(AP:SL)**

3. Policy for extraction equipment usage

Workshop to be held to demonstrate usage of extraction equipment **(AP: SL)**

Policy to be drafted but not completed until after the workshop **(AP:SL)**

4. Dates for winter talks and AGM

AGM: 5th November – consideration to given to format. **(AP: All)**

Talks to be held on first Sunday of each month in December, February, and March.

There may be an additional date in January

Consideration to be given to topics **(AP:All)**

5. Finances and possible purchases:

Agreed in line with good governance a summary of Income & Expenditure to be provided to Steering Group at each meeting **(AP:YD)**

- **inspection set per hive** – been purchased
- **plastic boxes** – been purchased
- **lease hives – new** – been purchased (to replace old hives no longer fit for purpose)
- **dehumidifier for books** – as no electrical equipment can be left on overnight agreed not to purchase.

6. IMYB

TBG member, Findlay Taylor, to represent Scotland. All agreed to offer training as required.

7. Library reviews & lending guidelines

Review held over until next meeting.

Beginners have been offered basic beekeeping books.

8. Beginners – TBG membership

Next year Beginners will be offered membership concurrently with signing up to the course.

Lindsay kindly offered to demonstrate catching and hiving on swarms in her garden **(AP:SL)**

9. AOB

Alford SWI request for talk 12th October – unfortunately no members are able to attend.

Torphins Beavers request for visit – YD to contact and agree date **(AP:YD)**

Kemnay Bee Group Visit – Agreed 2nd July 4.30 -6pm (after beginners' class)

PAT Testing

All items passed except one kettle (to be replaced) and the newly purchased Thornes warming cabinet. Thornes have been contacted. TBG electrician can remedy.

External Lights

To be fitted. Funded by Apple Press Group.

Library bench

Lizzie and Phil Bacon have very kindly donated a bench for the library area

Date of Next meeting:

Monday June 26th

