



## TBG Steering Group

### Meeting – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 3 pm - Bee Bothy

1. **Attendance:** Marie Clark (MC), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Lindsay Stewart (LS), Dave Muirhead (DM), Sarah Leahy (SL), Marlize Taylor (MT), Ken Johnson (KJ), Lizzy Shepherd (LSh), Dave Woods (DW)
  
2. AP's from last meeting (28<sup>th</sup> March 2024)
  - Booking system for the 3 user groups of the Bee Bothy, centralisation of TDG administration, GDPR compliance etc. all ongoing with TDG Trustees **AP: DM**
  - Honey extraction procedure and borrowing guidelines underway.  
**AP:YD**  
Agreed small extractors and the pasteuriser can be lent out but not the larger items of equipment.
  - Library book plates to be affixed  
Finishing of the plates will now happen at the members meeting  
**AP:DW**
  
3. **Annual members meeting**  
Agreed to hold the members meeting asap and include a library plate workshop as part of the meeting. **AP:DW** to confirm a suitable date.
  
4. **Finance update**  
General TBG funds held stand at £2046 along with £1636 in Apiary 2 a/c, £77 in Apiary 3 a/c and £133 in electricity a/c. Detailed income and expenditure report to be circulated to the Steering Group. **AP:DM**  
Agreed the Chair has a £50 discretionary limit as well as funding for essential repairs. Aside from this Steering Group approval is required.  
Agreed we should determine if all outstanding building works invoices have been settled. **AP:DM**
  
5. **Beginners 2025**  
Agreed to hold Beginners Class in 2025. Will be 2 whole days **AP:SL**
  
6. **Membership forms 2025**

Forms to be circulated around Steering Group for review. Note to be added about the borrowing of equipment procedure. Membership fees to remain unchanged for 2025/26. **AP:DM**

**7. Lease hives 2025**

As there were no beginners in 2024 unlikely any additional beekeepers will want lease hives. The hope is that existing lease hives will be kept by current beekeepers.

**8. Teaching and hive management 2025**

All agreed to take a turn over the summer months. List of dates to be circulated **AP:YD**

**9. Apiary / bee bothy maintenance**

Gardener in place for 2025

Nothing urgently requiring action

The work party followed up by a list of outstanding jobs worked well in 2024

**10. Talks/workshops 2025**

Workshop for library book plates (**DW**)

Apidea/Nuc preparation (**YD**)

Honey Analysis (**YD,MT**)

Testing for Nosema (**YD,DM**)

Queenlessness (**SL**)

Swarm Collection – subject to time (**SL**)

**11. Library update**

Library mainly being used by those working towards exams. Include reminder re library with members meeting notification.

**12. Future swarm collection**

BHIP have established a working group on swarm collection protocol in Scotland.

**13. External events to consider**

Tarland Food & Music Festival: 19-21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

#### **14. Biosecurity at Border enquiry**

Agreed TBG Steering Group should submit evidence to the UK Parliaments call for evidence re animal and plant biosecurity measures for imports to the UK. Deadline is 29/01/25. **AP:SL**

#### **15. Committee roles**

Library – MT

Membership – DM

Lending equipment – KJ

Beginners - SL

#### **16. AOB**

Agreed to hold a members event to sell old hives collected from Coull.

Suggestion of a WhatsApp group for all members was rejected.

Agreed apiary hives could not be used for Q rearing course in 2025 – required for beginners, but would consider again in 2026.

#### **17. Date of next meeting – directly after members meeting.**