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| <p>8. Honey Production and Sales</p> <p>8.1: Shugborough 18 supers collected for extraction – 488lb honey retrieved with average water content 18%.</p> <p>8.2: Supers returned and invoice received.</p> <p>8.3: 16 Buckets are available to jar – members support to sought. Some honey to be jarred via Holt Hall (6 buckets); 10 to go to Surestore.</p> <p>8.4: Labels are available; design to be reviewed in the autumn.</p> <p>8.5: We are selling honey jars in Shugborough’s walled garden for £6.50 1lb jars and 12oz £5.50.</p> <p>8.6: Agreed in future to jar 1st honey crop to ensure availability for sale.</p> | <p>Wendy / Chris / Alan</p> |
| <p>9. Apiary Co-ordinator’s update:</p> <p>9.1: Shugborough: 20 Colonies queen right. 6 Nucleus colonies also developing. Top bar hive doing well. Shugborough apiary at capacity.</p> <p>9.2: Hilton Green: 5 Nucleus colonies transferred.</p> <p>9.3: 3 Nucleus colonies sold (1 returned as swarmed – being rectified).</p> <p>9.4: Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Members support – making frames lead by Alan G and John Kinsman b. 5 Beginners from last course attending Saturday inspections. c. 3 Beginners have orders Nucleus colonies. d. Thank you to Alan Greenman and Tony Ward for support with handling supers for extraction. <i>Note the red gazebo (being used for temporary storage of wet supers) is Alan Greenman’s will be removed when no longer required.</i> e. New boiler and steamer working well. <p>9.5: Support required to get equipment cleaned.</p> <p>9.6: Dates for consideration to be added to website when confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Apiary treatment after Honey Bee Experience Day 4th Sept (All hives to treated by 10th Sep). b. maintenance days proposed are Sep 17th & 1st Oct. <p>9.7: Marquees: we will trial leaving them up for winter.</p> | |

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| <p>10. Health & Safety check – any issues? Any bee stings need to be recorded in the apiary register; A temporary increase in stings was noted at Shugborough over a fortnight due to a bad-tempered colony; now being re-queened.</p> | |
| <p>11. Planning for Association Away day Claire to advise agenda, venue etc; likely to go back to October.</p> | Claire |
| <p>12. Planning for Honey Show / Convention The scope has been confirmed. Venue and Lecturers arranged. Organising team is forming. Communications to follow and members to briefed at the apiaries.</p> | |
| <p>13. Communications update (including e-mail, Website & Newsletter)</p> <p>13.1: E-mail; Thanks to Gemma for covering whilst Wendy on leave. We have unsubscribed from irrelevant mailing lists.</p> <p>13.2: Website: Good comments received from Members and Committee on the improved quality – thank you. Thanks also to Paul Mann for supplying great apiary photos.</p> <p>13.3: Newsletter: August edition to be issued soon.</p> | |
| <p>14. Correspondence – 2 items received. 1 from BBKA – Responded to in green.</p> <p>June 27th LS 2022-06-27 BBKA Leaflets – reminder of resource availability.</p> <p>July 11th Beekeeping Service request from ASOS GXO site in Lichfield Fradley Park – report to be requested from Trevor – policy to be confirmed.</p> | Trevor |
| <p>15. A.O.B.</p> <p>15.1: 20th Aug BBQ at Shugborough; great response received from Members to support; all in hand.</p> <p>15.2: ER2 info required for apiary managers to check membership status prior to Nucleus colony Sales.</p> <p>15.3: Apiary cover (Saturday 3rd Sept: Brewin’s away) – Alan G and Dayna proposed.</p> <p>15.4: Stafford Borough Council Awards – Wendy is preparing submission – Committee fully support.</p> <p>15.5: Stafford Bee Group (SBG)’s winter lecture programme being prepared – proposal for previous collaborative arrangements to continue i.e. we provide socials and SBG provide lectures. TBC at next meeting following visibility of proposed programme.</p> | Claire |
| <p>16. Date of next meeting: 20th September – please note 16th August ’22 cancelled due to availability.</p> | |