

BHG Zoom meeting 21.08.20

Present: Beki, Richard and Deena, Pauline

Matters arising:

- A3 laminated posters: Beki progressing BH
- Beki and Steve to agree easiest way of paying feed bill at Hawthorne's BH/SS
- Beki to add contact details to Severn Trent water quote and forward with £141.22 application fee BH
- Richard to email Beki list of portion members so she can set up messenger group RA/BH

Membership and Portions:

Hannah has joined as a member. Lucy will join as a member.

Reintroduce the idea of 'Friends of Blakeney Hill Growers' for those who just want to be members.

AGM:

Nearing the end of the 6 month deferred date, agreed to hold it while the weather is still reasonably warm, will need to find a gazebo to borrow in case of rain.

Saturday 19th September 2pm at Chapel Field (the veg patch) bring your own picnic.

Portion leaders to write short reports with say 3 photos, Richard to do finance report.

Management:

Holding Open Forum meetings has not worked in encouraging more members to join in, also difficult to find a time that suits everyone. Beki proposed reforming a small management group which could find it easier to make a convenient time for the monthly meetings. Include invitation in AGM notice and agenda to be circulated shortly BH

Finances:

Richard reported still waiting to hear from the bank re new details, will try to contact by phone RA

£1800 in the account

Rent paid on Chapel Field

Funding:

Not heard back on application for Tool Library, possibly not successful

Community Orchard application deadline August 31st. Beki to send email to small group who might be interested in meeting to help complete the form next week on

Tuesday 25th August 2.30pm at her house BH

Publicity:

Beki reported still having problems with facebook, will post her article when she can And pass on to Siobhan for the 15 Bells newsletter BH

Pauline has confirmed the updated advertisement for the next Forest Bee (online only) edition.

Leases:

Agreed Pauline to add clauses to Jenny's updated lease and email to Beki for forwarding to her for confirmation before sending the hard copies for signature

PW/BH

Beki to phone Kenny

BH

Land and Animal Management:

Bracken bashing well progressed but needs another session Beki to message group on Saturday BH

Fallen Ash branch, Beki confirmed in discussion with someone from the Forestry commission that it belongs to them. Contact on the phone difficult at present, Pauline to pass on her ranger contact to Beki PW/BH

Ducks:

Getting used to going in at night but would be more willing with some weather protection around the base. Some cladding boards still left over in new barn Richard will sort more if needed RA

Beki has 4 more ducklings at home, once they are all old enough to be sexed separate out the drakes and keep all bar one in her garden, all females and one drake on the paddock

Goats:

Now registered with Kate Kerry in Ross, who is happy to do worm counts.

Discussions with Henrietta proving positive forward plan:

Henrietta's go to the billy this year, Polly Turpin West has a new Golden Guernsey who could stay at Henrietta's.

Next year Fern and Blossom (Juniper may be too small).

Milking arrangements to be decided later

Tom now milking on his own

Bees:

Some honey produced this year; interest from the group in doing extraction, agreed could use Beki's canopy so it's outdoors. Very early evening first week in September suggested. Will need to sort through hives to decide which frames to use.

Veg:

Harvesting in full swing now. Looking at crops to grow through the winter in the poytunnel or sheltered beds: cabbage, dwarf French beans, winter leaves.

Leeks all planted out, brassicas coming on.

Tool library:

Garage door now open

AOB:

None

Next meetings:**Funding application:**

Tuesday 25th August 2.30pm at Beki's

Monthly:

Friday 18th September 7.30pm by zoom. Click on weblink in Beki's email to join. You will need to download zoom first.

AGM:

Saturday 19th September 2pm Chapel Field

Be Well, stay safe PW