

BHG Open Management Meeting 08.01.21

Distribution: To all members & posted on website

Present:

Beki, Richard, Deena, Steve, Tom, Pauline

	Action
<p>Matters outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beki to request donations of items or services for raffle from membership • Car stickers were a great publicity idea Beki to ask Kate if she still has the artwork 	<p>BH BH</p>
<p>Finance:</p> <p>Steve reported £1,100.00 in the bank account. Has only been able to access the last 30 days of transactions, Richard will look into it. Steve will update income / expenditure account with a view to looking at budgets Insurance: Kate's details currently on the policy need to be updated to Beki's at the new registered address</p>	<p>RA SS BH/KW</p>
<p>Fundraising:</p> <p>Awards 4 All: Beki , Kate, and Andy met to discuss the various elements of the application. Tool Library, water on the field – quotes from Severn Trent and Mark (Kenny declined to quote), community orchard, works to field and garden. Kate is completing the application form. We are now members of Gloucestershire Orchard Trust and Andy is heading up the community orchard initiative, the Trust will visit to advise on planting sites, varieties etc. Beki is interested in doing grafting this winter and will ask for their advice. Raffle: (Carried forward from last meeting) Richard reported on his research The full address for the raffle guide I found is https://www.raffletickets4u.co.uk/how-to-run-a-affle/ Agree that asking local businesses for prizes at the moment is best avoided. Regarding prizes - so far we have the work of art, jars of honey (3 prizes?), dozen cider, Taurus chocolates, speciality cake, Forest Naturals, Food Hub box, total value at least £150. Also it seems that we are allowed to offer services and experiences as well as product. How many prizes do we need? If we are fundraising for the community orchard maybe we could get our potential supplier(s) to offer a fruit tree? Combining the plant sale with the raffle could work well since if we get the publicity right it should increase the footfall and ticket sales. I'm intending to raise a dozen plus bee friendly annuals/perennials this winter and can offer trays of these as well as veg. Should we also be thinking about it as a Blakeney Hill Growers open day event? Agreed to sell tickets before hand, paper and also run online ticket sales (Kim) so posters showing items could be put up in local shops and facebook pages and on our website for wider sales. Draw to be at same time as AGM /Open day / Plant sale in May which gives plenty of time to assemble more items and raise plants / seedlings Richard volunteered to look at poster and ticket designs.</p>	<p>KW KS RA</p>
<p>Portion Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bees: Seem ok, will feed again in a week or so • Veg: Now working in pairs again, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings 10.30-12.30. Garlic planted and dead hedge construction started. More horse muck now on site and to be used for mulching remaining beds. Goat muck on Friday 3pm, Pauline can't heft bags but will use truck for transporting, Beki loading at the field and Tom unloading at the garden. • Ducks: ok with one regular escapee, laying two eggs per day now. • Goats: Problems with Henrietta's goats, one tested positive for John's disease as requested by Poppy so billy visit in doubt. Our goats are clear but Poppy has not been contactable. Beki to urgently find alternative billy for Blossom and Fern, might have to be the pygmy at Lydbrook so at least there is milk for next season although kids will be too small to use for the herd. Better to find a standard sized billy so two female kids 	<p>BH</p>

could be kept to increase the stock and allow paired rotation. Juniper was not accepted by the goats and has returned to Gill, as a half pygmy she is also a bit too small for easy milking. Last batch of feed ordered, no more needed until later on in the year. More hay on order. Tom interested in researching tree species suitable for forage.

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AOB:

Storage of original documents (Leases, insurance etc):

Agreed all originals should be held at the registered address (Beki's), with electronic copies also made.

Beki to liaise with Kate to retrieve all historical documents.

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Date next open meeting: 5th February 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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