

BHG Open Meeting Notes 23.09.23

Distribution: To all members and posted on website

Present:

Beki, Pauline, Kim, Richard

	Action
<p>Matters Outstanding: When Companies House emailed Returns reminder arrives Richard and Rory to do a handover session then companies house to be notified Steve and Richard are stepping down, Kim, and Rory will be the new directors. Pauline to update company secretary ring binder and pass on to Rory</p>	<p>RD/RA PW</p>
<p>Kim and Rory to research zettle or other electronic payment system for fundraising events</p>	<p>RD/BJ</p>
<p>Finance: cfwd to next meeting Kim emailed current spread sheet Bank balance: £5616.00 of which approx. £1000.00 is Dirty Carrots, the next round of funding to be hosted by FVAV Beki reported goat costs for blood tests and worming (now becoming a standard requirement for selling kids) £350, sale of two kids £300, two further kids to be put up for sale Agreed to sponsor £50 to Blakeney Duck Race as last year</p>	<p>BH</p>
<p>Dirty Carrots update: Final report nearly complete and can be circulated to membership with minutes</p>	<p>BH/PW</p>
<p>Membership: cfwd to next meeting Membership subs: Kim to advise portion leaders of outstanding payments for chasing</p>	<p>KS</p>
<p>Insurance: Renewal due, Chris Knott reminder has arrived. Policy expires 30th December. Allotments society renewal due in April Kim to check if paid up to date</p>	<p>KS</p>
<p>Portion Updates: Goats: The two young does are now ready for a billy, Beki to contact Hayden to see if they have got theirs yet. The triplets urgently need weaning and separating from Fern; dilapidated fencing is a problem but the orchard is in reasonable condition, area around shelter is not but calf ark can easily be decoupled by two people from the shelter and positioned in the orchard away from the fence line to allow separation to go ahead now. Fencing working party all weekend 14th / 15th October: 1 Urgent fix gate between paddock and main field to allow separation of kids 2 Repairs from top gate to High Cliff to prevent goats getting into neighbors' back gardens Pauline circulated scale site plan with dimensions marked up to allow calculation and costing of materials, Kim to liaise with Tom re sourcing of posts, check and report back on finances available (<i>note fundraising may be needed</i>) Becky to recruit more help from goat group Pauline to contact garden group Fencing contractor to be found for the rest of the field Rory and Becky to ask their builder if he knows anyone local. Bees: Two hives lost to wasps, one strong hive left, two less strong. Richard suggested weekly checks next year to avoid wasp incursion although not ideal to disturb the bees too frequently Garden: Jenny has written to the planners to say that our tenure will not be renewed</p>	<p>KS/TD</p> <p>BH PW RD/BJ</p>

when the lease expires in October 24. The proposal to move the garden operation between a small area of the goat field, and the area above the hives with the small polytunnel and raised beds, was agreed.

Beki has Kenny's permission to grow vegetables on the field. A more definite agreement with the owner of Ollie's garage patch is needed with an offer of rent, Beki to make contact.

Note added after meeting: The existing large polytunnel and sheds need to be removed from the site once the garden is closed down under the Planning Conditions; the polytunnel can be advertised for sale and the tool shed relocated to the paddock site. The garden group met on site and came up with proposals attached. Pauline will continue to organize the Chapel Field site which will be phased across to the new sites over the next year while Tom organizes fencing and bracken cutting on the new area.

Next Events:

Apple Day 21st October

Youth Club booked

Recipe sharing: Kim (cooking demo not needed)

Equipment demo: Beki Juicer / dehydrator

Honey production: Mark demo hive and honey making kit (lip balm from beeswax Kim?)

Pumpkin carving and soup: Cat and Deena

Apple pressing: Beki (James?) bring own apples and containers

Beki to liaise with Becky re advertising event

AOB:

None

Dates next open meetings:

Agreed generally every 3rd Saturday of the month

Date of next meeting:

Saturday 11th November 4pm venue tbc

Working Parties: Goat field 8.30-10.30am Saturdays to be resumed in September

Veg Garden 10-12 Saturdays

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