



Romford Division

February Beekeeping Notes

- Too early to open the hives but the bees should be flying on warmer days. If you see pollen going in then that is a sign all is well inside the hive.
- There are jobs you can do, though, such as cleaning up super frames, discarding any with pollen in them (which is probably mouldy by now), or with holes of moth damage. Render down the old wax. (Re-wax them later when the weather is warmer and wax not brittle.)
- Prepare a new set of records sheets for the new year.

Pat Allen

Courses 2021

Refresher Sessions: I shall be taking names of those interested in such sessions. Please email me saying which topic(s) you are interested in and which days/times you can make. Managing Nucs, including Mini-Nucs; Changing Combs; Integrated Pest Management; Honey Extraction.

Pat Allen

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Committee Meeting: : Thursday 11th March 2021,
7.30pm, via Zoom. **(Note change of day)**

Extraordinary Meeting Thursday 4th February 2021
8.00pm
To be held at the beginning of the usual Zoom meeting.

1. Review for accuracy and signing (virtually) of the AGM minutes of 14th January 2021.
2. Review of the examined 2020 accounts.

March Meeting: Thursday 4th 8.00pm, via Zoom.
Topic: Using Mini-Nucs
Speaker: Pat Allen

Bulk Buys

'Thank you Lorna for all the work you have done as the bulk buy representative and welcome to Julie.'

I need the orders for wired wax foundation, flat pack DN5 and SN1 frames to be placed by **8th February**.

Also, the committee has decided that the Bulk Buy varroa treatment to be purchased this year will be MAQS.

The cost is not known at the moment for 1 hive treatment as this depends on the size of the bulk order but it will be cheaper through the division. Please email me the number of colonies you wish to treat later in the year with MAQS so I can confirm a price.

Julie Mugglestone

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AGM 14th January 2020 via Zoom Meeting

The AGM was attended by 32 members as recorded by Zoom. Paul chaired the meeting very ably, the minutes of the last AGM were signed and the officers' reports which had been emailed to members prior to the meeting were accepted. Unexamined accounts for 2020 had also been emailed to members. They are to be examined by Zoom meeting in February when an EGM will be held to approve them.

Bob Manning has been our Treasurer for 15 years but is standing down for personal reasons.

Matt Broughton had offered to take over but unfortunately, due to circumstances, has had to withdraw his offer. Rose McCarthy volunteered to take over the post and was elected unanimously. Thank you very much Rose and welcome to the Committee. Paul also offered a vote of thanks to Bob for his long service as Treasurer.

Lorna Pattle our Bulk Buys Secretary is also standing down due to moving house and Julie Mugglestone has already agreed to take on the job. Thanks to you too Julie and welcome to the Committee.

The other Committee members all agreed to continue for the coming year. Filippo Negri volunteered to join the Lay Committee and Lorna Pattle will also join until her house move.

Pat Allen agreed to stay on as Membership Secretary for another year as there is eR2 to deal with and a new Treasurer. Helen Kingsford is standing down as one of the Education Officers. Rob Hyde volunteered and was elected for schools, scouts etc visits.

As we have over £18,000 in the Division's funds Norman McDonald asked whether it would be possible to spend some of the funds on the Division. Suggestions can be made to the Committee for this.

Jim McNeill requested that members who would like talks on any particular subject let Dawn know so she can source speakers.

Michael Webb asked members to look at the petition opposing the reintroduction of banned pesticides that are harmful to bees and sign it if they wish.

Paul then thanked everyone who had contributed to the running of the division this year. The meeting was then closed.

The date of next year's AGM is 13th January 2022.

Dawn Doyland



Treating the Bees in style

Dawn Doyland, Sue Richardson and Pat Allen treated Sue's bees with oxalic acid a couple of weeks ago. Here they are – all socially distanced of course – does it remind you of anything...?



Photo by Andy Richardson

