

South Staffordshire & District Beekeepers Association

Education sub-group

Minutes

Minutes of the Education sub-committee held on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at Jo Berriman's house.

Present:

Barry Crossley, Alan Greenman, Margaret Harvey, Stuart Roberts, Julie Hamer, Jo Berriman, Trevor Smith

Apologies:

Marie Jackson, Phil Atkin

Agenda item	Comments	Actions responsibility
Vision	Agreed vision of the sub-committee: To produce and run a planned programme of study which is inclusive, relevant and targeted.	Sub-committee
Current provision	The current SS&DBKA provision was reviewed and discussed in terms of strengths, weaknesses and improvements to inform future developments.	Sub-committee
Future developments	1. Bee experience days 3x per year held at Wolsey Bridge @ a cost of £60 per session	Tidy up presentation SR Recruit tutors and helpers sub-committee Add an observation hive TS, SR
	2. Beginners Course- as a result of feedback from participants and observations made, changes to 3 sessions were discussed and a change in format. Tea break at half time More thinking time that allows greater opportunity for questions, Aim for continuity and commonality of practical teaching in all groups	Rewrite Biology, swarming and feeding. Sub-Committee. Reassign tutors SR Train the trainers SR Recruit enthusiastic Improvers to lead groups sub-Committee
	3. Improvers meeting - emphasis changed to planned programme of education and training This would be the main apiary session. A proposed rota was discussed 4 possible work - streams identified: Beginners training Basic Assessment training Intermediate demonstration Advanced demonstration Plus 10 minute lecture common to all.	Sub- Committee and trainers to develop and deliver

	Membership to be surveyed to understand their requirements	Julie to word the document Alan to produce the poster Stuart to circulate to the membership
	4. Winter lectures – planned and published 12 months in advance. Chosen theme to run through the winter and into the practical training	Sub-Committee
	5. Specialist Offerings: To take place on Saturdays by invitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Bee Day • Specialist Courses • Bee Safaris 2x per year planned and executed • Study Groups – one per year as a correspondence course at a cost of £60 	Sub Committee to plan and execute this every 2 years Membership canvassed and we offer one of these courses per year Sub-Committee Sub-Committee Canvas the membership to decide on module / assessment Sub-Committee
Next meeting	The date of the next meeting was set as 30/10/2018, at Jo's house for a 7.30pm start	Please send items for the agenda