

South Staffordshire and District Beekeepers Association

Approved Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 31st July 2018 at Contelec Engravings Ltd Spring Lane Willenhall WV124HN at 7.30 pm

<p>Present Paul Twibill (Chair), Chris Shaw, Charles Davies, Claire George,, Steve Smith, Alan Greenman , Keith Thompson, Craig Dimberline, Trevor Smith & Lynne Lacey</p>	Action
<p>Apologies None</p>	
<p>Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Chris and seconded by Steve</p>	
<p>Matters arising or items not on the Agenda</p>	
<p>A policy document for Children vulnerable adults & Health & Safety has not been adopted. To be on the Agenda for the next meeting A document to be circulated and brought to the meeting for approval.</p>	Paul
<p>George and his mother are liaising with Alan when he attends the apiary. The AWG had requested solar lights for Hilton Paul to purchase £200 agreed.</p>	Paul
<p>Apiary update & maintenance Charles has fed the top bar and cleared some rubbish. Bins to be clearly marked what is to go in them. Waste items to be in bin bags before going in the bins. Shortage of space storing chairs mower etc. Making up of frames and supers was discussed for better use of storage they should stay as flat pack. Craig's gazebo was broken when used by the association, this to be replaced by the association.</p>	
<p>Healthy Bee Day. The day had gone well, 45 attended some people from North Staffs did not turn up but had paid.</p>	
<p>Photos taken on the day to be sent to Hilton Green. Special thanks expressed to Hilton. The Yurt had worked well for the microscopy sessions and the outdoor classroom enjoyed.</p>	Alan
<p>Education</p>	
<p>Trevor would like to form a subcommittee with a cross section of members perhaps 3 beginners 3 improvers and 3 advanced. Looking at a 5 year plan with costings for various aspects; a budget can then be set and ring fenced for education. As we have monies in from courses and honey sales it was proposed by Paul, seconded by Steve and agreed by committee that we can afford to do this.</p>	Trevor
<p>The sub group would give regular reports to the main committee. It was felt that a member of the AWG should be represented in this group. The members in the AWG are Paul, Penny, Chris, Charles, Kate, Alan, Steve, Craig, Martyn, Mel and John Danks.</p>	
<p>Alan has an item on education in the next Newsletter. A paragraph to be added to ask for volunteers for the subgroup</p>	Alan
<p>Basic & Module update</p>	

<p>5 members have taken their Basic exam and are awaiting the results. Trevor has a number of people interested in taking exams. The list of exam participants for the last 6 years was collated for Trevor and makes interesting reading. Trevor also noted that there is a practical based route available to BBKA husbandry.</p>	
<p>Quartermaster Purchase of Ambrosia was discussed, agreed to purchase 2 pallets (64) Alan to advertise availability at approximately the same price as last year £14.50 interest to be expressed. We have 20 leftover from last year which are at Hilton and will feed the apiary this winter... Verroa treatments were also discussed, trying to use a different treatment from last year. Apistan agreed for the end of August/September.</p>	Craig/Alan
<p>Equipment & Storage for Hilton Green. A lean-to wooden storage unit is needed to store a smoker, fire bucket and tools. If slabs are needed Martyn has some. Chris to cost. 80lbs of honey has been produced at Hilton and has a Hilton label. We are selling it to them for £4 per jar</p>	Chris
<p>Treasurer's report The BBQ had broken even. We have sold 5 nucs with 2 people not turning up to take care of their nucs. Nucs being collected must be sent out with travel screens and straps, these then being returned. Straps had not been included in the price for the nucs. Have Stuart and Claire resolved the queries of £300 Claire to send balances for the minutes</p>	Claire
<p>Events coordinator Alan has volunteered to coordinate an events calendar for the year to enable better planning and negate the clash of events. All dates to go to Alan for everything to be entered on the Master List. Proposed by Charles, seconded by Trevor August Honey extraction to be advertised at the apiary, Peter Bell will lead this session at Shareshill.</p>	Alan
<p>Website The website was discussed and agreed to move to WordPress the domain name to be kept, items being redirected from old site. Paul to set up</p>	Paul
<p>Honey Show Alan & Steve are going to do a tasting session on a Thursday and encourage the sale of jars for entries. The emphasis being on fun! Planning food, fun and a treasure hunt. Entry charge of £1 per person for as many entries as you like. Sale of frame boxes for comb ready for extraction to be sold at £6.50. Raffle prizes needed. A David Battersby trophy to be presented to the overall winner. Having discussed trophies Chris had brought a number of trophies from David's home and feels there are more items to be found. The trophies will be photographed and valued. Fundraising for the Honey Show, promotional fliers to be printed A5 500 copies. These to be distributed locally to promote the event. Adverts in free papers £200 agreed</p>	Alan

<p>Calendar for 2018/2019 c/f to next meeting possible dates for 2019 for Shareshill</p>	Lynne
<p>Association Library The library was brought to the meeting; Trevor will take to the apiary to sell items if possible. Lynne to let Trevor have Stuarts list of books and value.</p>	Lynne
<p>Correspondence Email received from Margaret Harvey; the chairman had replied but had not shared his reply with the committee. Rotary speaker request at Tamworth, Trevor agreed to make contact Our speaker for November Winter Lecture David Jackson would like his fee to be a donation to Butterfly Conservation £40 agreed. Burton Honey show is the same date as ours. Paul had replied to a letter received from Geoff Hopkinson, he apologised for not forwarding a copy to the committee. And would do so.</p>	Trevor Paul
<p>Newsletter Alan is putting the next Newsletter together.</p>	
<p>Future Events Alan had made enquires about the pig racing event. This needs to be in the diary for 2019 as there were no dates available for this year.</p>	Alan
<p>AOB A member was stung at the apiary; it was felt this should be recoded. There is an accident book in the first aid box which is in the container. Charles advised us that he and Kate would not be able to extract the honey for the apiary next year. The hours of work and commitment they have put in have been phenomenal and very much appreciated. Charles had asked if we could insist on a meeting with the National Trust instead of being in limbo. He suggested we could do a presentation for them and be more proactive</p>	Alan
<p>Date of next meeting 4th September 2018</p>	

Agreed as a true record at the Committee meeting held on the 4th of September 2018.