

South Staffordshire and District Beekeepers Association

Approved Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 4th September 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> <p>Apologies None</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Chris and seconded by Keith</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Matters arising or items not on the Agenda Craig's damaged Gazebo has been replaced Approved minutes to be emailed to Paul for inclusion on website</p>	<p>Lynne/Paul</p>
<p>Honey Show</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those people helping on the day to meet up at Hilton Wednesday 5th. John Carrier is judging and will be given a box of Chocolates or biscuits as a thank you. • Small 2 oz. jars of honey to be prizes for treasure hunt. Chris to parcel up a raffle prize and fill honey jars. • A quiz, hook a duck, candle rolling and face painting to be other activities for children. • Display boards to be available on the day. • Trophies will be locked in a cabinet in the poly tunnel. Claire to find suitable lock. • New class cards have been printed. • The David Battersby shield will be ready for presentation. • The prize for the honey tasting will be a tub of ambrosia with a bow. • £1 entry agreed for any number of entries. • Thanks expressed to Alan, Steve & Chris for organising, another meeting to be scheduled before the event. 	<p>Chris</p>
<p>Apiary working group The minutes of the last AWP meeting were brought to the meeting and tasks completed from those minutes.</p>	
<p>National Trust Paul had tried to Contact Steven Armstrong regarding access to the apiary, this was proving very difficult with areas being fenced off for site H & S. Saturday's access and Sunday Taster Day access of concern, thoughts to cancel or change venue.</p>	
<p>Beginners Group 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be discussed at the education sub group, meeting arranged for 2nd October. • The beginner's course information is usually in place much earlier in the year. Having forms available following on from the Bee Experience Day. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A formal letter to be written to Stuart to thank him for his work during the year, having raised large amounts of money for the association. Also to ask if he would organise the Beginners Course for 2019. 	Lynne
<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trevor has volunteers for the subcommittee Phil Atkin, Margaret Harvey, Barry Crossley, Jo Berriman, Julie Hamer, Marie Jackson and Carol Richards. • The first Basic session will be held at Lichfield Fire Station 1st October 7.30 pm 12 people are registered for this course. • Module 1 course will start 16th October at the home of David Primrose, 7 people attending this course. • Some of the association library books had sold at the apiary. 	
<p>Hilton Green</p> <p>The cost of solar lights including fixing brackets £300 approved, Paul to order. The cost of a shed is £305 delivered and £30 to erect. It was felt we needed 8 slabs 2x2 also course rubble. Shed to be sited under a tree to give some shade.</p>	Paul
<p>Quartermaster</p> <p>Craig has sold 2 pallets of Ambrosia. Craig brought comments from Peter Bell following on from the extraction day at Shareshill. It was agreed to not use existing extractors as they do not comply with Health & Safety. A small extractor to be purchased during the winter, this to be easy to transport for hiring. Also to purchase course sieves and food grade buckets which could be sold on for honey storage?</p>	
<p>Extracting Honey 2019</p> <p>Suggestions to be brought to the next meeting, hiring Shareshill was suggested as one thought.</p> <p>.</p>	All
<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>Claire has paid £1,000 into the bank recently with a small profit on Ambrosia sales covering the feed for the apiary as last year. £400 to be paid to BBKA shortly the bank balance is £13K</p>	
<p>Calendar for 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date of the AGM needs to be changed as the hall is not available on the 21st March. 28th March to be booked and this date put in the diary. • Shareshill to be booked for Winter lectures for February & March 2019 • A date to be agreed for basic assessments in July, assessor also to be booked. 	Lynne/Alan Lynne
<p>Child & vulnerable adults protection</p> <p>This must be implemented, to be included in the Newsletter as a draft proposal, also to be included on the membership form for next year to be agreed as read and signed.</p>	Trevor Alan
<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Further information requested from Nicholas Taylor Formal thank you to be written to Peter Bell for his work at the Honey extraction day.</p>	Lynne
<p>Newsletter</p>	

In the process and will be issued shortly.	Alan
Website In the process and will be live shortly	Paul
Trophies The association trophies have been cleaned and valued at £5-£6K Claire offered storage of the trophies with Sure Store at a payment of £7.50 per week to insure.	
AOB The bell for tea has been fixed. Next sugar delivery awaiting instruction Lighting at Shugborough solar or generator for next season. Chris had rescued a hive which was in a much neglected state.	Steve
Date of next meeting WEDNESDAY 17th October 2018	