

South Staffordshire and District Beekeepers Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 20th
November 2019 at Sure Store Cannock at 7.30 pm

	Actions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present: Alan Greenman (Chair), Claire George, Keith Thompson, Wendy Woodward, Dayna White, Stuart Roberts, Paul Twibill, Phil Atkin & Trevor Smith 2. Apologies: Clive Stewart 3. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Phil, seconded by Claire 4. Matters arising or items not on the Agenda. 	
<p>Alan had been in contact with Holt Farm & North Staff BKA. NSBKA thought Tamworth too far to come for a joint event and would welcome an opportunity closer to them another time. Trevor is waiting for acknowledgement from NBU re Healthy Bee Day 2021.</p>	
<p>Trevor to list chemicals at the apiary on Saturday 23rd sending information to Clive.</p>	Trevor
<p>Trevor to book LPG boiler engineer to check boiler at apiary.</p>	Trevor
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Education Group update <p>Trevor had agreed with NT a clean-up day Saturday 23rd Nov. The education committee had not met but will do so before Christmas; they will review Beginners & Experience days. On 9th Nov 5 people had taken module 3 & 1 module 6, the results will be in January 2020.</p> <p>Looking at assessments for next year Trevor has a number of people interested; as time is short for March exam Stuart suggested module 2 as an easier option.</p> <p>Preparation for General Husbandry to start in 2020 to be ready for 2021.</p> <p>Queen rearing is included in schedule for next year working with AWG, starting 6 weeks before to be ready to use Clive DeBraine grafting method or Ian Hobson non grafting method. Session to extend into following Saturday.</p> <p>All aspects of the schedule are weather dependant.</p> <p>One lead person to be in charge each week. Weekly inspections would be Monday, Wednesday & Saturday.</p> <p>A surgery for questions on a Saturday with a rota of people in pairs was suggested and approved. Questions & answers to</p> 	

<p>be noted and added to Newsletter. Having voted and ratified the schedule, Trevor to enlist tutors for the various tasks and present at the Winter lecture 23rs Jan 2020.</p>	Trevor
<p>6. Quartermaster update Trevor has purchased enough Api Bioxal for 20 hives other purchases will be made at trade shows or sale items that come up. Stuart had suggested a £20 thermostat be purchased from Amazon to fi the uncapping tray this was agreed with other members wanting this product, contact Stuart for bulk order. Charles had taken 400lb of honey from storage to jar up. Trevor to take jars to the apiary for Charles on Saturday. 23rd</p>	All/Stuart Trevor
<p>7. Open actions update Committee are asked to close action items that relate to them. This will enable the minutes to be put on the website with tasks completed.</p>	All
<p>8. Apiary Work Group The group were hoping for good weather to clear up on Saturday. All hives had been fed; feeders taken off and fondant added. There are 3 nucs at the apiary which Stuart has agreed to overwinter at home. Queen rearing was an agreed priority for 2020 also the quality of our drones was questioned and agreed to reduce drones from bad colonies. The AWG are working in harmony with Education. The AWG has asked for dates in the schedule for putting up the marque & clean-up days. Suggested end March marque or 18th April. Discussion regarding the replacement of marque size etc. on hold until after N.T. meeting Concern also expressed regarding the ruts on site tripping hazard etc. This to be discussed with N.T. also other items of concern.</p>	Stuart
<p>9. Treasurer's update Claire presented the accounts to date for 11 months. Our income was considerably more for 2019; the expenditure was much more as many consumables needed to be purchased. We have one XXL grey fleece @ £20 & one XXL grey polo @£15. Merchandising was discussed and agreed to promote twice a year. Keith to provide colour info and sample of blue hat with gold lettering.</p>	Keith

<p>10. Planning Workshop 7th Dec 2019</p> <p>People invited and attending in addition to committee are Ed & Jess, Richard, Alan & Rebecca from beginners. Jo, Chris, Alan & Julie for intermediates and Kate, Charles & Penny. Alan to ask Charles to speak to Dave Rawsthorne to attend. Wendy will send post codes for venue, time 9 am – 2 pm free bacon sandwich, plenty of parking, bring brains and enthusiasm.</p>	<p>Alan</p> <p>Wendy</p>
<p>11. National Trust meeting</p> <p>Alan, Stuart & Wendy to attend the meeting 16th December 2019 to request a 5 year contract and a positive way forward requesting a building which could be used for “Honey Show” meetings, education, toilets, kitchen etc. It was thought it could be sited where the contractors have been parking. Please send any thoughts before the meeting.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Paul</p>
<p>12. Membership subscriptions</p> <p>Paul circulated a form showing the information for ER2 for members to renew. These are due in January. Paul to send an email with instruction prior to sending ER2. A donations box and Gift Aid can be added. Paul to add beginner’s details. This new procedure to be mentioned at lectures. Getting a card reader was suggested to take payments, cash payment to be avoided</p>	<p>Paul/Wendy Stuart</p>
<p>13. Marquee discussed earlier, hold re: N.T</p>	
<p>14. Grant from SSCE</p> <p>Information regarding a grant application for solar panels approx. £500 Paul to send information he has to Wendy and Stuart. This application needs to be in by end of Nov 2019</p>	
<p>15. AGM 2020</p> <p>Phil Askam booked as speaker topic “Heather Honey” Voting papers to be sent out to members well beforehand. Paul & Lynne to come off. Claire has done 3 years as treasurer. Brief reports required from Chair, Treasurer & Apiary Work group. Phil Askam to present exam certificates approx. 18. Stuart to take pictures. Wendy & Dayna to think of fun presentations to celebrate people’s efforts and commitment. Thoughts to be put together for a 5 year plan with fund raising objectives and visual targets. Claire, Wendy & Dayna have already had thoughts With the topic for AGM, Howard had suggested a grant being available to put some SS&DBKA information at the Chase visitors Centre. Also putting bees on the heather on the Chase.</p>	<p>Alan</p> <p>Stuart</p>

<p>Alan to speak to Howard</p> <p>16. Winter lecture 28th Nov Social 30th Nov Speaker booked for lecture. 16 tickets sold for the social event, email to be sent to members for more participants. Set up time 6 pm to start at 7 for 7.30 with Dayna's game food served at 8.15. Lynne to make veggie/Vegan dish to go with jackets</p> <p>17. ADM proposals were circulated to committee. The only contentious item was BBKA proposed supporting ApiMondia with £1,125 initial payment and annual payments thereafter. The committee could not see any advantage to the membership and voted no to this proposition.</p> <p>18. Correspondence Trevor had difficulty making bookings near the end/renewal of the BBKA insurance 3rd/4th Oct Stuart to let Trevor have Margaret Murdon's address to write to her</p> <p>19. A.O.B Refresh when Trevor has schedule.?? Policies on agenda for next meeting Claire to update committee members list. Constitution on agenda for next meeting Paul to circulate current copy to committee. All to read and note wording for agreement at next meeting to propose amendments at AGM</p> <p>Date of next meeting 8th January 2020 & 5th February 2020</p>	<p>Stuart/Trevor</p> <p>Claire</p> <p>All</p>
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