

# South Staffordshire and District Beekeepers Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
October 2019 at Sure Store Cannock at 7.30 pm

	Actions
<p>1. Present: Alan Greenman (Chair), Claire George, Keith Thompson, Clive Stewart, Dayna White, Stuart Roberts, Paul Twibill, Phil Atkin &amp; Trevor Smith</p> <p>2. Apologies: Wendy</p> <p>3. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>4. Matters arising or items not on the Agenda.</p>	
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">Stuart contacted JLR</p>	
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">Alan Contacted Holt Hall farm</p>	
<p>5. Results of Questionnaire  Comments : PT said that the number of respondents was disappointing. However, this was much greater than last year. Results were analysed by Wendy and Gill who have both offered to help again next year.  Wendy and Gill did a superb job of the analysis and should be officially thanked. A letter should be sent.  Can the analysis be done electronically next year</p>	
<p>6. Apiary Work Group Update – Paul Twibill  All hives treatments done except hive 9.  Marquee has been taken down  No clean-up done – date needs to be agreed  Discussed wish-list of equipment – no conclusions drawn  Discussed roles and responsibilities – nothing concluded  Trevor to be the Chair of the AWG following the AGM  Paul to send the meeting minutes from the 1<sup>st</sup> October.</p>	Paul
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">Alan asked how the queens are doing – no real observations other than they are still alive.  Currently have 18 hives plus 5 or 6 nucs – Stuart to over-winter the nucs.  5 or 6 full hives at Hilton Green</p>	Stuart
<p>7. Education Group – Trevor  Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> October. Reviewed the results of the survey  Need more volunteers for trainers and speakers</p>	

<p>Saturday inspections are a possibility for 2020  More social discussions interspersed with the learning opportunities  Communication between Education and AWG needs to improve  Bee safaris – 3 for next year  More hands-on on a Thursday night and Saturday mornings  Book a Health Bee Day for 2021  Alan asked : Can he have the headline proposed changes to circulate to the membership ? Trevor said that he wanted to agree proposals with AWG and others first  Pdf of survey results to be sent to membership with Alan’s note</p>	<p>Trevor</p> <p>Stuart</p>
<p>8. Quartermaster update - planned purchases for 2020  Reviewed a list of essential equipment and agreed Trevor could buy certain items.  A grant request has been made for a new marquee. Paul was asked to get a price for a replacement marquee.</p>	<p>Paul</p>
<p>9. Treasurer’s report – Claire  No change since last month</p>	
<p>10. ER2 Training  Wendy is attending some training at the NHS</p>	
<p>11. SS&amp;DBKA Google account – protocol  All emails need to be signed</p>	
<p>12. Health &amp; Safety – Clive  Risk assessment needs to be updated  List of chemicals requested from Trevor  Need to create emergency procedures  First Aiders – need to be listed (Claire and Dayna)  Canvas the members for who has the first aid certificate or if anybody would be willing to be trained (free training from St John’s)  Clive to make a site visit during the next apiary clean up session</p>	<p>Clive  Trevor</p> <p>Clive  Alan</p> <p>Clive</p>
<p>13. Upcoming events  Winter lectures – Acknowledged that Wendy has done a terrific job.</p> <p>National Trust meeting (22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> November) – Alan has been invited to a meeting. Invite Charles, Wendy and Stuart</p> <p>Race night social event – 30<sup>th</sup> November – not appropriate game for a social night. Claire and Dayna have invented a game to suit. Need to develop it. ‘Bee Social’  Food will be available.</p>	<p>Alan</p> <p>Dayna &amp;  Claire</p>

<p>Planning workshop – 7<sup>th</sup> December in Stafford - ST16 3BZ Northfield Centre.</p>	<p>Lynne</p>
<p>Dates for 2020 – confirm and publish – deferred to next meeting</p>	
<p>14. AGM 2020 – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020  Alan would like to make an evening of it  A speaker would be nice for the night – Phil Askham suggested – Lynne to contact</p>	<p>Lynne</p>
<p>15. Correspondence  Bee Craft Webinars – keep sending please Lynne</p>	<p>Lynne</p>
<p>16. Any other business  Clive raised AHAT – Tamworth 1 nest found, Christchurch in Dorset found 2 nests.  Clive asked for training slots in the education programme</p> <p>Alan raised that Howard is on a committee and there is the opportunity for a grant. Claire and Wendy to review.</p>	<p>Trevor</p> <p>Claire and Wendy</p>
<p>17. Date of next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019</p>	