

South Staffordshire and District Beekeepers Association



Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th August 2020
via Cisco Webex videoconference at 7.30 pm

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<p>1. Present: Alan Greenman (Chair), Barry Crossley, Claire George, Dayna White, Ed Bennett & Stuart Roberts.</p>																																																																																																														
<p>2. Apologies: Clive Stewart, Trevor Smith & Wendy Woodward</p>																																																																																																														
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting: Ratified.</p>																																																																																																														
<p>4. Matters arising or items not on the Agenda Wendy Woodward has stepped down from the committee, to dedicate more time to her role as Chair of the Stafford Bee Group. We thank her for all the help and support provided during her tenure as Events Co-ordinator.</p>																																																																																																														
<p>5. Review of Previous Committee Meeting Actions</p> <p>5.1: Outstanding actions were reviewed; 14 remain open.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse; width: 80%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Count of Actions</th> <th colspan="8" style="text-align: center;">Months Open</th> <th rowspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Grand Total</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Committee Area</th> <th style="text-align: center;">1</th> <th style="text-align: center;">3</th> <th style="text-align: center;">4</th> <th style="text-align: center;">10</th> <th style="text-align: center;">12</th> <th style="text-align: center;">11</th> <th style="text-align: center;">15</th> <th style="text-align: center;">16</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>All</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apiary</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Events</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H&S</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stakeholders – President</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>5.2: Actions raised in Jul '20: 9 of 12 were closed.</p>	Count of Actions	Months Open								Grand Total	Committee Area	1	3	4	10	12	11	15	16	All			1						1	Apiary	2								2	Education	1						1		2	Events				1					1	H&S		1	1		1	1		1	5	Membership			1						1	Stakeholders – President			1						1	Treasurer		1							1	Grand Total	3	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	14	
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<p>6. Stakeholders update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Trust next engagement in Sep / Oct with Head Gardener (Caroline). 																																																																																																														

<p>7. Events Co-ordinator's update: The SS&DBKA 2020 Convention is to be cancelled due to speakers being not able to attend. Notifications of cancellation to be sent out.</p>	Alan
<p>8. Apiary Co-ordinator's update: 8.1: Apiary Working Group (AWG) meetings are continuing and teams are working well.</p> <p><i>Shugborough</i> 8.2: The committee agreed Stuart's proposal for the configuration of the selected 12 colonies to be taken through the winter as follows: Each colony is to be housed in a brood box with a full super of honey underneath; to reduce the need for winter feeding. Excess supers will be taken off, and the hives altered to this configuration. In the absence of disease, full supers are to be given to colonies without full supers. Wax arisings from colonies are to be taken to Chris Shaw for processing. All colonies will be treated with Apistan to reduce Varrora.</p> <p>8.3: Following the newsletter advertising the opportunity for people to join inspection teams 3 people have joined (Kevin, Julie & Ian).</p> <p><i>Hilton Green</i> 8.4: Good communications noted with Chris Shaw.</p>	
<p>9. Quartermaster's update: 9.1: The club has recorded £4,184 in sale of provisions – lists of purchasers to be provided to Barry; to check income.</p> <p>9.2: Supplies for Hilton Green received and will be transferred shortly.</p> <p>9.3: Last requests for Shugborough received and fuel transferred.</p> <p>9.4: Varrora treatment arrived (2 orders made).</p> <p>9.5: 10 supers with castellated runners in stock.</p> <p>9.6: Jars: 12Oz found to be twice as popular than 1lb jars; so supply options to be re-considered next year.</p> <p>9.7: All stock is in distribution to stores is to commence imminently. Arrangements with Purchasers to take receipt of goods are to start.</p> <p>9.8: The Quartermaster and helpers were thanked for hard work in ordering, storing and distributing stock on behalf of the membership.</p>	Dayna

<p>10. Communications update (including Website & Newsletter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Membership Survey – Ready to issue in September. 	Alan
<p>11. Correspondence</p> <p>11.1: BBKA link trustee – Suzanne Bennett has been in contact to advertise the availability of bee keeping learning materials.</p> <p>11.2: Discussion of BBKA ADM meeting to be added to Sep committee meeting agenda.</p>	Ed
<p>12. A.O.B.</p> <p>12.1: September Bee Experience (Taster) Day: The committee agreed it should go ahead: The Wolseley Centre will provide the larger main facility room (at £150 charge for opening). 10 people have booked and an 11th person has requested attendance. Stuart will be the main Speaker. Jo Berryman is to be requested to provide support. Claire and Dayna are available to help if required. Lynne Lacey to provide food.</p> <p>12.2: Distribution of BBKA examination 2019 certificates: to be deferred till next AGM, to allow the president to congratulate successful students along with other “thank you” gifts to members.</p> <p>12.3: Stafford Bee Group intend to return surplus money donated by the SSDBKA for purpose of paying 2019 speakers (£100 of £300) – the committee agreed this was not required, but would be gratefully received and added to the new marque fund.</p> <p>12.4: Barry was thanked for his fundraising idea (making bespoke Corex boards for hive insulation, for sale); not considered to be viable due to small return.</p>	
<p>13. Date of next meeting: 9th September 2020</p>	