

## Stowmarket & District Beekeepers' Association

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, 7.30pm.

**ACTION**

1. Present: Richard Martin (Chair), Alan Seager (joined later), Tony Payne (President), Roger Chapman, Andy Smith, Maggie Lawrence (secretary)  
Apologies: Felix Oliver, Steve Hammond
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as correct
3. Matters arising: RC proposed and ML seconded Kirsten Ryland's appointment to the Committee
4. Correspondence: ML asked to form register of people with land available for bees and FO to put standard notice on website, giving locations/villages where sites available and asking anyone interested to contact Association. ML asked to respond to invitations to attend shows/events saying we can do no more this year but asking for them to ask next year and making list of events. ML requested that we delete SDBKA from Linked-in  
FO ML  
ML  
FO
5. Andy reported that there are 122 members and £4,996 in the bank. SDBKA owing just over £500 of capitation due.
6. Reports from other meetings
  - i. Suffolk Show went well and made a profit of £800
7. Mentors – 29 people requiring mentors, 2 new requests being processed and 1 request outstanding. 26 newbies all with mentors.
8. Club Apiary – RM extracted over 200lb of honey and bottled 72lb. Neil at Baylham Rarebreeds has been given 36lb and 30lb has been sold. RM asked the Committee to approve the spending of £120 on a second-hand National hive to replace the Smith hive at the Apiary and make all the hives uniform. All agreed and suggested the Smith hive should be got rid of. First Aid kit has been installed. There is a non-Beekeepers Taster Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. ASm will publicise at Coombs Fete.
9. Events Calendar & Course Update
  - a. Newbies course finished – TP and Mike Goodwin thanked for their work. All seemed happy and had been asked for feedback/comments for the course next year. Probably made approximately £500.

- b. Events calendar on website but very little response
- c. Club BBQ on 15<sup>th</sup> July at Richard Martin's. Notice to be sent to all members. Free for all members and £5 for guests. AS to forward a past invite to ML to amend and send. Time to be changed to 1130 for 1200 for those interested in World Cup. AS to receive responses. Final numbers to be confirmed Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July. All agreed to beefburgers, sausages and chicken. Pudding to be strawberries and ice cream from Alder Carr. RC, ASm and ML volunteered to help set up on Saturday at 10am. K volunteered help on the day with her partner, Ian. Meeting of helpers at Richard Martin's on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. AS/ML
- d. Coombs Fete – 7<sup>th</sup> July 10am-5pm. ASm manning with Stella's help. AS has all he needs. TP to give him banner. RM to provide honey and AS to provide labels Will be sold at £5 a jar. ASm/RM
- e. Bacton and Walsham-le-Willows fairs been booked and paid for.
10. Wyken Vineyard Farmer's Market. TP was asked if SDBKA would like to have honey stall at this event one Saturday a month. Lasts from 9am-1pm and costs £5 a day if we are promoting a small craft. Heaths have volunteered to go twice, FO once, Paddy Gallagher twice, TP four times. Will sell Association honey and those manning the stall can sell their honey. All agreed. Honey Show banner to be cut in half horizontally. KR to enquire of fellow newbies to get rivets replaced. KR
11. Members – agreed ASm, RC, ML and KR to get together in the autumn to thrash out more efficient way of running membership. Meanwhile, AS gave ML a welcoming letter to send out to new members. ASm/RC/KR/ML
12. Asset Register – TP produced inventory for SDBKA and where they are. Brian Gosling was vague about the cups. TP has 2. ASm will look into the history of the shows to see if he can work out where some might be. Reckon on about 7. ASm has the laptop. ASm
13. School Groups – SDBKA made offer to Stowmarket High School, but there has been no follow-up
14. AOB – all aware that we need a Show Co-ordinator for next year.
- a. AS reported that he had a quote for the insurance of the Club Apiary - £12 a year. All agreed.
- b. AS asked if anyone knew of an Expenses policy and requested we produce one at the next meeting.
15. Date of next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 7.30pm – at Tony Payne's.