

Stowmarket & District Beekeepers' Association

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 28th June, 2018, 7.30pm.

1. Present: Richard Martin (Chair), Tony Payne (President), Andy Smith, Felix Oliver, Maggie Lawrence (secretary)
Apologies: Alan Seagar, Roger Chapman, Steve Hammond, Kirsten Ryland
ACTION
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as correct
3. Matters arising:
 - a. Club Apiary insurance has been renewed
 - b. Agreed Expenses policy should be discussed with whole committee
4. Correspondence: Linked-in account cannot be deleted as it is not known who set it up. ML to send AGM info to FO to put on website
ML
5. Suffolk Show post mortem: FO reported all very happy and all good for next year.
6. Treasurer's Report £4,961.74 in account with BBQ expenses due to be paid and August capitation (£129 approx)
7. Mentors Report: RC absent
8. Club Apiary – RM reported that he had not visited the Apiary due to hot weather. RM stressed that SDBKA has promised Neil any extra honey at £3 per lb.
9. Events Calendar
 - a. BBQ went extremely well. 60 attended. RM thanked Tony and D for cooking, Alan for bar work, Kirsten and Kathryn for food and Andy for tidy up. Unanimous thanks to Richard and Kathryn for hosting. They offered to host again next year.
 - b. Combs – footfall down on previous year due to World Cup. Kept up presence and reasonable interest. Sold 2 jars of honey. ASm thanked FO and Stella for their help.
 - c. Bacton Show – RC and RM have offered help setting up at 10am on Sunday. RM to provide 20 jars Association honey. AP has helpers but 1 more would be helpful. FO to help take down.
 - d. Wyken Hall – AS taking 24 Association jars.
 - e. Walsham-le-Willows to be discussed at next meeting
 - f. Any invitations to other shows to be reported at meetings until Events Co-ordinator found

10. Any Other Business

- a. AP raised the article in the BBKA newsletter re Asian hornets being most active in September and members have been asked to be particularly vigilant 10-16th September. AP to draft email to be sent to members at end of August
- b. FO mentioned that there is no co-ordination/follow-up to enquiries re Apiary open days
- c. ASm had visit from National Bee Inspector, David Burns – a consequence of American Foul Brood outbreak last year. Agreed that the inspectorate is being better organised this year.
- d. Kathryn Martin produced beekeeping leaflets on display at Sandringham Flower Show. All agreed they were informative and user friendly. ASm to ask BBKA
- e. Committee present agreed we should produce an SDBKA business card with something catchy on it and website address. It was suggested that Roger is good at this sort of thing
- f. Also agreed that instead of cutting old banner in half, we should buy new banner.

11. Date of next meeting: 23rd August 2018, 7.30pm at Tony Payne's