

Stowmarket & District Beekeepers' Association

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 12th April, 2018, 7.30pm.

1. Present: Alan Seager (Chair), Tony Payne (President), Richard Martin, Roger Chapman, Steve Hammond, Stella Zephraeus, Maggie Lawrence (secretary)
Apologies: Felix Oliver, Andy Smith, Steve Galpin

ACTION

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as correct

3. Matters arising:

- i. Robert Crozier is standing down as Show co-ordinator. Tony happy to look after Bacton (4th August) and Walsham (August Bank Holiday weekend) shows
- ii. Stonham – RM and SH organising 9 framed observation hive for Stonham Barns. Good advertising for SDBKA
- iii. Felix to be Suffolk Show Rep
- iv. List of offered sites for hives to be put on location map on website Association needs disclaimer if anything goes wrong
- v. RM to tell ML the members who have resigned.

4. Correspondence: Suffolk Show business cards are going to have Alan Seager's name, his mobile number and SDBKA email address. Ipswich member has enquired about a mentor. Roger happy to provide.

5. Andy, via Alan, reported that there are 107 members and £4,604.14 in the bank.

- 6.

RC

- i. Suffolk Show Meeting concurrent with today's meeting. FO attending.
- ii. SZ standing down as County Rep. RC proposed and RM seconded Alan Seager as her replacement.
- iii. SBKA AGM held on 14th March at Leiston. Chairman – Ian McQueen Secretary – Helen Daves, Treasurer – Paul White to stand down at end of February 2019. Reports circulated to all members in advance. The presentation afterwards was given by commercial mead producer.
- iv. County Meeting on 1st March – all non-elected officers stayed the same and posts filled. Briefing from Paul White on data protection – SDBKA compliant. Expenses policy produced and AL proposed SDBKA should adopt. AS proposed that all SDBKA minutes be published on website – agreed by all present. Next Suffolk meeting on 28th June.

7. Mentors – 17 requested and 17 provided.

FO

8. Club Apiary – rota in place – booking system being developed. It was agreed that SDBKA should seek guidance from Ipswich regarding allergy preparedness. SZ to talk to Jeremy Quinlan.

SZ

9. Events: President's Day changed to 16th September at 2.30pm. Themes were discussed: SH recommended the mead producer be invited. Also plants for bees – very good article in this month's BBKA magazine listing flowers – permission to be sought to reproduced.
10. Members – Andy and Maggie to maintain Roger to be membership monitor and will up-date Maggie on new members monthly. Agreed that we need a system to acknowledge new members. RC
11. Asset Register – Tony to make a list of all SDBKA owns and where it is. Will be published on website TP
12. School Groups – Have been approached by Stowmarket High School via Francesca Mahoney. BBKA very keen for Associations to go into schools as part of education policy this year. It must come from the school itself, but we could offer talk, followed by visit to the Apiary.
13. AOB – Roger produced sample stickers for children to be handed out at Suffolk Show and other shows. Rogers was thanked for producing the badges.
14. Date of next meeting 28th June, 2018 at 7.30pm