



Suffolk Beekeepers' Association



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(An Area Association of the British Beekeepers' Association)

County Committee Meeting

Minutes

16 January 2019

The Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Sproughton, IP8 3AA
starting at 7.30pm

Attendees		
Helen Davies	Kevin Thorn	
Ian McQueen	Jackie McQueen	
Jeremy Quinlan	Jane Corcoran	

#	Item	Who
1	Apologies Chris Poupard, Alan Seager, Paul White, Trevor Alchin	All
2	Review & approval of the minutes of last meeting The minutes were approved	IMc
3	Matters arising from previous minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none">AS to write email to SBKA members and contact David Burns – outstandingMeeting dates for the year agreedPW has added event dates to SBKA calendar. KT now has access to the website. Each secretary should have access to the website – PW to refresh people's memories. JC to be given access to the website.AS to contact The Limes later on regarding future SBKA meeting	All
4	Treasurers Report There is £6,660.00 in our account. Accounts currently being audited for AGM. JC suggested using this for better known speakers. All to think about how the money can be used. PW working on uploading association data for membership so that people can renew online (BBKA originated system)	PW
5	Branch Reports <u>I&ESBKA</u> : Basic course scheduled to start in Feb. 24/30 places filled to date. AGM is on 06Feb18. Putting forward proposal to convert to CIO (means trustees are no longer individually liable) <u>Leiston</u> : JC & KT speaking at upcoming meetings <u>West Suffolk</u> : Philip Draycott has given a years notice on standing down as President. KT&JC have briefed Natalie S on her new role as Exam Secretary (local website updated, change requested for BBKA website). New membership secretary settling in – have received 60% of expected renewals. 13Jul19 date for Bee Safari –	ALL

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	east of Bury St Edmunds. West Suffolk Honey Show date set 08Sep19 @ Pakenham. 80 people going to BIBA event at Lawshall, only 20 spaces left. <u>Stowmarket</u> : No update <u>Waveney</u> : No update	
6	EARS Update : EARS 2 project completed. EAR3 to be launched soon – see attached report.	JQ
7	Education Update : Grafting workshop speaker unfortunately cancelled. Alternate speaker found for 30Mar19 (Clive de Brun). Trying to approach other schools. HD commented that St Joseph's College contacted SBKA with a view to making wax wraps. HD put forward the idea of them keeping bees and selling the honey. Further conversation to be held in the Spring.	JC
8	ADM 12Jan19 : 66/74 delegates attended. Peaceful meeting compared to last year. Debate regarding importation of queen bees. Queen bees would be available from outside of Europe in the event there are issues post Brexit. Meeting much shorter than last year as all reports made available prior to the meeting. Proposal put forward to allow schools to join – this was passed. Application to be made to become a CIO. ADM report circulated separately.	LW
9	AGM 13Mar19 Update : HD to send out an email to association secretaries regarding officer vacancies for the AGM – Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer & President.	CW
10	AOB 1. New exam secretary (Natalie Sinnadurai) now in situ 2. <u>Asian Hornets</u> : Branch coordinators need to be appointed to support DEFRA(BBU) efforts to track down the Asian Hornets; Stowmarket = Alan Saeger, I&ESBKA = Richard Allen, WSBKA = Jane Corcoran, Leiston = tbd, Waveney = tbd. I Mc to update notice for distribution 3. LW asked for ADM expense reimbursement be topped up by £25 as the standard is insufficient to cover hotel & meal costs. It was agreed that the additional amount be provided for 2019 forward.	All
12	Proposed date and place of next meeting – 19Jun19 . March meeting postponed as matters will be covered at the 13Mar19 AGM.	All