



# Suffolk Beekeepers' Association



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(An Area Association of the British Beekeepers' Association)

## County Committee Meeting

### Minutes

19 June 2019

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

<b>Attendees:</b>	Jane Corcoran, Alan Seager, Kevin Thorne, Ian McQueen, Jackie McQueen, Jeremy Quinlan, Helen Davies
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1	<b>Apologies:</b> Joy Allen, Trevor Allchin, Chris Poupard	All
2	<b>Review &amp; approval of the minutes of last meeting</b> All agreed to approve the minutes	IMc
3	<b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b> PW has briefed KT on the website Access to website for JC is outstanding – JC to contact PW AS has contacted The Limes, October meeting to be held there HD has had no further contact from St Jo's College.	All
4	<b>Confirmation of co-opted posts</b> All agreed the following:- 1. JC confirmed as Education Secretary 2. JA confirmed as Show Secretary for one more year. AS to speak with JA regarding future years. 3. Wendy Paget confirmed as Exam Secretary 4. KT confirmed as ADM rep 5. JMc confirmed as Membership Secretary 6. Elizabeth Poupard, Helen Davies confirmed as NHS reps, AS to contact JA with a view to co-option, 4 <sup>th</sup> rep to be identified	AS
5	<b>Treasurers Report</b> PW has agreed to advise on the accounts until a new treasurer has been found. Will continue to run the sourcing of the syrup/food and act as accountant for the 2020 Show. IMc offered to act as Treasurer – this was accepted by the meeting.	PW
6	<b>Branch Reports</b> <u>I&amp;ESBKA</u> : Safari Day on 29 <sup>th</sup> June starting from Tuddenham will take in the SWT hives at Ashbocking (12 attendees so far). Keith Morgan will be in attendance. Hog Roast likely on 10 <sup>th</sup> August at Westerfield. Meetings start again in Sep'19. Now a CIO which has resulted in a new charity number.	ALL

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	<p><b>WSBKA:</b> Committee re-elected, Zac Blackmore has re-joined as a non-officer. ZB is the first host on the Bee Safari on 13Aug. Regular quarterly newsletter now being issued, with monthly bulletin in between times. Apiary days continue. Honey show booked for 08Sep at Pakenham Mill. Considering setting up a queen rearing apiary but finding it difficult to find a site. Will be repeating annual honey survey again – interesting results on colony losses between those treating for varroa and those not treating varroa – possible future article in BBKA??!?. Limited beginners course to 20. Also have bought in equipment from Thornes to sell to the beginners to ensure a consistent approach. Have held frame &amp; box making sessions.</p> <p><b>Stowmarket:</b> Two events scheduled 1) 28Jul19 BBQ, 2) Presidents Day held at Tony Payne’s house 15Sep19. A Christmas Party &amp; Quiz is being intended to be held in December. Beginners course has been completed ~25 people. There is a possibility that the course may be limited to 20 in the future and that the cost may be increased to cover first year of membership.</p> <p>No further updates</p>	
7	<p><b>EARS Update:</b> EARS Treasurer has dealt with individual Suffolk Associations in the past. As this is cumbersome SBKA Treasurer will act as point of contact going forward, who will forward info to association treasurers. IMc to confirm that EARS3 payments have been made. JQ to email EARS 2 final report to AS.</p>	JQ
8	<p><b>Education Update:</b> Best Practice Day held at Moreton Hall. Payment to the Hall is outstanding – IMc to chase. They have agreed to host this next year. JC provided 8weeks of education for the children. One member is disabled and found access difficult – to be considered for the next event. First school has signed up to the Schools Project (already have 5 hives on-site). Woodbridge School has contacted JC with a view to working with them. Microscopy Day coming up on 30Jun19. Next year Best Practice Day date &amp; topic is tbd.</p> <p>AS stated that he David Burns has delivered a course at Otley College. This may be continued but tbd. AS to get feedback from DB.</p>	JC
9	<p><b>Suffolk Show Report:</b> This years show was successful – the team worked together smoothly. There were a record number of visitors to the tent and an increase in the number of entrants &amp; entries to the Honey Show. Profit numbers are still tbd but around £1,000.</p>	JA/HD
10	<p><b>Asian Hornet Action Team:</b> Two groups have been setup so far WSBKA (JC), I&amp;ESBKA (RA) under the SBKA. JC to act as Suffolk co-ordinator. AS to contact remaining associations to identify association co-ordinator. Leaflet to be updated by AS and sent to associations that can be distributed. KT suggested that a speaker from Jersey be sourced to relay their experience of the Asian Hornet.</p>	AS
11	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Synchronised varroa treatment:</b> JQ put forward the suggestion that all Suffolk beekeepers treat for varroa at the same time. The meeting agreed that this should be attempted and that mid-August would be an appropriate date. JQ to produce some info &amp; instructions for circulation before end-Jul.</li> <li>2. <b>Hives at Evergreen Garden Care, Levington:</b> The sustainability manager contacted HD to ask if any beekeeper would be interested in installing beehives in their research station in Levington. JQ has contacted David Adams &amp; Chris Stephens on this. HD to chase for a response.</li> <li>3. AS agreed to send sympathy cards to Trevor Allchin &amp; John Eldred</li> <li>4. JMc commented that we currently have 745 (79 partner) members of SBKA this year, compared to last year’s 742.</li> <li>5. JC commented that partner members should be encouraged to become full members.</li> <li>6. IMc informed the meeting that PW has bought a card reader for automatic payments which can be used for shows, events etc. Those wishing to use it should contact IMc.</li> </ol>	<p>All JQ</p> <p>HD</p>

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	7. IMc suggested a small change to the SBKA constitution to remove the 5yr term requirement for SBKA posts. All agreed this to be put forward to the next AGM (Mar'20). JC suggested that ballot papers be circulated ahead of time for nominations and seconders. Email to be sent to all members prior to the meeting. IMc to action this – circulate initial draft. JC to develop ballot system.	
12	<b>Proposed date and place of next meeting: Wed 30Oct19</b> , Venue The Limes, Needham Market	All

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