



Suffolk Beekeepers' Association

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(An Area Association of the British Beekeepers' Association)

County Committee Meeting

Minutes

15th January 2020

The Oak Room, The Limes Hotel, 99 High Street, Needham Market, IP6 8DQ
starting at 7.30pm

Attendees: Frank Burton(Leiston), Jane Corcoran(Education), Ian McQueen(Treasurer), Jackie McQueen(Membership), Jeremy Quinlan(President & I&ESBKA), Alan Seager(Chairman & Stowmarket), Kevin Thorn (WSBKA & ADM).

#	Item	Who
1	Apologies Helen Davies (Secretary), Trevor Allchin (Waveney)	All
2	Review & approval of the minutes of last meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none">Item 6: Stowmarket Branch report; should read 'No speakers programme in the summer'.Chris Poupard proposed that SBKA sponsor a Suffolk Class in the National Honey Show. A discussion ensued about what classes would be involved and having sufficient support. It was agreed in principle and for Chris to contact NHS regarding which Class or Classes to be used and the costs involved.Alan Seager emphasised the need to publish the Suffolk Committee on the website, there are none for 2019, some missing from 2018, and the AGM minutes from 2018. Ian McQueen to contact Paul White.Best Practice Day to be put on the web calendar, by Alan Seager. Paul White to be contacted regarding the booking from. The minutes were approved subject to the above notes.	CP IM AS/IM

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3	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winter feed - 300kg of feed left, all costs have been covered. Paul White is selling the surplus pollen patties @ £3.50 via the internet - buyers to collect from David Adams. Alan Seager to email all secretaries regarding the winter feed. 2. Kevin Thorn to produce a leaflet on the native bee reintroduction group. 3. Jane Corcoran had rewritten the officer nomination form and will circulate it. 4. Jeremy Quinlan said that Ipswich would like to join Leiston and West Suffolk in supporting the bulk purchase of jars. It was noted that jars are supplied in ½ gross but lids in 100's - so some sorting would be needed. It was agreed to purchase one pallet, subject to Jeremy arranging storage with David Adams, with delivery in August. Alan Seager to contact Paul White for the sale to be included in the winter feed order form. <p>David Adams has now been contacted and reports that there is not sufficient space in the barn.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>KT JC</p> <p>JQ/KT AS</p>
4	<p>Membership Report</p> <p>Jackie McQueen reported that all branches are now using MMS. DDR for payments is now available. All agreed that the system was working well.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Handover of treasurer activity from Paul White to Ian McQueen is slowly continuing. There was no financial report.</p>	
6	<p>Branch Reports</p> <p>I&ESBKA: Jeremy Quinlan reported that they ended the year with 209 members with over half rejoined for this year. As a CIO they received over £1000 gift aid from HMRC. The Hog Roast at the Westerfield Village Hall on Sunday 28th June, where all members of the County Committee are invited; we may be able to extend this to more Suffolk BKA members. Our beginners' course will start with 34.</p> <p>WSBKA: Kevin Thorn reported that they finished the year with 200 Members. Richard Burns is to help Mike Graystone as he steps down from Apiary Manager. Sylvia Pettitt will become President when Phillip Draycott retires. The honey show will be 12/13 September. BIBRA are organising an event on Bee improvement and Queen rearing on 16th February at Lawshall Village Hall.</p> <p>He has 60 empty feed cans looking for good homes.</p> <p>L&DBKA: Frank Burton reported that Mr Ken Macdonald a former treasurer in the 1990s-2000s had died aged 96. David Burns had now passed his Master Beekeepers exams. Richard Gilbert, Country side Manager for the National Trust was to talk at Darsham Village Hall on "Solitary Bees, Wasps and Bumble Bees" on 18th January 2pm, open to non members. L&DBKA had c 120 members last year and the beginners' course currently has 19 participants.</p> <p>Stowmarket: Alan Seager reported that the winter meetings were going well. The beginners' course is well subscribed. As yet, the summer programme for events at the club apiary has to be arranged.</p>	
7	<p>EARS Update</p> <p>Jeremy Quinlan said that he was hoping to arrange for Theodora to come and talk to Ipswich on 7th October. Ipswich has paid their donation. Alan Seager asked for a list to be kept of who have paid their donations.</p>	<p>HD</p>
8	<p>Education Update</p> <p>Jane Corcoran advised that the Best Practice day will be held at the Great Barton Village Hall on 28th March and would like volunteers to help with the refreshments. A raffle is being held in conjunction with Bees Abroad. It was agreed to give £100 towards prizes.</p>	

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9	<p>Suffolk Show</p> <p>The next meeting is 29th January. Kevin Thorn suggested that the use of any size jar, 454g or 340g, would encourage more participants. It was generally thought a good idea and would be discussed at the next Show meeting.</p>	HD
10	<p>Asian Hornet Action Team</p> <p>Jane Corcoran has contacted all the Branches. The AHAT Conference on 8th February has been restricted to 2 from each county as it over subscribed. Jane and Zac Blackmore will be attending.</p>	
11	<p>ADM</p> <p>Kevin Thorn reported on the recent meeting, see full report, but drew attention to the Public & Personal Liability Insurance cover for designated members searching for Asian Hornets will be up to 15 members of each Area, but have to be accredited to search and identify Asian Hornets. Alan Seager thanked him for all his efforts.</p>	
12	<p>Exams & Disability</p> <p>Jeremy Quinlan was concerned about the BBKA Examinations Board being more consistent with their training/exams and making them accountable to the ADM. Also to assist Cleveland BKA with their ADM proposals regarding having independent verification/standardisation and being aligned to national standards also that the examinations system meets the principles of the Equality Act. This was agreed and Alan Seager asked Kevin Thorn and Jeremy Quinlan to coordinate our assistance.</p>	KT/JQ
13	<p>General Husbandry Training</p> <p>This is being advertised as 'A Practical Course in Beekeeping' and will be a day's training on 24th May, 7th June and 5th July run by Jeremy, Jane, Mark Butt & David Burns.</p>	JQ
14	<p>AOB - AGM</p> <p>Being hosted by Ipswich on 11th March at the Scout Hall, Kesgrave. Speaker: David Burns "Chasing Asian Hornets in Jersey".</p> <p>Cup presentations: Buckland Bowl, Martin Rosebowl & Sylvester Challenge Cup to be made available at the meeting. Points from the West Suffolk Honey Show and numbers passing the Basic Exam to be made available by 1st March.</p> <p>Officer & Branch reports to be made available on the website by 19th February.</p>	JQ ALL
15	Date and place of next meeting – Wednesday 18th March 2020 at The Limes	All