

WBKA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date of meeting: Thursday 19th March 2020

This meeting took place on-line using the application Zoom

Present:	President	Anne Jones
	Chairman	Rob Claxton-Ingham
	Secretary	Janet Hartley
	Education	Laurie Prowse
	Webmaster	Laurence Truman
	Upper Chairman	Matt Mason
	General member	Monty Pugh
	Treasurer	Sue Hobson
	Equipment	Sophie Pringle
Apologies:	Membership	John Forsyth
	General member	Anne Peart

AGENDA

1. Queen Rearing Group Proposal

This discussion took the first hour of the meeting. The proposal was taken very seriously and there was support from the committee to enable it, but there were concerns raised.

It was felt that the project was a long term commitment and one which needs specific and timely support.

The group at the moment is vulnerable to change. It will be difficult to maintain especially in the current health crisis.

The committee were clear on their support, but questions were raised that in the first 2 years the project would use 50% of the club's financial assets.

Purchasing from Claro Bees was discussed.

It was agreed that the committee could not progress this at present, and a further meeting be held with John Forsyth present who is also a member of the queen rearing group.

It was agreed to pay expenses for the recent visit of Jim Pearson.

2. Recording of exams and assessments on eR2

There has been a suggestion from YBKA that one of the custom fields in eR2 is used to record BBKA exam successes.

This seemed a reasonable idea to the committee, and John Forsyth, Membership officer, has indicated that he is happy to make the necessary changes.

It was agreed to ask John if the Association is allowed to do this in light of GDP regulations.

3. Library

While recognising and appreciating the significant level of commitment that Kate Lennard has given to the library there were concerns expressed about continuing it.

It was felt that it would not be possible to have the full range of books that would be needed. There is no central point for a WBKA library and the geography of our Association is such that this makes it difficult to operate.

It was agreed that existing books be disposed of, in the first instance, to our membership. It is proposed that remaining stock could be unified with Harrogate and Ripon library based at Claro Bees. This depends on the agreement of HRBKA and if so, as Claro Bees invest £200 a year in their library, WBKA could support this with an annual payment of £100.

It was agreed to approach Claro Bees with this suggestion.

4. WBKA Website

Laurence reported that the new website is nearly ready for roll out. It will have a basic functional form to start with before progressing.

All relevant documents will be held by the Secretary should the need arise for someone else to take over the website.

5. Membership Renewals

It was agreed that the membership year will continue to be the 1st October.

As the AGM is held in November, any increases in membership fees would be applied from the following October.

Subscriptions are due at our financial year end, late payments will be accepted up to 31 January, after that non paying members will be unsubscribed.

6. Safeguarding

Laurie and Sophie already have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and current certificates.

Jenny Liston will be asked to look into training. This can be done online at Ilkley Virtual College

7. Beginners Course

2 classes have been completed, the remaining 2 classes have been cancelled due to the ongoing Covid 19 risk. Laurie, Education officer, will send out electronically the PowerPoint presentations. A WhatsApp group will be set up called 'Bees2020'.

Claro Bees will be looking into 'contact free' trading and will work out how to supply what is needed.

Laurie will contact mentors from last year to see if they are happy to continue in this role.

8. Equipment

No equipment is being lent out or returned to store at the moment due to the Covid 19 risk.

If anyone has any questions regarding equipment they should be asked to contact Sophie on sophievb@blueyonder.co.uk

9. Coronavirus

No face to face meetings at local level, including apiary meetings, will be held until further notice.

It is intended to hold virtual meetings on both Upper and Lower Wharfedale meeting nights using the application Zoom. Any member interested in joining will be asked to contact Rob with their email address.

10. Constitution and Trustees

It was agreed to postpone this discussion until John Forsyth is in attendance. A virtual meeting can be held at a mutually convenient time using Zoom.