

WHARFEDALE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 12th November 2020

Via Zoom

Rob Claxton-Ingham chaired the meeting and welcomed members.

24 members joined the meeting via Zoom.

1. Apologies

Monty Pugh; David Bartlett; Andrew Prior.

2. Minutes of 2019 AGM

The minutes of the 2019 AGM had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting. These were agreed by the members attending via zoom. There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

This had been sent out to the membership prior to the AGM and was summarised by Rob Claxton-Ingham.

Rob wished to draw attention to the library and thank Kate Lennard for her remarkable efforts. Discussion took place regarding the future of the books.

Peter Ward from Claro Bees suggested that the books could be held safely and separately in the container at Harlow Carr. Access would be on a Saturday morning when Claro Bees was open to members. Peter Ross looks after the library for Harrogate and Ripon BKA.

Robert Hodgson made the case for the books to stay within Wharfedale.

Geoff Halsall has 20-30 books on beekeeping that he has accumulated over the years and wishes to donate.

It was agreed that the present library could not be used as a resource for beginners but may be useful as an historical archive.

There were offers from Bob Hodgson and Martin Harrow to house the books on their premises.

It was agreed that the library be an item on the agenda at the next committee meeting.

Rob also wanted to flag up that next year was the 80th anniversary of Wharfedale Beekeeping Association. Discussions would need to take place if celebrations were planned.

The report was accepted by the members.

4. Treasurer's Report

This had been sent out to the membership prior to the AGM and was summarised by Sue Hobson.

The salient points were the proposition that a 1 year reduction in subscriptions for 2021/22 be made in view of the restrictions placed on meetings and events during the coronavirus pandemic this year. Of the subscription fee, £10 is given to Wharfedale BKA and it was proposed that this be reduced to £5 for 1 year only. This was accepted.

Consideration needs to be given to the charge for the beginner's course in 2021.

The report and the accounts were approved and adopted. Thank you to Katie Bell for auditing the accounts.

5. Education Report

This had been sent out to the membership prior to the AGM and was summarised by Laurie Prowse.

Laurie wished to highlight that out of the 23 beginners in 2020, 19 now have bees.

To date, there are 6 names on the list for the 2021 Beginners Course.

The report was accepted by the members.

6. YBKA Delegates Report

This had been sent out to the membership prior to the AGM and was summarised by John Forsyth.

John wished to highlight that the BBKA would like to change how the voting system works. They would like a fairer system so that the larger Associations,

Yorkshire being one of them, don't swamp the opinions of the smaller Associations.

The report was accepted by the members.

If anyone wishes to take over the role of Delegate from John please let him know.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

President	Anne Jones
Chairman	Matthew Mason
Secretary	Janet Hartley
Treasurer	David Powell
Education	Laurie Prowse
Webmaster	Laurence Truman
Membership	John Forsyth
Equipment	Sophie Pringle
General members	Monty Pugh
	Jo Johnson

8. Any Other Business

Claro Bees

Peter Ward thanked the membership of WBKA for their support in keeping the shop open. Wharfedale has received a very generous donation of £450 from Claro Bees in recognition to those members who give up their Saturday mornings to help out.

Constitution

The committee of WBKA has worked hard to review our constitution. This work is now completed.

A copy of the final draft of the constitution has been sent out to all the membership. There were no questions arising, therefore the draft constitution was accepted and adopted.

A few thank yous

Rob Claxton-Ingham, for his brilliant chairmanship.

Sue Hobson, for her valuable service as treasurer.

Rhona Finlayson for our excellent newsletter, Combings.

In anticipation of a return to normality, the Annual General Meeting and Honey Show for 2021 has been provisionally booked for Friday 12th November 2021, at Ilkley Rugby Club.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.