

WHARFEDALE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Thursday 10th December 2020

This meeting took place online via the application zoom

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| Present: | Chairman | Matthew Mason |
| | Treasurer | David Powell |
| | Secretary | Janet Hartley |
| | Education | Laurie Prowse |
| | Membership | John Forsyth |
| | Equipment | Sophie Pringle |
| | Webmaster | Laurence Truman |
| | General members | Jo Johnson |
| | | Rob Claxton-Ingham |
| Apologies: | President | Anne Jones |
| | General member | Monty Pugh |

AGENDA

1. Co-opting General members

It was agreed to co-opt Rob Claxton-Ingham on to the committee as a general member.

2. Beginners Course Fees for 2021

In 2020 the course fees were £70, which consisted of £32 membership fee and £38 for the beginners course fees.

In 2020 the Association had the cost of the Nell Bank centre where the course was held. It is proposed that the beginners course for 2021 will have an online component for the theory but it is hoped that it will be possible to meet in the spring for practical sessions.

It was decided by all committee members to maintain the cost of the beginners course at £70.

3. Library

As discussed at the AGM, we will not be purchasing new items for the Library but will continue to hold it locally as an archive/reference source for members (we will still accept donations from members). Two members have volunteered to house this archive and once Covid restrictions are lifted we will make the necessary arrangements.

4. Anniversary of Wharfedale BKA

2021 sees the 100th Anniversary of Wharfedale BKA.

Lots of ideas were generated regarding the celebration of this. These included:

- Combine with the AGM and Honey Show
- Commemorative mugs
- Combine with International Bee Day in May
- Outdoor event
- Centenary board, beekeeping in Wharfedale
- Public information board

It was suggested that as the Duchess of Devonshire is our patron that a public information board could be placed somewhere on the Devonshire estate and unveiled by the Duchess.

5. Training and Education

Laurence and Laurie have put together a page on the Wharfedale BKA website regarding training and education.

Any additional content can be posted on this page.

6. Member Subscription Renewals

John Forsyth will send out a final reminder regarding subscriptions.

If subscriptions are not renewed by the end of December then a members' record will be closed by the end of January. Yorkshire Beekeepers' Association will archive the record and insurance will cease.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm

Next meeting: Thursday 11th March 2021, 7.30 pm, via zoom.