

WHARFEDALE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date and time of meeting: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 7.30 pm

This meeting took place online via the application zoom

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

MATTERS ARISING

Storage of Equipment

Discussion took place regarding storage of equipment as a solution has not yet been found.

Sophie reported that at the moment equipment is being circulated between members and this seems to be working. Sophie is being informed of who wants what and she knows who the last contact is for any given piece of equipment.

ACTION

Sophie suggested that Sue Hobson may be willing to store the two gazebos.

Sophie will speak to Chris Duxbury regarding storing the show equipment.

Library

## ACTION

Janet will contact Bob Hodgson and ask if he is still willing to store the library books and if he is happy to arrange for members to collect any items from him.

## AGENDA

### 1. Potential Apiary Site at Storiths

Matt has had discussions with the Estate Manager at the Bolton Abbey Estate. They are not keen on an information board and have suggested an apiary site at Storiths.

Discussion took place regarding the site that has been suggested. Views were mixed but overall the site was rejected mainly on security grounds.

Monty suggested an alternative site.

David suggested an approach to Yorkshire Water, as they are large landowners and have secure sites.

An alternative to the Ilkley apiary is needed as this apiary is insecure.

## ACTION

Matt will contact the Estate Manager again and decline the offer of the site at Storiths but discuss any alternative sites that may be available.

David will approach Yorkshire Water to find out if they are interested in hosting an apiary on their land.

### 2. Centenary Mugs

These have been ordered by Matt and are in production.

### 3. BDI Insurance

John explained the details of BDI Insurance. There are three alternatives.

- Do nothing
- Pay for all members
- An individual member joins the BBKA and becomes an associate member with Wharfedale BKA

Opinions were shared on this subject but no consensus was reached at the meeting.

#### ACTION

John will speak to Harrogate and Ripon BKA to see how paying for all members works for them.

#### 4. 2022 Spring Capitation

The BBKA has increased its Capitation by £2 to £21. The Yorkshire BKA Capitation remains at £3.

At the AGM 2020 it was agreed to a reduction in Wharfedale BKA subscriptions by £5 to allow for the disruption of events due to Covid.

#### ACTION

John will be sending out a reminder letter to members shortly regarding renewal of subscriptions. He will explain why their subscriptions will not be reducing by the anticipated £5.

#### 5. Payment of subscriptions by bank transfer

Members will be asked to pay by bank transfer if possible.

Discussion took place regarding the issues with cash and cheque payments

#### ACTION

John will speak to Harrogate and Ripon BKA regarding payment by Direct Debit.

David will look into alternative bank providers.

#### 6. Review of Honey Show Rules

Some members are asking if the category of 'Frame of honey' is restricted to British National frames or whether non-traditional frames such as those from a top bar hive could be included.

The rules are locally defined and can be changed.

#### ACTION

Janet will email Ivor Flatman, the honey show judge, and ask if other sizes of frame are acceptable.

## 7. Any Other Business

### Committee Officers

Both Janet and Laurie have given notice that they will be resigning from their committee roles at the AGM in 2022.

Laurie is looking for someone to work with over the next few months so they are able to take over from him in 2022. He suggested that the role of Education Officer could be split into two roles, one for Education, which would include the beginners' course and one for Examinations, which would include preparing members for the Basic Certificate and practical assessments as well as the Module Exams.

The announcement will be made at this year's Honey Show.

### Stewarding for the Honey Show

Janet will contact Jill Leggat and Linda Mills as they acted as stewards at the last Honey Show to take place.

Sophie and Jo agreed to assist Jill if Linda is unable to do the role this year.

Anne has agreed to pick up the box of resources from Linda if necessary.

Janet will contact previous trophy holders to ask for their return either at the AGM or before.

Meeting closed 9.20 pm.

Next meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, 7.30 pm, via zoom.

