

WHARFEDALE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 12th November 2021 7 pm

Anne Jones, as President, opened the meeting. Her opening remarks celebrated the centenary of the formation of Wharfedale Beekeeping Association. She gave a brief history of the Association and in particular the changes that have occurred since the 1970's. Special mention was given to Peter Longbottom who was instrumental in setting up a beginners' course.

To celebrate the centenary each member was given a commemorative mug. A huge thank you is due to Matt Mason who designed and commissioned these mugs.

Matt Mason chaired the meeting and welcomed members.

1. Apologies

Monty Pugh; Chris Duxbury; John Forsyth; Laurence Truman; Rhona Finlayson

2. Minutes of 2020 AGM

The minutes of the 2020 AGM had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting. These were agreed and seconded. There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

This was combined with the Upper Wharfedale group report, given by Chairman, Matt Mason.

The committee continues to meet via zoom every quarter.

The Upper and Lower groups have started face to face meetings again.

A brief overview of the pros and cons of taking out hive insurance as a club were given. Anyone interested in further information is advised to visit the BBKA website. If there is support for the idea the committee will discuss this at a future meeting.

4. Education Report

This report had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting and was summarised by Laurie Prowse.

The report was accepted by members.

5. Treasurer's Report

This report had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting and was summarised by David Powell.

Going forward it is hoped that all transactions can be made by bank transfer.

The report was accepted by members.

6. Election of Officers and Committee

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

7. Any Other Business

Available Funds

Discussion took place regarding how it is intended to spend monies in the club account.

Suggestions included: developing equipment resources; improving apiary sites; attendance at local shows; active in working with schools.

Claro Bees

Peter Ward spoke for Claro Bees in thanking Wharfedale BKA for their increased support. In recognition of this a donation is given back to Wharfedale BKA.

A Few Thank Yous

To the stewards, Sophie, Jo and Gill

To the judge, Ivor

For Combings magazine, Rhona

Meeting Closed 7.35 pm