

WHARFEDALE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date and time of meeting: Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 7.30 pm

This meeting took place online via the application zoom

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
		Monty Pugh
		Rob Claxton-Ingham
	Apologies	Anne Jones
		Chris Duxbury
		Gill Leggat

MATTERS ARISING

Storage of Equipment

The committee expressed their thanks to Chris for providing a temporary storage solution. However, the committee are looking for a long term solution for the storage of equipment. While this is investigated, Jo's mum has volunteered the use of a secure, weather proof garage.

Apiary Site

Matt and Monty have looked at a potential site on the Bolton Abbey Estate. Access and parking are good, and the hives would not be visible from the road.

In the coming year, Monty will site a couple of hives there to assess the viability.

Matt will speak to the Estate Manager in early spring to go ahead with this.

AGENDA

1. Agreement made by the committee via WhatsApp

- Purchase of Sum Up machine
- World Bee Day film screening at Otley Courthouse

2. Feedback from AGM and Honey Show

It was agreed that the room is ideal. The buffet was a little disappointing, there seems to have been some confusion between the manager and chef who are both new in post.

A huge thank you is due to the three stewards, Sophie, Gill and Jo, who reported back that the event ran smoothly and was very enjoyable.

The date of next year's show was agreed as 11th November 2022.

ACTION

Janet will contact Stuart, the manager at Ilkley Rugby Club to provisionally book for next year's show.

Matt will write a short thank you to Ivor for judging and Janet will forward this and ask if he would consider judging for us again next year.

3. Longbee Trophy

This would be a trophy to recognize Peter Longbottom's contribution to the Association by awarding a trophy in his name. It would be awarded for the exhibits in the heather honey classes.

It was agreed that this should be sorted out before the next Honey Show.

There was discussion about a Chairman's Award for an individual who had made a significant contribution to the Association.

ACTION

Matt will speak to Peter regarding the Longbee Trophy.

4. YBKA AGM

John Forsyth attended this meeting via zoom. He gave a brief overview from the meeting. The minutes are available on YBKA website and all members have received a copy via email.

5. Any Other Business

- Subscriptions

Up to date information was given by John, who will send a text message to those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions.

Members are reminded that if their subscriptions have not been paid by the end of December, their membership will lapse in January.

- Sum Up Machine

David reported that the Sum Up machine worked well at the Honey Show and is a huge benefit over taking payments by cheque.

- Beginners' Course

Laurie reported that he had now opened the list for next year's beginners' course. It is hoped to return to face to face tuition next year. Four Saturday afternoon sessions will be held at the Nell Bank Centre in Ilkley from the end of February until the beginning of April.

Due to Covid, the tuition will run in parallel with an online theory course, so those who cannot attend in person will be able to access the material online.

Meeting closed at 8.52 pm

Next meeting Thursday March 3rd 2022 at 7.30 pm