

WHARFEDALE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 15th June 2023 7.30 pm (in person and online)

Matt Mason chaired the meeting and welcomed members.

1. Present

Chairman	Matthew Mason
President	Anne Jones
Treasurer	Katy Bell
Secretary	James Bennett
Education	Sophie Pringle Jo Johnson
Webmaster	Laurence Truman (online)
Membership	Chris Duxbury
General Members	Monty Pugh, Alan Raw

1. Apologies

Anne Waddington (General Member), Rob Claxton-Ingham (General Member), Laurie Prowse (General Member).

2. Minutes of the March 2023 meeting

The minutes of the March 2023 meeting had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting and were accepted. Matters arising were discussed as follows:

3. Accounts/ Treasury role

Katy Bell was welcomed as the new Treasurer.

Katy presented the updated accounts for 21/22. There were a small number of final checks before Katy will issue to be audited.

Katy to raise capitation with Norbert, Chris said he understands Norbert can review twice a year. **Action: Katy**

Action: James to upload final accounts to the Charity Commission before the end of July 2022.

Action: James to update Treasurer on the Charity Commission website from David to Katy.

Bank Account: Matt obtained the login details from David.

Action: Katy going into Virgin Money on Monday to enable Katy to have access to the account.

Action: Matt to give statements monthly to Chris.

Gift Aid: Need to check on members listed for gift aid, **Katy to check with Nobert who can obtain from ER2.**

Sum-up: Now have new device and account set up. **Can have a description added when make payments.**

4. Contact methods for committee/ skipton/ menston meetings for rest of club

Decided will remind members they can select the role on the contact us page on the website and their query will go to the relevant person.

Left to each club eg Skipton if people wish to locally set up a Whats App group.

And can use Facebook page for questions/ responses too.

Facebook page login/ access to be managed by Chris, relinquishing Rob CM from this duty.

5. Gargrave show

Saturday 19th August.

6. Supply of bees/ bee related items

Chris said the message is still the same; anyone who would like a nuk can be supplied with local nuks, and if want one should get in touch with Chris. Also need to think about how many would need in 2024 ie how many on beginners' course over winter etc to inform nuk providers.

7. New beginners' course 2023

Sophie and Jo updated the group that the taster day was well attended and had gone well. 30 people on 2 sessions. Heard back from 11 so far that they would like to attend the winter course.

Sophie and Jo are also in talks with Ashlands school re a bee day.

Sophie took receipts from costs from the day and will present to Matt to authorise/ Katy to pay.

8. AFB

The committee decided to promote/ encourage members to join bee base (but decided against a requirement that WBKA members must join). Details of how to join will be circulated.

The pros and cons of BDI insurance were discussed, it will be put to a future members vote eg show of hands and if 50% or more want it for it to be provided by the club as part of the club membership.

9. Equipment

Spoke with Jenny Liston, potential to use the shed at the Otley Chevin site. Contact has been made with Leeds council, no decision has been reached yet. **Jo/ Sophie to keep in contact.**

If approved, would need a secure cage. **Action would be allocated if goes ahead.**

Monty advised that it is not worth pursuing the vacuum purchase.

It was decided not to purchase any extra equipment that goes with the extractor eg knives etc due to potential for items to not be returned.

10. Guest speakers

Chris suggested members could offer to give talks.

Also, Chris suggested to invite Caroline Cockland, the bee inspector, as a speaker over say Winter. **Action: Chris to contact Caroline to arrange.**

11. Charity commission news

James informed the committee that he will submit the accounts by the end of July deadline

Action: James to submit accounts on charity commission site when 2022 accounts are finalised/ seen by the auditor.

Katy will let James know when its ok to submit.

12. Honey and AGM 2023

Discussion if pay upfront- probably a no as we want to keep it as attractive and easy for members just to turn up.

This years will be held again at Ilkley Rugby Club Friday November 10th 2023.

Action: James to contact Ilkley Rugby Club for potential meal options/ prices and circulate.

Action: Katy questioned 2 payments for catering at the 2022 show, **Katy will follow up to double check but looks likely a deposit then payment after the event for the food.**

13. Apiary meetings.

Sophie/ Jo reported the Menston apiary meeting had gone well. Followed by going to the Yorkshire Room at the Wheatley Arms afterwards. May follow this format for the June meeting too.

The next Skipton meeting maybe an apiary meeting at Barden, **Action: James to ask members. Chris to also look into going to Buffers afterwards.**

14. Facebook site/ Website

Facebook page login/ access to be managed by Chris, relinquishing Rob C from this duty.

Buy/ sell page raised by Chris, **Action: Laurence will look into.**

15. Safeguarding policy

James suggested any member eg Sophie/ Jo when going to schools for the school day re-read the policy to refresh their awareness.

16. Items for the next meeting, Thursday 31st August.

Jo offered to host.