



ALNWICK & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Of the Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2018
At Swarland Working Men's Club at 7.15pm

TREASURERS REPORT

- Finances just over £8,300 in the account, after £1000 been paid out for shop stock.
- Tom requested his email address be removed from website following scam emails from Glyn asking for payments to be made. Lisa to arrange and also check that BBKA do not have his email address on their site.

APIARY UPDATE

- Preparation day to be 14 April – Lisa to inform members
- Season starts 28 April – Lisa to inform members
- Date to be arranged for installing metal roofing
- The Association has acquired an Arnia system from an association in Seahouses which has hardly been used. Logistics need to be worked out for setting it up as solar power driven. A team to be formed to set up and monitor the System. Peter L keen to be involved. Tyneside has a system and would be happy to share data. The system is not the standard national size so some modifications may be required. Arnia is aware of this issue.

TRAINING

- There are 16 new members on the list, some might already have experience. Need to set up training with two trainers per session. Felt it would be best to have training for 8 weeks. GS/LH to devise a list of training and contact potential trainers.
- George Eames will run the intermediate over 2 days end of April/beg on May at Longhorsley, Suggested dates are 12 and 19 May. Ian R to arrange.
- Ian J suggested introducing a full day event, once a month for 5 months for those who have a few years experience. ie Disease day, queen rearing, honey extraction. Ian J to devise programme and dates with Ian R and John W and then meet with GS on 5 March at 7pm to work out the whole training schedule dates.

ENGAGING THE YOUTH IN BEEKEEPING

- Sue R and Christopher Benjamin are working with Swarland First School. A location has been identified for a hive. They are keen to have an Arnia system which would be good for the curriculum using the data information.
- Apiary is providing the hive to get them started.
- Looking at funding for suits etc and another grant may be awarded for an Arnia system.
- Initially 5 children to be involved.