



## ALNWICK & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES

Of the Committee Meeting held on 16/01/2019  
At Swarland Working Men's Club at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Lisa Hamlin, John Wilsdon, Keith Grimes, Sue Richardson, Peter Lovering, Brian Ripley, Christopher Benjamin, Jan Broderick

	Action
<b>The chairperson welcomed new members to the committee</b>	
<b>1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –Tom Patterson, Sue Hathaway</b>	
<b>2) MINUTES Nov 2018–</b> Accepted as a true record	
<b>3) MATTERS ARISING</b>	
<b>4) Committee roles</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The BBKA have asked organisations to set up Area Coordinators for Asian Hornet detection/monitoring and for dissemination of information to be displayed at the apiary</li> </ul>	BR S R CB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shows, Sue Richardson and Christopher Benjamin to lead</li> </ul>	LH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alnwickdotes. Show of hands at AGM showed a majority wished it to continue. Discussion as to content and no of issues, amount of work needed etc. Lisa to write a 'job description' and try to find an editor</li> </ul>	LH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training Officer. Responsible for organising the new beekeepers course, hopefully to start in April and preparation for the basic exam. The use of Artificial insemination was discussed as the apiary has the equipment. It is hoped that Ian Jobson will provide an independent summer course for more experienced beekeepers as this was successful last year. Peter Lovering agreed to become the training officer</li> </ul>	PL
<b>5) TREASURERS REPORT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£9,127.35 in balance</li> <li>Keith Grimes to become a signatory</li> </ul>	KG
<b>6) APIARY UPDATE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 hives alive, 2 weak. Before Xmas all were treated for varroa with apiguard and MAQS strips. No oxalic acid given. 6 new solid floors are to be organised (solid rather than mesh as windy site)</li> </ul>	LH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apiary hygiene to be discussed</li> </ul>	LH
<b>7) TRAINING</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New BBKA publications. DVD on Swarm control to be purchased</li> <li>Next winter programme talk is on 13 2 2019, Honey bee anatomy by Ian Jobson</li> </ul>	LH
<b>8) SUMMER WINTER TRAINING</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buffet to be held in April perhaps with a different food supplier</li> <li>The committee expressed enthusiasm for a field trip to Willie Robson at Chainbridge. Date and organisation to be set up</li> </ul>	SR CB
<b>9) ARNIA</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still on a learning curve. Jan Broderick and Alan Culpitt and Chris Allen. Possible presentation of results for the winter training program</li> </ul>	JB

<p><b>10) SOCIAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facebook 138 members but only 50% were from ADBKA. 11 posts in last 28 days which was thought to be reasonable</li> <li>• Website, discussion ensued about updating this and links to facebook. Jan Broderick volunteered to review the webpage.</li> <li>• Shop. New thoughts centered around whether it should be members only, open to all, or a non discount price for non members to increase revenue. Lisa to discuss with Sue Hathaway</li> </ul> <p><b>11) PR AND SHOWS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion around the amount of work needed to set up at a show and amount of public interest. Committee felt that we should concentrate on the two shows at Glendale, the children's countryside and the annual show. JB to investigate the use of leaflets and business cards</li> </ul> <p><b>12) ENGAGING THE YOUTH IN BEEKEEPING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BBKA has produced some information for bee friendly schools and bees in the curriculum</li> <li>• PL at Pegswood has set up a community based bee club to engage local people</li> </ul> <p><b>13 CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none</li> </ul> <p><b>15) AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 34 members have not yet paid yearly subscription. BBKA and BDI to share same database but this has teething problems</li> <li>• Annual Delegates Meeting. PL attended on our behalf. Full report to follow but it was noted that only imported bees from Australia, New Zealand and Argentina are 'approved'</li> <li>• Glyn Scott, through LH, informed the committee that he has a 20 yr old laptop that belonged to ADBKA. It was agreed that this should be destroyed</li> </ul> <p><b>16) DATE OF NEXT MEEING</b>  <b>WEDNESDAY 27 FEBUARY AT 7PM Please note new time</b></p>	<p>JB</p> <p>LH</p> <p>JB</p>
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