

ALNWICK & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Of the Committee Meeting held on 27 February 2019 At Swarland Working Men's Club at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Lisa Hamlin, John Wilsdon, Keith Grimes, Sue Richardson, Brian Ripley, Christopher Benjamin,

		Action
1)	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –Tom Patterson, Sue Hathaway, Peter Lovering, Jan Broderick	
2)	MINUTES 16 01 2019- Accepted as a true record	
3)	Asian Hornet Brian Ripley is the Area Coordinator. In view of the relentless march of the Asian hornet across France and early spread into the UK, there was a proposal that all ADBKA bee keepers should be offered a trap to detect and destroy any invaders. Discussion ensued covering various points including, useful uptake by beekeepers, checking the traps, how many and distribution of traps, risk of the Asian hornet this far north, whether other flying insects are also trapped and cost It was agreed that an email be sent out to all members updating them with recent information and asking if they would be interested in using a trap Leaflets were thought to be helpful to give out at shows and at the apiary	BR JBW
	Alnwickdotes No response to the chairmans request for an Editor. This will be raised at the next winter meeting	LH
	Visit to Chainbridge 24 members have expressed an interest. Christpher Benjamin to be informed of numbers at the beginning of May and will liase with Willie Robson	СВ
4)	TREASURERS REPORT • £9,472 in balance	
	The capitation fees to BBKA and Insurance need to be paid	KG
5)	 Shop 6 volunteers to help run the shop. Ben Hopkinson, Robert Oliver, Alan Metcalfe, Chris Allen, Tom Patterson, Janice Johnson. Sue Hathaway present shop manager has now new personal commitments. The Chairman to talk to SH about the future management of the shop. LH to see if there is a job description 	LH
6)	APIARY UPDATE	
	14 hives alive, All given Pollen	
	 A new subgroup to be set up to consider the future of the Apiary, in particular, for visitors (safety), Training Area and any other recommendations. The chairman to liase initially with Peter Rose, Brian Cole, Ron Smith 	LH
	 Apiary hygiene It was agreed that the Apiary should be viewed as one site, ie in the absence of disease and the constant swapping of frames between hives then cleaning equipment between hives is not necessary. Plastic gloves should be worn. 	
	Apiary Cleanup Saturday 30 March An email from Glyn Scott detailing the work needed to be done will be circulated to all members	JBW

7) TRAINING

Novice 12 potential attendees Peter Lovering has asked for their names. LH has sent names. Course to start 27 4 19

LH

JBW

Basic exam Open to those who have had a years' experience. PL needs to know numbers. Secretary to email members

8) SUMMER WINTER TRAINING

Graham Royle is to speak on Honey Bee Pests and Diseases on Wednesday 13 March

- Buffet to be held in April
- New BBKA publications. DVD on Swarm control has been purchased, 1 hour length and could be used in the next winter training session

9) ARNIA

· Nothing to report

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10) SOCIAL

- Facebook 136 members. 4 new, 51 posts in last 28 days
- Website, the committee wished to thank Jan Broderick for her informative email.
- It was agreed that a members only area was unnecessary. so JB could progress with Wordpress without extra cost. It was also thought that the email addresses of the chairman, secretary and membership secretary should be on the website. Secretary to email JB

JBW

11) PR AND SHOWS

Felton show not to be supported by ADBKA this year. Little return for the effort last year

12) ENGAGING YOUTH IN BEEKEEPING

Sue Richardson is still liaising with Swarland school.

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13 CORRESPONDENCE

- Apparently the association has a 'share' in Beecraft. The chairman to pursue
- Letter from John Canning Trustee for the BBKA saying he is open to questions/problems with the BBKA. Chairman has responded thanking him but also saying there were no issues at present

15) AOB

Membership secretary reported that 23 members had been lost whilst 11 had been gained There were still several members who have not yet paid their subscriptions

16) DATE OF NEXT MEEING

THURSDAY 4 APRIL AT 7PM Please note new date and time

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