

Devon Beekeepers Association
Exeter Branch
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Tuesday 19th January 2021 on Zoom

Present: Paul Smith ,Cathy Mudge, Basil Strickland, John Heal, Ed Maltby, Jill Blackett, Alan Binge, Caroline Tavener, Jonathan Custance Baker.

1.Apologies: Imogen Hallam, Cliff Dampney, Sylvia Guest, David Friend

2. Minutes of the Committee AGM Meeting held Tuesday 24th November on Zoom

The Minutes of both meetings , having been previously circulated, were offered for approval. The minutes were to be signed by Paul Smith as a true record of the meeting.

3.Matters arising

- None

4.Secretary's Report

- Professor Tom Seeley will be doing his talk on Darwinian Beekeeping on Zoom and Cathy hoped we would get a good turnout from members. All the Zoom meetings are being recorded then Cathy is editing and putting up on U Tube for members.
- We have 6 members signed up for the Beginners Course so far, this is enough to cover the costs of running the course and Cathy hopes that we will have more by the start of the course

5.Treasurers Report

- Membership is going well in comparison to previous years, but we still have 24 people who have not renewed.
- New reminders will be sent out again.

6.Apiary Report

- Varroa treatment given with Oxuvar on all hives, a few look small, one nuc and one hive so we will see how they progress.

• **7.Web Managers Report**

- Basil has volunteered to take over the role as Jenifer has had to resign due to other commitments. Paul said the Website had been very well designed and run by Jenifer during her time in charge.
- Alan said that there will be a new website run by the DBKA, the price will be discussed at the next meeting, but there will be a cost saving if we join the site as the Exeter Branch. The committee agreed that we would prefer this option.

8. Education Officer Report

- The post of Education officer is now vacant, Caroline Tavener has volunteered to fill the vacancy, if the work is too much then she may have to hand this over to someone else.

9. Any Other Business

- None

Dates for Future Meetings

- 7pm Wednesday 17th February, Beginners Classes
- 7pm Monday 22nd February Natural Varroa Resistance in the Honeybee
- Next Committee meeting to be confirmed