

Devon Beekeepers Association
Exeter Branch
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Tuesday 16th February 2021 on Zoom

Present: Paul Smith ,Cathy Mudge, Basil Strickland, John Heal, Ed Maltby, Jill Blackett, Alan Binge, Caroline Tavener, Jonathan Custance Baker. Imogen Hallam. Cliff Dampney, Sylvia Guest

1.Apologies: David McLarin

2. Minutes of the Committee AGM Meeting held Tuesday 19th January 2021 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's talk was really successful with over 100 applicants on night so not all could join but Cathy was able to send YouTube link. Paul congratulated Cathy on the success and also obtaining such an eminent speaker.
- Next Monday will be Stephen Martin on Varroa resistant Honeybees.
- David M will be arranging Mary Montout again for October for a joint Beekeepers/ Gardening club meeting.
- A BB Wear trading partner will be offering 10% discount on suits and has offered a trading partner offer for equipment.

5.Treasurers Report

- Payments have come in except the one in instalments. We will be sending £6000 to the DBKA and BDI and John will renew the Zoom. If we want to invite more than 100 to our meetings it will cost more. The Committee felt current rate is fine.

6.Apiary Report

- Warre fell over but hopefully Queen survived, all bees are flying well.
- Paul has obtained free flooring, Sylvia and Paul will obtain quotes to fit the floor. They think it will be about £200 to £300.
- Paul has sourced second hand cabinets for approx £100 but will not buy until flooring laid.
- We will continue to organise a Hardstanding around the huts. Paul is trying to sort out scalplings again with Greendale.
- Sylvia has 18" slabs for free that she will bring to Apiary with Vic and Basil.

7.Web Managers Report

- Basil is migrating the Website from Drupal to Wordpress which was an easy transfer. Basil will take over the Domain name from Jenifer who has been responsible for it. Basil will check with Mike Ticehurst about how the Domain names will be managed after we link in.
- Alan said that all will be amalgamated and the branch will take the name.
- After the transfer we will need to update the hosting package.
- Alan said we have now purchased a website deal. Alan will let Mike know.
- Paul will sort out the Domain name.

8. Education Officer Report

- Caroline is ready for the start of the Beginners Course tomorrow.

9. Any Other Business

- Cathy will sort out next six months of dates.
- Jill will look into mouseguards to fit the holes in the base of the log cabin.
- Basil recommends the Tiverton Branch Meeting on Honey Adulteration which he saw at the AGM and said was very interesting.
- Jonathan said that the Honiton show is planned to be over 2 days with no-one allowed in tent.

Dates for Future Meetings

- 7pm Monday 22nd March 2021 Wally Shaw Talk
- 7pm Tuesday 23rd March 2021 EBKA Committee Meeting