

RUGBY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION AGM

Minutes of AGM held 15th Feb 2017

Friends Meeting House

Rugby

Apologies

Gill Berridge, Bruce Roberts, Linda and Terry Smith, Helen Fergusson

Matters Arising

Website (RM) RBK website is now up and running.

Contributions needed. Comments and ideas invited

Treasurers Report (SP)

We have 65 members in total. 45 full, 10 partners, rest are life members

There has been a proposition to have a junior membership (Proposed SB, seconded CM) Stipulation that they must have a responsible adult who is full paying member.

Future Costs in coming year

We need to expand branch apiary, continue training sessions, buy new branch extractor. Maurice West suggested sourcing new extractor at Stoneleigh Tradex to get good discount

End of year total £ 2864.10

Librarian's Report (GP)

Library contains many books, however only 3 borrowed in 1st year.

Will post inventory of our books on website

Honey Show (MH)

Overall Entries have dropped, but there has been an increase in Novice entries.

Steve Brown has record gained number of points for Members Cup.

We had a talk from Davis Stott who stood in at short notice when our booked speaker had to drop out.

Margaret Holdsworth would like to step down as Honey Show Sec. There was a vote of thanks from SB.

Fran Payne has accepted the role, with support from Margaret.

County Honey Show is 30th Sept

Apiary Report (KS)

Currently 2 hives. Honey has been harvested this year. 25% is offered to headmaster as a gift of thanks.

In Bee Season, KS opens apiary 2pm on Saturdays.

Need new frames and foundation.

Committee

Chairman Margaret Holdsworth

Treasurer Sam Peckett

Secretary Cathy Moore

Programme Organiser Rowan Moore

Education Secretary Sam Peckett

Honey Show Secretary Fran Payne

Apiary Manager Kim Spencer

Branch Reporter and Librarian Gail Plester

Steve Brown

Peter Harris

Committee unanimously re elected.

Steve Martin proposed a vote of thanks to committee

AOB

We are concerned about answering needs of members. Plan to contact all members and discuss what they would like RBK to do to support their continued development as beekeepers. This will probably be by phoning all, with an email in advance.