

Rugby Beekeepers Association AGM
Friends Meeting House
20th February 2019 7:30pm

Apologies: Gill Berridge, Steve Brown, Paul Doolan, Haley Kennedy, Steve Martin, Cathy Moore, Maurice West, Pauline Young

Attendees: Mary Allen, Roy Allen, Wayne Allen, Tim Belk, Andrea Clarke, Margaret Holdsworth, Gaynor Imrie, Rab McLeod, Rowan Moore, Fran Payne, Jeff Payne, Samantha Peckett, Gail Plester, Bruce Roberts, Sandra Roberts, Chris Smith, Heidi Wells

Previous Minutes

No issues raised from last year's minutes. Proposed Gaynor Imrie, Seconded Rowan Moore, minutes approved.

Report from Chair

The full report will be available on the RBKA website.

The objectives of the association over the last year have been met or exceeded. 6 members took their basic assessment and study groups have been setup during the year for BBKA Modules.

The Introduction to beekeeping course keeping course was attended by 20 people. There have been regular monthly apiary meetings during the year and RBKA have been promoting beekeeping at 4 public events. Winter meetings have taken place with some excellent speakers and there have been informal meetings in May and June. A Bee health day is planned for April and details of this will be published. A successful honey show was held in October. Future plans include; Encouraging more study groups for modules, maintaining and updating website with thanks to Rowan Moore for this and providing news to the Warwickshire Beekeeper with thanks to Gail Plester for this.

Treasurer's report

The accounts and Treasurer's report will be on the RBKA website.

Copies of the accounts to the end of 2018 had been distributed. RBKA has 66 members. A new extractor was bought last year and 15lb buckets for new people are being purchased. A grant came through and paid for a new marquee that has been very successful, and the rest of the grant will be used to

buy new display boards ready for the coming year's events. Some funds may need to be spent to improve the branch apiary and new books are for the library. Approval of the accounts was proposed by Fran Payne, seconded by Gail Plester and approved.

Honey show report

The full report is available on the RBKA website. John Home, this year's judge, said the standard very good, good enough for the county and national shows. Fran Payne offered to take exhibits to the county show if members can't get there. The county show exhibit is the composite, which contains hive products such as honey, wax mead etc as well as being decorated to a theme. This coming year the RBKA honey show is the 19th October. Volunteers will be needed to make an exhibit for county show.

Committee Elections

This year Cathy Moore tendered her resignation as Secretary and Mary Allen tendered her resignation from the committee.

Martin Wibberley was nominated as Secretary, but no nominations were received for Chair Elect. Margaret Holdsworth agreed to do one more year as Chair.

All other committee members offered to continue in their current roles.

It was proposed that all committee members were re-elected en masse with Andrea Clark proposing the motion and Jeff Payne seconding. The proposal was approved.

Trustees

Cathy Moore had tendered her resignation as a Trustee of WBKA.

Sam Peckett agreed to continue in her role as Trustee and Martin Wibberley was nominated as the replacement Trustee. Gaynor Imrie proposed and Fran Payne seconded. The motion was approved.

Bruce Roberts Award

This award is presented to the best upcoming new beekeeper. Bruce Roberts presented award to Martin Wibberley

New Life Member

The Chair proposed that Pauline Young be given life membership of the RBKA due to her years of support to the association and help and support to new members. The proposal was seconded by Rowan Moore and approved.

AOB

Asian Hornet traps

WBKA have advised that all beekeepers should setup Asian Hornet traps during February when the queens will be emerging from winter. It is important that these are live traps so as not to kill native insect species. The traps should be checked daily and if no Asian hornets found the native species should be released. The traps should be prepared with sugary bait as the hornets will be searching for carbohydrates at this time of year.

Insurance

WBKA have advised that beekeepers should be aware that the insurance cover only covers activities directly related to beekeeping. Members are not covered for activities related to Asian hornets unless it takes place within the members apiary.

Recording activities undertaken.

WBKA have asked if all associations can record any talks, presentations or events they put on. This is so evidence that the charity is fulfilling its aims is recorded. If any member of RBKA puts on such an event please let the Secretary know, and the event can be logged.

New Bank Account

The RBKA now has a new bank account. Please can members make sure that electronic payments don't go to the old account.

Meeting Place

Parking around the Friends Meeting House has become an issue recently. The committee will investigate alternative locations, such as Sacred Heart Church hall Bilton.

St. Andrews Church Sustainable Market

This takes place on the first Saturday of each month. Maurice West has paid for a stall for 6 months. There is the opportunity for members to sell honey

and other hive products. If any member is interested please let the Committee know.

Bee Health Day

RBKA are putting on a Bee Health day on the 6th of April in Brinklow Hall. Microscopes will be available and tests for Nosema can be carried out. Members can come along with a sample of 30 Bees to be tested. If any members have other bee health concerns they can bring photo's of suspect disease along.

WBKA AGM

This takes place on the 27th of March, 7:30pm at the BBKA centre at Stoneleigh Park. RBKA members are welcome to attend.