

Rugby Beekeepers Association AGM

The Friends Meeting House, Regent Place, Rugby
February 19th 2020 7:30pm

1 Apologies: Steve Martin, Steve brown, Helen Rathbone

Attendees: Margaret Holdsworth(Chair), Samantha Peckett(Treasurer), Martin Wibberley(Secretary), Rowan Moore, Gail Plester, Fran Payne, Maurice West, Gaynor Imrie, Francis Thompson, Norman Clark, Andrea Clark, Tim Scott, Serisha Edwards, Richard Wilkinson, Chris Smith

2 Last Minutes

It was noted that Rowan Moore's name had been incorrectly spelt on the minutes.

There was one matter arising from the last minutes, the issue of whether to change the meeting venue. It was proposed by Gaynor Imrie that an item should be added to the next committee meeting agenda to discuss the matter. It was seconded by Fran Payne. The proposal was put to the AGM and approved.

3 Report from Chair

Margaret Holdsworth presented her report to the AGM. The report will be distributed to the membership and also be put on file.

4 Report from Treasurer

Samantha Peckett presented the accounts to the AGM attendees together with a report of the year's income and expenditure. Sam Peckett proposed that the accounts be accepted as a true and accurate record, Andrea Clark seconded. The proposal was put to the AGM and approved.

Maurice West thanked Samantha for her hard work in preparing the accounts.

The report and accounts will be distributed to the membership and put on file.

5 Honey Show Report

Fran Payne presented her report to the AGM. The report will be distributed with the minutes and put on file.

6 Committee Elections

Margaret Holdsworth confirmed that she will be standing down as Chair with immediate effect. No nominations for Chair have been received. Samantha Peckett and Martin Wibberley will investigate the legal status of not having a chair and whether the association can continue to operate.

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There were no new nominations for new committee members and with the agreement of Samantha Peckett, Steve Brown, Gail Plester, Rowan Moore, Fran Payne, Kim Spencer, Hayley Kenney, Gaynor Imrie and Martin Wibberley Richard Wilkinson proposed and Andrea Clark seconded that the above named committee members continue in their current roles. The proposal was put to the AGM and approved.

7 Proposals

A Margaret Holdworth proposed that as long as Branch funds allow, any member entering a BBKA exam or Assessment will be reimbursed for the entry fee on production of evidence of an accepted entry. RBKA will only cover the cost of each exam or assessment entry fee once. The proposal was seconded by Rowan Moore. The proposal was put to the AGM and approved.

B Fran Payne explained that she was unable to organise the Honey Show this year and proposed if no volunteer was available to carry out the task this year the Honey Show should be held every two years. No volunteers came forward so the proposal that the Honey Show be held every two year was put to the AGM and seconded by Norman Clark. The proposal was put to the AGM and approved.

8 Bruce Roberts Award

The Bruce Roberts Award was presented to Andrea Clark. The prize was a voucher for Northern Bee Books.

9 Library

Gail Plester informed the AGM of new resources available in the library. The list on the website has been updated to reflect this. If any member has ideas for new books, videos, etc. Please contact Gail directly or email secretary@rugbybeekeepers.org and the message will be passed to Gail.

Trustees

Samantha Peckett and Martin Wibberley are currently Trustees for the WBKA charity. Both indicated they were happy to continue in this role and Samantha Peckett proposed that they continue as such. Gaynor Imrie seconded the proposal. The proposal was put to the AGM and approved.

10 WBKA AGM

It was noted by the AGM that this event will take place on the 25th March at 7:30pm in the BBKA HQ at Stoneleigh. All members are invited to attend.

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11 AOB

Maurice West informed the AGM that the Christmas tree display by RBKA at the church had many good comments and positive feedback from visitors. It was felt that, if possible, this should be repeated.

12 Date of next AGM

17th Feb 2021 at 7:30pm, location to be confirmed.

Following the meeting Samantha Peckett presented Margaret Holdworth with a plant and thanked her for all her hard work as Chair of the committee. The assembled members gave Margaret a hearty round of applause.