

# **Rugby Beekeepers Association AGM**

## **Minutes**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7:30pm**  
**Held at Sacred Heart Church**  
**17 Lime Tree Avenue, Bilton CV22 7QT**

### **1. Apologies**

Paul Hutchinson, Gail Plester, Kaye Angus, Frances Payne, Louisa Richards, Steve Martin, Cathy Moore, Heidi Wells, Samantha Peckett, Steve Brown, Andrea Clark

### **Present**

Martin Wibberley, Liz Davies, Jacky Hart, Margaret Holdsworth, Helen Rathbone, Andy Dixon, Chris Eldred, Greg Winton, Maurice West, Paul Doolan, Forbes Woodland, Suzzane Alcock, Duncan Harrison

As Cathy Moore was unable to take the chair, Andrew Dixon stepped in to chair the meeting

### **2. Approve last minutes**

Martin Wibberley proposed that the minutes of the last AGM be accepted by the AGM, Margaret Holdsworth seconded. The AGM voted in favour to accept the minutes as a true record of the 2024 AGM

### **3. Report from Chair**

In the absence of Cathy Moore, Martin Wibberley ran through the activities that the association had carried out during 2024 and highlighted how these met with our charitable purpose "to advance the education of the public and beekeepers in the craft of beekeeping and promote the importance of bees in the environment"

### **4. Report from Treasurer**

- a. In the absence of Samantha Peckett, Andrew Dixon read out the Treasurer's report and asked if the AGM had any queries regarding the year end accounts. No queries were raised.

Samantha Peckett had proposed that the accounts be accepted as a true record of the association's finances. Martin Wibberley seconded and the AGM voted to approve the accounts.

### **5. Committee Elections**

- a. Resignations  
No resignations had been received
- b. Current committee members

The current committee consists of Andrew Dixon, Steve Brown, Gail Plester, Kim Spencer, Liz Davies, Martin Wibberley (secretary), Cathy Moore (Chair) and Samantha Peckett (Treasurer).

Martin Wibberley proposed that the current committee members and the three officers continue in their current positions until the next AGM, Maurice West seconded, the AGM voted to accept this proposal.

c. **Trustees of WBKA**

Currently Samantha Peckett and Martin Wibberley are Trustees on the board of the Warwickshire Beekeepers Association with Maurice West holding the post of President. Andrew Dixon proposed that Martin Wibberley and Samantha Peckett remain on the board of the WBKA, Paul Doolan seconded and the AGM voted to accept this proposition.

**6. Independent external examiner**

- a. As a matter of record the AGM noted that Steve Martin was acting as the independent external examiner

**7. The determination of the Branch capitation fee payable**

- a. Samantha Peckett had proposed that the fees shall remain at the previous year's level, Martin Wibberley seconded and the AGM voted to accept this proposal

**8. Proposals from members**

No proposals had been received

**9. Bruce Roberts Award**

This year the committee had decided that Paul Doolan should receive the Bruce Roberts award for the huge amount of support he had given to a fellow RBKA member who was struggling to maintain their colonies as a result of treatment for cancer. Without his intervention the member would have lost all their colonies

**10. WBKA AGM**

26<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm to be held via Zoom

**11. Date of next RBKA AGM**

4<sup>th</sup> February 2026