

Lincolnshire Beekeepers' Association  
Central Council Meeting  
6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 7.30 pm via Zoom



Minutes

Present

Officers: R. Harrison (Vice Chair, Lincolnshire Honey show Secretary), C. Lake (Treasurer)  
G. Luckhurst (Membership Secretary)

District Representatives: G. Carrot (Horncastle), N. Gardener (Lincoln), K. Baker (Sleaford), F. Ross (North Lincs.), L. Burns (Market Rasen), P. Verdegaal (Boston), G. Smith (Wragby)

Also in attendance: D. Harrison (Lincolnshire Honey show Treasurer)

1. Apologies:

I. Burnley (Chair)

2. Approval of previous minutes:

R. Harrison noted that there were errors in the previous minutes;  
Apologies G. Smith and A. Watkins did not send apologies prior to the meeting so could not be included.

Item 8: In the ADM report BBKA capitation increase was recorded as an increase from £19 to £22, the increase should have read £19 to £21.

Members agreed that the minutes would be approved once the minutes were amended.

Proposed; L. Burns Seconded; F. Ross.

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

No progress on item 10. Website.

Action: Deferred to next meeting. C. Lake

4. Secretary's report:

Secretary's Report – April 2021

Since the last meeting the secretary (Clare George) has stood down.

In the interim period Catherine, Iain and Richard have been attempting to keep on top of the secretarial activities.

All the emails have been reviewed and the majority were rubbish. A number of enquiries about people wishing to take up beekeeping were redirected to their local district and advised to sign up for the beginners course. The first swarm email of the year has been received (1<sup>st</sup> April).

Correspondence from BBKA in relation to activities and campaigns has been passed to district secretaries. These have included information relating to the Asian Hornet Conference, BBKA spring convention, Importing of Bees from Italy via Northern Ireland in relation to Small Hive Beetle and Presidents letters.

5. Membership Secretary's report:

Membership snapshot 1st April 2021 of active (paid up) members. These numbers are taken from the National Membership Database.

Membership Type	2021	2020	Change
Registered (Full), Active	398	366	+32
Partner, Active	40	36	+4
School, Active	2	2	-
Country, Active	9	5	+4
Junior, Active	17	8	+9
Honorary, Active	0	0	-
Non BBKA (Associate), Active	87	93	+6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>+43</b>

6. Treasures report:

**Spring Capitation**

The spring capitation was closed by the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> April. Monies to be paid to BBKA and BDI are

BBKA - £8,220.50

BDI – £1,518.50

Income for LBKA is £2413.25

**Bank Accounts**

The current balances for the LBKA accounts as of 03/04/21 are

Current (community) Account – £9,189.14

Cheques to be paid in total – £ 3,228.20

2<sup>nd</sup> ½ of BBKA capitation to be paid – £4,110.25

Savings Account (legacy money) - £5,032.40

**2020 Accounts**

All accounts were submitted within the deadline. I am still waiting for one piece of information from Horncastle. Accounts to be reviewed in meeting on separate agenda point.

Catherine stated that the 2<sup>ND</sup> ½ of BBKA capitation was now paid and the outstanding item has been received from Horncastle.

7. Review and sign off 2020 accounts:

Catherine presented the 2020 Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts to the trustees present for approval and sign off. Trustees agreed the accounts for presentation to the membership at the forthcoming AGM 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via Zoom.

Proposed; G. Carrot Seconded; L. Burns. Carried; Unanimous

8. Show Secretary's report:

As discussed at the January meeting the Agricultural Society were holding off deciding on the 2021 Show until the government had confirmed a path forward, that being Mr. Johnson's "Road map" outlining a timeline of how the restrictions could be lifted. The key date being when we as individuals could meet without restrictions. As we all now know that date was 21<sup>st</sup> June, the show being on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June the Lincs Agricultural Society Committee decided that the end date was simply too close to the show dates and, they could not gamble on the restrictions being lifted by that proposed date, so on the 9<sup>th</sup> March it was announced the 2021 Lincolnshire Show was cancelled.

The dates for the 2022 Lincolnshire Show are the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

It was raised at the meeting, would it be possible to hold a show later on in the year now there appears to be a possibility of a return to some degree of normality. Quite a debate followed discussing venues costs and times given that there may still be restrictions on group meetings should the Covid road map not unfold as expected. From the debate the following points were noted which would support a honey show of some description:

Type: A closed show, open to LBKA Membership classes only.

Venue: Gill Smith kindly offered space at Rand where it would be possible to manage a show.

Time : Due to individual availability 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Schedule: The schedule would be amended from the normal Honey show schedule with reduced classes to cover Honey, Wax, Mead, Candles, Beekeeping invention, Photography and Honey cookery. The schedule would be sent out via the Er2 system (email).

Prizes: It was suggested that cash prizes could be included, subject to sponsorship from the Districts. The County Trophies would be awarded for classes as normal and due to logistics of engraving etc. trophies could be presented later, possibly at the Autumn Lecture.

Judges and sundries would be funded from the Honey show Committee funds subject to approval from the Honey show Committee.

Action: R. Harrison. F. Ross. To review schedule, R.Harrison to contact Districts to seek sponsorship.

9. Policies for approval:

The following policies were due for review and were kindly actioned by Catherine for review by Trustees;

a. Safeguarding policy and Guidelines. Also reviewed by our Safeguarding Officer Guy Williams. Proposed for acceptance; L.Burns. Seconded; F.Ross. Carried; Unanimous.

b. Financial Support for Districts Policy. Proposed for acceptance; K. Baker. Seconded; L. Burns. Carried; Unanimous.

c. Expenses Policy. Proposed for acceptance; F. Ross. Seconded; P. Verdergaal. Carried; Unanimous.

d. Delegation of powers to the Lincolnshire Show Committee Policy. Proposed for acceptance; R. Harrison. Seconded; F.Ross. Carried; Unanimous.

10. AGM:

a. Agenda. It was agreed the standard agenda used 2020 would be adequate.

- b. Propositions. One proposition has been received for the 2021 AGM, regarding LBKA capitation.
- c. Officer elections. Vacancies exist for County Secretary and ADM representative.
- d. Attendees. At present only 4 attendees have registered to attend.

Action. C. Lake To prepare agenda, 2020 AGM minutes, the received Proposition, list of vacancies and job descriptions to Graham Luckhurst for circulation to the membership together with the Zoom link for the AGM.

#### 11. District Updates:

Sleaford. Have been holding Zoom meetings and had a course of training meetings over Zoom which finished Saturday, with a practical session to follow when allowed.

Horncastle. Have had no meetings, the new Apiary is progressing nicely.

Boston. Have been having fortnightly Zoom meetings, the AGM via Zoom and a talk on swarm control which was very successful and course via Zoom with practical to follow.

Market Rasen. No meetings no courses planned at present.

Lincoln. The bee auction has been cancelled again this year and are looking forward to restrictions being lifted so meetings can be resumed.

North Lincs. Had several Zoom meetings, new Apiary being established and hoping to hold courses but deferred until May

#### 12. Date and time of next meeting.

6<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 if restrictions allow by then held at Thornes Rand, otherwise via Zoom.