

**Lincolnshire Beekeepers' Association**  
**Minutes of Central Council Meeting**  
7:30pm Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Premises of E.H. Thorne, Beehive Business Park, Rand

Present Officers: P. Raines PGR (Vice Chair), D.Bayes (DB Secretary) – G.Williams (GW Chair)

District Representatives: Will Hamilton (WH Louth), G. Carrott (GC Horncastle), C Croson (CC Sleaford), G. Smith (GS Wragby), C.Lake (CL Market Rasen). Minutes S.E.Raines - Visitors from Lincoln Chris Bateson – Neil Gardener.

### **1. Welcome & Apologies**

Vice Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introduced himself to new Reps who had attended. Apologies from R & D. Harrison (RH/DH Market Rasen), K.Seddon (N.Lincs), Guy Williams (Chair) will be arriving later.

### **2. Minutes of previous Meeting**

Minutes were read and it was agreed, following discussion alterations to be made and next meeting the minutes to be reconfirmed. Proposed - October 2018 Minutes of Meeting DB, Seconded by GC

### **3. Matters arising from minutes**

Issues regarding the minutes not being a fair record. CL concerned that there were things stated in the last minutes that seemed unclear. It was agreed all District Reps should attend quarterly meetings and if there is no Rep they must be sent to the Secretary of each District, receiving copies within 14 days of the meeting. GS and DB will confer with SER.

#### Changes to me made to October minutes

*1. R.Harrison stated in an email that No Husbandry courses are forthcoming, no Autumn Lecture, there needs to be more involvement from the Districts to support and produce the events. It was discussed about the low attendance of our recent AGM - DH confirmed that it seems to be the way AGM's are going, not just ours, but in all clubs and associations. The County is large, it was suggested that Districts could be reorganised, possibly a North and South Lincs if it would benefit and "reinvigorate" the organisation, but this would be a very extreme measure which all of the attendee's wished to avoid at all costs. It was tabled to go back to Districts for suggestions on how to reenergise the county association to drum up more interest, to encourage people to take part.*

*2. DB stated at the AGM in 2018, regarding the Chair position – Guy Williams would stand in until PGR could take up the position again in 2019.*

### **4. Secretary's Report**

Since the last CC meeting – we've received emails from members of the public regarding asking for help with bees and offering space for beekeepers, as usual I have forwarded these to the relevant districts.

☑ I do believe some of my emails have been bounced back to me, sporadically, which I'm chasing up with our webhosts.

☑ We've had contact from Wally Thrale regarding funding the next phase of EARS, which we will speak about in AOB.

☑ A University student has been in touch to ask for help with a project – forwarded to relevant Districts.

☑ I've started to have various emails coming in about beginner courses, so I'll try to arrange a flyer again to post on the website and send to the public when they make contact.

☑ Finally, it was at this meeting last January, that I informed the Central Council that I would not be standing at the AGM for the role of Secretary for the 2018/19 period due to certain personal issues, having other commitments and mainly just not having the time to dedicate to LBKA matters. However, just prior to the AGM, it became evident that I was going to have to stay on as Secretary. Unfortunately, I am definitely going to have to stand down this year, as evidenced over the past 6 months, I just do not have the time to spend doing LBKA work, and it is having a detrimental effect on the communications coming in and out of the LBKA. I do feel, that I must also point out, that a very small yet very relevant factor that lead me to my decision, was the attitude and behaviour of certain people that I've had to deal with during my time as Secretary. There are times when I have reacted in a negative way to these people, but it is difficult to deal with rude, arrogant and disrespectful people that do not know how to treat other human beings. For this I apologise to the whole Central Council. I certainly hope that these people have a serious look in the mirror and realise the errors of their ways. Nevertheless, I remain very positive about LBKA's future, and are very passionate that LBKA continues its journey, I just hope that someone can come forward and give the time that this role needs.

Points raised by Lincoln, Chris Bateson stated that there is incorrect information on Website. DB agreed to contact all District Secretaries with regard to updating details. There are no nominations for the Lesley Thorne award. DB to email District Secretaries with the view of putting forward a young person for this award.

LBKA Secretary Position is now vacant. DB is resigning at the end of the term – 9.3.2019. Vote of thanks for Dan given by PGR.

### **5. Membership Secretaries Report**

CC thanked CL for assisting Sleaford with their Membership

CL been liaising with BBKA with setting up spreadsheets with details of new members being sent to BBKA. Sending emails to all District Secretaries for list of new members.

## **6. Treasurers Report**

CL gave report to the group.

The following have been updated with the new Treasures details HMRC, HSBC and the Charity Commission. I have also met with John Guggiari our Accountant to understand the process and what is required from Districts and LBKA to compete our end of year accounts.

Contact has been made with all Districts via email informing them of the change of contact details for both Treasurer and Membership issues, questions and updates. Thank you to all Districts who have been in touch.

Current financial position is:

£440.95 in the community account

£337.70 in the No2 account

£4,018.36 in the savings account

A transfer was made in September of £1000.00 from the Savings account to the Community account due to cash flow issues with the changeover of Treasurers. This is expected to be repaid in 2019- LBKA 2018 cash book has been completed and thank you to Mike Seal for filling in some of the gaps. This will be sent to the accountant in January for auditing. An email with the 4 templates was sent to all District treasurers on 1st December. Each District needs to complete the following;

Cashbook

Year End Accounts

Independent Examiners Report

Confirm Value and items on Equipment inventory

These will then be sent through to John at Acara for auditing. Please can all District reps ensure these are completed and returned asap.

As part of the treasurer's role I am also taking the payments for renewals and new membership subs. Please can all Districts send me either their cheques or if they pay directly into the LBKA account an email to let me know they have transferred the funds across. Please also as per the email sent to Districts in November send me NEW member's details and I will collate and send through to BBKA.

Many thanks to all the Districts that have supported these changes and helped keep everything afloat over the last few months, if there are any Treasurer or Membership queries please get in touch, see you at the AGM. Catherine Lake

CL felt monies are low, GW confirmed that Charity Commission agreed not to hold too much money. CL felt that we need to discuss this at the next meeting.

CL thanked by PGR for picking up the Treasurer Position and vote of thanks given on behalf of Trustees.

## **7. Lincolnshire Show Committee Report**

RH unable to attend. DB read RH's emailed report:

- The trade stand application is now with the Agricultural society.
- The honeyshow email address is now up and running again ,Thanks Dan.
- Meetings are planned to kick off the preparations.
- Please all reps. take back to their respective districts that we need help and volunteers. We do get new helpers every year and even some who had not helped for a few years have come back to help. It's the members show there is lots to see and do and probably the biggest collection of bee keepers next to the auction.
- Volunteers are given a one day show pass in return for about 5 hours help by way of 2 x 2½hour shifts, parking is free, the rest of the day is theirs to do as they please.

PGR asked all Reps to return to their Districts and ask for volunteers for Lincolnshire Show in June.

## **8. Education Committee Report**

PGR confirmed with Roger Patterson that AGM to be split in two halves - Spring Lecture, cup of tea to incorporate AGM then have second half of Lecture

PGR asked for ideas for the Autumn Lecture.

## **9. Grant Applications**

None

## **10 Any other Business**

### **a. EARS 3 Donations**

Ears 3 is under way. Districts can donate over a period of 4 years. Lincolnshire was the largest donor last year. CC suggested that it needs to be made clear to Districts that 4 years commitment is made.

### **b. BBKA Membership Database**

CL confirmed the new database has been set up by BBKA. She is looking into this. Database will be going live by 1.2.19. It was agreed to re-publish membership list which will still be produced as previous years.

**d. Vacant Positions Update (CC and District Reps)**

Requests in Quarterly review requesting unfilled positions. PGR hopes that the positions will be filled at AGM.

**e. BBKA Asian Hornet Area Co-ordinator**

Central Council recommend that Swarm co-ordinator be the Asian Hornet Area Co-ordinator also. Thornes will soon have stocks of an Asian hornet in acrylic for identification

**f. New Seasonal Bee Inspector for Lincolnshire**

CL confirmed Keith Morgan came to talk to Market Rasen District and was told there is to be a new Bee Inspector. GW to call Keith Morgan and ask if anything has progressed with this.

**g. 2019 Activities**

Bee Auction arranged by Lincoln again this next year.

Taster Day and Bee Health Day – GS will look into getting a date together for this.

North Lincolnshire were having their own Bee Health Day it was confirmed.

There is an Apiary at the Riseholme University Campus, it is a secure accessible site with 4 live hives. Chris (Lincoln) & Caroline (Sleaford) may be interested in visiting. Contact [whamilton@ac.uk](mailto:whamilton@ac.uk).

**h. ADM**

CC asked if there was a Representative for ADM. GW confirmed Ian Fazackerly usually attends, DB stated it is likely he missed the emails for the ADM and apologised. GW will contact and speak to him.

Also National Honey Show was mentioned, GS attends the National Honey Show. GS is happy to stand for NHA Representative at AGM.

**11. Date and time of next Meeting**

Next Central Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday evening 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at E. H.Thorne's premises.

PGR reminded attendees again, about attending the AGM. A request to all members in Districts to attend on 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm for the Spring Lecture 1<sup>st</sup> half, AGM followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Spring Lecture.

As there was no further business, Vice Chair thanked the group for attending and also E.H.Thorne's for allowing the use of the room and the cakes, the meeting closed at 21.10pm.

Signed .....(Chair, LBKA)

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