

Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association
Central Council Meeting
14th January 2020 @ 7:00pm
E.H.Thorne (Beehives) Ltd, Rand

Minutes

Present:

Officers: I Burnley (Vice-Chair, C Lake (Treasurer/Market Rasen), C George (Communications Secretary), G Luckhurst (Membership Secretary), Richard Harrison (Honey Show Secretary),

District Representatives: G Carrott (Horncastle), C Croson (Sleaford), F Ross (N. Lincs), G Smith (Wragby), P Verdegaal (Boston), A Watkins (Grantham)

In attendance: D Harrison (Honey Show Treasurer), K Baker (Sleaford), J Goodhand (Grimsby)

1. Welcome & apologies
Dan Bayes, Neill Gardener,

Previous minutes approved

2. Vice Chairman's Address
Thanks for efforts over last year – looking forward to an interesting and exciting 2020
3. Secretary's Report

Looking back through my emails it would appear that I have been busier than I have realised. There was a flurry of correspondence regarding the Autumn Lecture and a few requests that were passed directly to the corresponding districts.

There were only two communications of note:

- That the Chairman and Secretary of Sleaford District, Simon Croson and Steve Fearn, had resigned their posts and that Graham Luckhurst was stepping in as temporary Secretary until the AGM.
- Correspondence regarding an individual member – to be discussed confidentially.

Action: It was agreed that I would communicate to all parties that this is a private business issue over which the LBKA could have no influence. - Done

Policy Review

Andrew Watkins volunteered to take over this area as his knowledge and experience in this area far surpassed any that I have, and for which I thanked him.

Action: It was agreed that this matters be put over until next meeting.

4. Membership Secretary's Report

As Memberships are in the process of renewal a full report will be given next time.

5. Treasurer's Report

There has been very little activity with the finances since the October meeting.

The current account balances as of 14/01/20 are as follows

Community Account – £2,559.39

Legacy Account - £5,027.87

All District treasurers have received the templates to complete for the 2019 accounts. I have asked for these to be returned asap once the accounts have been signed off by the Districts' Independent Examiner, deadline date for this is January 31st. These will then be collated and sent through to the accountant in preparation for the AGM. We will also require each District to submit a small summary of their years' activity in achieving our charitable objectives. This is a requirement for the Charity Commission and will be written published in the Annual Accounts.

Gift Aid in 2020 will be collected in September once all the membership capital has been paid.

5a. Lincolnshire Show Committee

No communication received from showground yet despite attempting to contact them.
1st committee meeting next Weds 22nd Jan

6. Spring Lecture

Sat 15th March – 1-4:30pm TBC

Action: CL to contact Bomber Command Centre to see if venue is available.

Potential Speakers:

Peter Davies- Regional bee Insp – Asian Hornet

Action: Peter Verdegall to contact / reported that he is away and therefore unable

Sean Sparling – Agronomist

Neil Pont

7. AGM Agenda agreed

8. ADM

Unfortunately, CL was unable to attend and made apologies.

9. Policies for Approval

Action: AW to review and present to next meeting

- Equal Opportunities

- Health and Safety in the Apiary

10. Policies for Review

Action: AW to review and present to next meeting

- Resources
- Privacy

11. Beecraft Shareholders

IB to take over Beecraft Shares and become the shareholder, with Graham Carrott as second.

Action: CG to inform DB of change - Done

12. District Updates

Sleaford – Apiary to going ahead Dyson also to offer employees to become members
N Lincs – AGM at end of month. Beg course fully booked
Boston – AGM. 32 attended. 8-10 on course. Talks: Soap/ microscopy
Mkt Rasen – Good talk by Sebastian Owen / Mead making / Swarm collection
Grimsby – Honey Show / AGM / Beginners Course – but struggling. 35 members.
Grantham – AGM very well attended – committee now full. Diary to support 2nd stage members. Very keen group in the apiary. Meetings well supported.
Horncastle – AGM committee meeting – apiary being planned

13. Date and time of next meeting – Tues 7th April 7pm