

Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association  
Central Council Meeting  
6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 @ 7:30pm  
ZOOM!  
Minutes

Present:

Officers: I Burnley (Chair), C Lake (Treasurer), G Luckhurst (Membership Secretary), Richard Harrison (Vice-Chair)

District Representatives: G Carrott (Horncastle), K Baker (Sleaford), P Verdegaal (Boston), Neill Gardener (Lincoln), L Burns (Market Rasen)

In attendance: J Goodhand (Grimsby)

1. Welcome & Apologies - Apologies: F Ross (N. Lincs), G Smith (Wragby)
2. Approval of mins - Previous minutes approved - Proposed: Lesley Seconded: Keith
3. Matters Arising
  - Website - deferred to this meeting – will need to be moved to next meeting
  - Safeguarding Policy – Details to be added for Guy and Lincolnshire CC Safeguarding team and update on website
  - Current Website – Graham has asked to handover the responsibility for updating the website. Need to look for a new person to be responsible.

4. Secretary's Report

Lots of emails through the website from members of the public asking for help for swarms. Loads and Loads. The public are ignoring the swarm map link!  
EFB outbreak in Coningsby in May (not Iain) but painfully close. A watching eye will be kept.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

*See report from the meeting for details*

Numbers are lower than previous years but nothing to worry about. A District breakdown may be possible to see any ups and downs.

6. Treasurer's Report

*See report from the meeting*

Capitation to do in September and Gift Aid to be done later in the year which is usually approx. £1200. Overall good financial position.

Possibility to spend money on the website development and any district investment welcome.

Discussion ref the retrospective collection of Gift Aid and the return of 50% to the district.

Discussion on standardised membership form and the concern that districts are not receiving a signed copy of the membership form. Reiterate that a signed membership form is required ticking the box for Gift Aid.

Online renewals was suggested as a solution to this, to be looked at for the next meeting

Graham asked if we get money from Give as you Live – CL an annual cheque is received and is usually around £50.

#### 5. Lincolnshire Show Committee

Everything is going along swimmingly for the show. Thornes are happy for the show to still proceed.

Request for trophies to be returned has been sent out.

Branches have all agreed to contribute to the prize money. Please thank your committees.

Judges have been booked for weeks.

Trophy presentation - suggested at the Autumn Lecture (if we have one). We would all like to have one, but we have no one to organise one. All agreed to 'take it from here'.

Trophies will be engraved and a decision to distribute them will be agreed at a later date.

#### 6. Grant applications

Have received a grant application from Horncastle but it is not complete.

#### 7. Vacancies

County Secretary vacant - is the most important position to find and Graham has sent out information job description etc.

Keith suggested we pay someone if we can't find anyone to volunteer. Need to have a look at how much we could pay someone.

Possibly look at 2 hours a week as a start – can be responsible for updating the website, funding, communication, eR2.

Have a look at estimated hourly rate for next meeting.

Also add in the Education Secretary role to this role.?

Peter asked if other counties pay a secretary to do their administration – CL to find out.

Education Secretary: vacant (see above)

Grantham, Grimsby and Louth - need a district rep

Possibly look at zoom or hybrid meetings if poss to encourage members to volunteer

#### 8. Application for membership

A confidential matter was discussed.

LBKA Welfare Officer has stated his position.

We are awaiting an update from BBKA.

It was agreed after a lengthy discussion to contact the district involved advising them of the LBKA decision, to support the district decision not to accept the application for membership.

Iain to respond to the secretary of Horncastle

#### 9. District Updates

**Market Rasen** attending Lincs Fest

**Sleaford** have a particular membership issue which was discussed with CC. They have run 3 courses, improved finances and run a basic assessment & set up an apiary which is fantastic.

Worry that these people will wreck the district, the committee have decided to take action.

#### 10. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 7.30pm