

**Lincolnshire Beekeepers' Association**  
**Minutes of Central Council Meeting**  
7:00pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
at premises of E.H. Thorne, Beehive Business Park, Rand

Present Officers: P. Raines (Vice Chair), D. Bayes (DB Secretary)

District Representatives: D. Rose (DR Lincoln), G. Carrott (GC Horncastle), C. Croson (CC Sleaford), R & D. Harrison (RH/DH Market Rasen), Shaun & Heather Scargill (SS/HS Louth), G. Smith (Wragby), C. Lake (Market Rasen)

1. **Apologies** S. Scott (SS. Grantham), M. Seal (MS Membership Secretary-Retired), Guy Williams (GW Chair), D. Ashton-Hill (Treasurer-Retired), Helen Frankland (HL North Lincs-Retired)
2. **Welcome to Mr Stephen Barnes from BBKA**

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

Two amendments were requested and agreed. Treasurer's Report Para 16, should read Catherine, NOT Charlotte. Also in Treasurer's Report it should read Robert Park, NOT Parker. Proposer for July Minutes of Meeting DB, Seconded by GC All in favour.

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

Actions tasked to GW - DB not sure as GW not attended.

Vice Chair confirmed Treasurer has had to retire due to ill health. He confirmed the Membership Sec Mike Seal, has been unable to help. BBKA must be paid monies that we now owe. DB will try to assist with Membership Secretary Post until we can replace him, but unlikely to be able to have time.

DB may be able to change the Charity Address as it was as Treasurer D-AH's address. CL will ask the Charity Commission if Thornes Address can be used for the future.

## **4. Secretary's report**

- As you're all aware, I've struggled since the last CC meeting to complete any of my LBKA work. I am now back online and in the process of sorting out the backlog of emails.
- From what I've caught up on so far, we've had the usual emails from members of the public to do with offering land and interest in taking up the hobby. These emails are being replied to / forwarded on to the relevant districts as I get through them all.
- Various BBKA emails still need processing, and within that various emails which the previous Membership Sec / Treasurer would have dealt with. Again, these are to be processed as I can come across them.
- Unfortunately, we have lost another Central Council rep – Helen Frankland from North Lincs, due to family commitments. I have thanked Helen for her time on the CC.
- I've purchased (as a donation to the charity), two more years of ownership of our website address.

## **5. Membership Secretaries Report**

No report at present time as MS retired

## **6. Treasurers Report**

No report at present time as DA-H retired

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

RH confirmed that no application has arrived for Trade Stands as yet. Lincolnshire Show Policy now ready for the Website. Repairs are minimal, panels around the outside need a little attention. New floor was replaced 3 years ago. Doors repaired 2 years ago. All looking good for next year.

## **8. Education Committee Report**

No report at present time as the Education Committee has been disbanded at this time.

## **9. Grant Applications**

None

## **10 Any other Business**

### **a. Vacancies**

Discussion ensued:

Vice Chair discussed the loss of Trustees and also the Representatives. He thanked the regulars that attend meetings every quarter. He asked that all districts be represented each meeting.

DB confirmed that at the AGM, regarding the Chair position – Guy Williams would stand in until PGR could take up the position again in 2019. Also, the Secretary and Treasurer posts are filled until other volunteers can take up the roles at the next AGM. The Membership Secretary is currently a vacant role, but Mike Seal is still covering Examinations Secretary.

Communications should be sent to the districts (via District Secretaries) about vacancies. The Chair stated there needs to be more honest approach with LBKA members about getting involved at county level – to get the message across that the county relies on volunteers from the districts.

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.

### **b. Gift Aid Update**

CL has asked for signatories for Gift Aid. Email. DB

Gift Aid, CL taking such a time to be recognised, Charity setup, HMRC Website setup. Awaiting for an account number. Awaiting details from DA-H.

### **c. BBKA Representative.**

GS suggested that BBKA need to help. **Stephen Barnes** from BBKA suggested that this Association is not alone in this with inactive Districts and difficult for Cumbria also. He has been chairing meetings of Lancs Central Association over many years and feels that if one District is thriving, then it should be encouraging others.

**Stephen Barnes** asked where does the Membership Secretary sit in the Capitation process? CC asked if no Membership Secretary, then Districts could do this themselves. He asked who had the Bee Insurance etc., the Districts Secretaries. BDI was dealt with by the Membership Sec. All District Membership Secretaries can send their registrations to BBKA like the BDI. Each branch should be responsible for its own Membership, which will eventually happen with the new BBKA Membership database.

A discussion took place about the LBKA database and GDPR. LBKA are compliant and members have to agree for their details to be in the directory. Due to more membership functions being transferred to the districts, the discussion changed to the role LBKA will continue to take.

The LBKA is a Registered Charity. **Stephen Barnes** confirmed the Districts run under the umbrella of LBKA and there will be huge ramifications if they were reorganised.

He suggested that Central Council officers contact districts to explain how the LBKA could help each District.

**Stephen Barnes** said that Cumbria had had similar issues. He felt that the branches needed to be supported in education. DH agreed that there need to be more social interaction. At the AGM, perhaps the lecture could be a half, Spring Lecture, then the AGM, and finish with the end of the Speaker. **Stephen Barnes** asked 'What is going to make people come? An outstanding Speaker'.

DB confirmed we leave the meeting tonight and drum it into the Districts that this is their LBKA. DB will Email all Chairs, who should enthuse their own District.

Vice Chair confirmed this need to be on the January Agenda, also Nominations for Trustees, and last year's minutes in January Quarterly Review.

### **d. Vacant Treasurer Position**

Following a discussion re Treasurer Position Catherine Lake to cover for the time being.

Proposed by PGR Seconded by GS - All in favour.

### **e. Constitution**

Alterations to Constitution before January had to be made in October if there was to be any change.

Constitution to stand, no change. All agreed

### **f. Money for Membership**

Sent to CL to pay into the bank. Pay to LBKA send to CL.

**g. Quarterly Review**

Vice please asked for more items and promotion of the Quarterly Review.

**h. Nominations for the Lesley Thorne Award**

No nominations for the Lesley Thorne Award have been received. DB to put feelers out.

**i. Spring Lecture**

Ideas for Spring Lecture Speakers required please. Suggestions from GS Roger Patterson – Graham Royle

**j. Change to next meeting date**

It was agreed to moving the date of the next meeting to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Proposed by GS Seconded by DB - All in favour.

**k. Thank you**

GS thanked PGR for keeping the LBKA together in such a passionate way.

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

Next Central Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday evening 15th 2019 January 7.00pm 2019 at E. H.Thorne’s premises.

As there was no further business, Chair thanked the group for attending and also E.H.Thorne’s for allowing the use of the room, the meeting closed at 21.15pm.

Signed .....(Chair, LBKA)

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