

Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association
Central Council Meeting
5th Oct 2021 @ 7:30pm
ZOOM!
Minutes

Present:

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

District Representatives: G Carrott (Horncastle), K Baker (Sleaford), P Verdegaal (Boston), L Burns (Market Rasen – left after 1 hour), F Ross (North Lincs)

In attendance: J Goodhand (Grimsby), S Castleman (Sleaford), A Cursons (Sleaford), D Harrison (Market Rasen/HS)

1. Welcome & Apologies - Apologies: G Smith (Wragby), Neil Gardener (Lincoln) No rep from Grantham or Louth.
2. Approval of mins - Previous minutes approved - Proposed: K Baker Seconded: P Verdegaal – Unanimous vote of approval
3. Matters Arising
 - GL – Sleaford has now expelled 3 members. (see sec report for details)
 - IB – Advised he had written to Horncastle to support their decision with reference to their membership renewal request.
4. Secretary's Report
 - Quite a few swarm requests have been received
 - Communication from Celia ref a 1982 yearbook award she has in her possession – Gill is happy to display at Thornes. It is a BBKA award for best yearbook for 1982 a medal and certificate. IB to arrange for display at Thornes. RH has the yearbook if anyone wants to see one (covered in a bit of biro!)
 - Districts have been sent all the BBKA information as and when it comes out via eR2.
 - BBKA have requested a discussion forum again - SC represented LBKA, the meeting was a bit vague, the meeting idea is to improve the engagement between the Associations. Another email received from Yorkshire BKA for another meeting 'Learning from Experience' about creating a leaflet. SC to investigate and report back.
 - GL mentioned the Beebase update and everyone should have a look at it, it's on the LBKA website.
 - Bee inspector contacted for update – no reply
 - RH brought up the subject of 'Education' and shared his thoughts. We have a number of people interested in education, who are willing to create a 'team' of educators. The 'team' would be responsible for organising education days, encouraging the 'course in a case' and supporting districts who haven't got a lead on education to ensure there is a consistent training approach across the association. A number of names were discussed as potential team members. It was requested that cc reps would discuss this with their districts to see if there are any takers to join the team. If reps could send the names to Andy C who is interested in being part of it. Mike Seals' name was mentioned as a leader of the team. RH suggested a non education person act as the chair to run the team and take over the admin of the team to get the people up and running IB volunteered to do this. PV volunteered for Boston. RH volunteered to speak to Mike S and then get in touch with Andy C. Use RH 'ramblings' as a starter for ten and develop a

terms of reference/policy doc. Possibly get a meeting together pre-Christmas. Also contact Eddie Gadd and Celia Smith to see if they would be willing to be a sounding board for the group.

- The membership of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was discussed with reference to their expulsion of Sleaford District. There has been no contact from the 3 since August. All 3 have received a letter advising of them of the decision. Sleaford equipment has been recovered. [REDACTED] is also the holder of the LBKA library and also holds various property from the Show Committee. Currently they are no longer members of an LBKA district and therefore not a member of LBKA or BBKA. (This has subsequently been determined to be factually incorrect during the investigation of a complaint, the letters to the three individuals state it is only their district membership that has been terminated and they remain member of Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association and through that membership remain a member of the BBKA)

The process of the expulsion was explained in terms of being disruptive during the AGM, questioning decisions the committee were making, appearing on Zoom as a anonymous person, not switching on their camera and upsetting and criticising current Sleaford members and being unsupportive when a member of Sleaford was talking members through the basic assessment and as this person was [REDACTED] it was seen as disappointing that they didn't support or encourage the presenter or members. It was also mentioned that members were not happy to take the basic assessment [REDACTED]. The committee followed the protocols for expulsion with a meeting and vote and the outcome was communicated.

- Mike Beecham was also mentioned as the holder of association slides. GC is going to make some enquiries as to their whereabouts.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

GL – has a new computer and hasn't transferred items across. Will have full report next time.

6. Treasurer's Report

See report from the meeting

Capitation was paid to BBKA

Correspondence Course run by Celia has been paid for.

Gift Aid has been raised and sent to HMRC for payment – it was received in December last year.

Reminder that the capitation is changing £2 added onto the BBKA subs that was agreed at the BBKA ADM and a reduction in capitation of £2 for LBKA which was agreed at the 2020 AGM.

The school's membership was also discussed. It was suggested that the new education team look at encouraging more schools involved. There are currently 2 school members.

7. Lincolnshire Show Committee

See report for the meeting

Largest number of entries this year.

Don't put raisins in your mead, you will be excommunicated!

Honey show was a great success

Gill and Rebecca and the whole team at Thornes worked incredibly hard to accommodate us. Colin was mentioned as a fantastic help. It was a brilliant show. Hopefully lots of entries in 2022.

A letter of thanks has been sent by RH to Thornes, Judges and Members.

Presentation of prizes will be at Thornes on Saturday 9th October 11.00am. Gill will be presenting the awards and Trophies. IB to officiate.

IB also thanked Richard and his committee for organising.

Request made to invite the Lesley Thorne award recipients for 2020 and 2021 to be formally presented with their awards.

8. Vacancies

We still need a secretary. All districts requested to ask their committees again if they have any suitable candidates.

Payment of the role was discussed. It was estimated on average the role would take up 2 hours per week, to include secretarial work, update the website, support the education team, be the point of contact for BBKA and district secretaries, keep eR2 up to date.

A figure of £10/hour was discussed. It was proposed to start with advertising it within LBKA, it was also proposed that we look at other associations to see if their secretaries would be interested in administering LBKA too.

There was an offer of help from Andy Cursons, wife to look at the paid role.

9. Jan ADM

It is being held on 15th Jan at 10.00 either at Stoneleigh or Zoom. Nothing has been communicated from BBKA. SC will be attending for LBKA.

10. District Updates

LB had submitted a request to discuss a Market Rasen issue, possibly to discuss the subs. As she has left the meeting this cannot be discussed further.

FR - North Lincs next meeting is the honey show and face to face meetings in Broughton village hall has started again.

Sleaford meetings have been moved to the Barge and Bottle in Sleaford.

Discussions around opening up district meetings to other members.

Any meetings coming up CL will circulate to other district secretaries.

PV – Boston offered some land between Boston and Skegness which may become the club apiary and the club subsidising any education members want to undertake and the basic assessment and modules. Christmas meal/meeting is in the next few weeks.

Horncastle meetings are now on a Monday in the Bull Hotel. Mr Harrison is judging the Honey Show!

GC - raised the issue of the Membership Directory being printed again. There is a bit of downloading to be done to create one. It can be done from downloading the membership spreadsheet from eR2 and using the filters to create the document and sort by district. RH offered to produce one in an hour subject to GDPR regulations.

The membership form was discussed and proposed that we take to the AGM that all districts use a consistent membership form.

GC asked a question ref Associate members and GL clarified the description of the Associate members now called 'Local' members

AC discussed the presentation of the Basic Assessment used at Sleaford and offered it to other districts to use. PV interested for Boston, for the first Friday of November. RH commented that this was absolutely the sort of information required for the education team. It would swarm!

11. Date and Time of next meeting:

Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.30 Zoom (moved due to clash with district meeting AGM's).

April meeting Tuesday 4th April 7.30 venue tbc.

Next meeting AGM date needs to be fixed. in 2021 the AGM was Saturday 17th April.