



Lincolnshire Beekeepers' Association
Central Council Meeting
April 5th 7.30pm ZOOM
Minutes

Present:

Officers: I Burnley (Chair), R Harrison (Vice-Chair), C Lake (Treasurer)

District Representatives: G Carrott (Horncastle), K Baker (Sleaford), P Verdegaal (Boston), F Ross (North Lincs), Neil Gardener (Lincoln)

In attendance: J Goodhand (Grimsby), D Harrison (Market Rasen/HS)

1. Welcome & Apologies - Apologies: G Smith (Wragby), G Luckhurst (Membership Secretary) No rep from Grantham, Grimsby, Market Rasen or Louth.
2. Approval of mins – Fran wasn't there and the date needs changing apart from that, previous minutes approved - Proposed: R Harrison Seconded: K Baker – Unanimous vote of approval
3. Matters Arising
 - Iain hasn't contacted Celia about the yearbook yet.
 - Advertising for a Secretary is still outstanding and the role is still vacant – CF to AGM and hope we get a volunteer.
4. Secretary's Report
 - Further correspondence received from Mr Croson; it is now assumed that this matter is now closed.
 - Request from the National Honey Show Appeal to assist beekeepers in Ukraine. LBKA donated £50
5. Membership Secretary's Report
 - No report
6. Treasurer's Report

Spring Capitation

The spring capitation has not as yet been closed; I am still waiting for 1 district to complete their information on eR2. All other districts have closed and payments have been received. Therefore, bank balances are large.

Bank Accounts

The current balances for the LBKA accounts as of 04/04/22 are

Current (community) Account – £21,216.34
Savings Account (legacy money) - £5,033.04

Payments since last meeting

£20 to Wragby community centre for the examinations
£50 to National Honey Show appeal (agreed by officers of LBKA)
3 x £5 bank charges

2021 Accounts

All districts except 1 were submitted within the deadline. The late district was over a month late. I am also disappointed that only 3 districts submitted activity reports.

LBKA 2021 were reviewed and a couple of text errors were corrected.
LBKA Central council vote to accept the 2021 Accounts
Proposer: Fran Ross Seconder: K Baker – Unanimous vote of approval.

7. Lincolnshire Show Committee

Everything is in place for the show, we haven't had any notice it has been cancelled so nothing has changed. Schedule is being held up by request to High Sherriff to present the trophies still waiting for a response.

Still need volunteers for the show and the set-up day so spread the word. Iain volunteered and Fran has another 2.

8. Leslie Thorne Award

We have 1 nomination so far and we are awaiting a nomination from Lincoln.

9. District Updates

Sleaford – Training course running on Saturday. Talk from the Norfolk beekeeper went really well. Well attended and really pleased to see members from other districts.

Boston – all going well

Lincoln – successful auction. 1/3 of the equipment of pre covid auctions. 37 colonies sold although prices were down compared to prev years. Will be running again next year. Some of the equipment turned away, only good enough for firewood.

Horncastle – well attended meetings, setting up the beginners' courses and are v well subscribed all going well. New venue for meetings, in Woodhall Spa.

Grimsby – social evening in Feb/March. Been to St Martins prep school for a talk and expecting 2 speakers for the next 2 meetings. Membership stable. Eco conservation project going a bit slowly but making some progress. No cc rep nominated at the recent agm.

North Lincs – face to face meetings have started again attendance a bit down compared to zoom meetings, successful beginners course held over recent weekend and it was oversubscribed.

Market Rasen – meeting on Thursday, Tony Jefferson coming down from Whitby to give us a talk open invitation to all at 7.30pm at Middle Rasen church hall. Talk is on how he manages his bees with a full-time job through the year.

10. Date and Time of next meeting:

- Tuesday 5th July 2022 @ 7.30 - we are going to try for a live meeting at Thornes

AOB: Fran – change of bank account - north lincs have moved to Nat West and there is a charge from Virgin Money for more than 10 transactions.