

## Stowmarket and District Beekeepers' Association

Founded in 1947

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 19.30  
At Moat Hall, Combs.

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| 1. Attendees                   | Greg Monaghan [GM](Chairman), Richard Martin [RM](President), Andy Smith [AS](Treasurer), Roger Chapman [RC](Secretary), Sarah Neesum [SM](Membership Secretary), Linda Stuart [LS](Membership Secretary), Bohdan Antoniow [BA](and Marion), Maggie Lawrence [ML](Training)  |
| 2. Apologies for Absence       | All committee members present  |
| 3. Minutes of previous meeting | Approved and seconded by Maggie Lawrence   |
| 4. Matters Arising             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Honey labels for club honey sales esp. Wyken – Some labels available –</li><li>● RM to order more from Thornes</li><li>● RM to order Tamper labels from Thornes</li></ul>  |
| 5. Correspondence              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Gateway 14 Wild Flower Meadow – see Attachment below</li><li>● RC to arrange visit to Gateway 14 for RM and RC</li></ul>   |
| 6. Treasurers Report           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Cash in Bank £9841.59 – less approx £3000 capitation</li><li>● Have only received £264.20 for training . Should be 20 x £55 less EQU commission – ML to investigate</li></ul>  |
| 7. Membership                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 118 paid members</li><li>● SM/LS chasing members who haven't paid</li></ul>  |
| 8. Website                     | Long discussion on website – BA presented paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● All agreed to progress with the Louisa Drake, a freelance contractor associated with The Shed Collective, at a price of £1400</li><li>● Core group of BA, GM and RC to form to guide website creation</li><li>● RC to contact Melanie to get details of any costs and IONOS logon credentials</li><li>● BA to talk to Amy regarding logon credentials for WordPress site</li></ul> |

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| 9. Club Events       | <p>See separate diary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Booking rooms – At present Caroline Crosthwaite books rooms at Hillside. Hillside send an invoice to AS for payment</li> <li>● Require someone to book rooms see <a href="https://stowmarkettowncouncil.gov.uk/your-council-services/stowmarket-community-centre/">https://stowmarkettowncouncil.gov.uk/your-council-services/stowmarket-community-centre/</a> for details</li> </ul> |
| 10. Training Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Agreed to purchase full size National Hive for training – RM/AS/ML</li> <li>● Agreed to print 3 slides to a page handout for trainees??</li> <li>● ML to explain Wet Weather Practical (Hive and frame assembly at RM's) at next 9<sup>th</sup> March training session</li> </ul>   |
| 11. Club Apiary      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● RM and RC to spray weeds when weather improves – Neil at Baylham OK with what we we're proposing i.e. weed matting and bark chippings</li> <li>● Still have a number of 30lb pails of honey left RM</li> <li>● Shed requires painting – work group needed</li> </ul>  |
| 12. AOB              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GM to be our representative on at the Suffolk County meetings</li> <li>● AS to progress getting a card reader for sales – should be standalone not requiring separate mobile phone</li> <li>● RC to print business cards - 50</li> <li>● Agreed to purchase hive lifter RM</li> <li>● Sugar pickup using GM's trailer</li> </ul>  |
| 13. Next Meeting     | <p><b>10<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b><br/> <b>7:30 PM</b><br/> <b>Little College Farm</b></p>   |

Attachment

Hi Linda

As discussed, we are reaching out to see if you or members of your group would be interested in keeping bees within our wild flower meadow at our development in Stowmarket

Below is the indicative plan and attached CGI



Can you review at your meeting and call me back to discuss

Many thanks

Kind Regards

Joe Clarke

Attachment

Gateway 14

