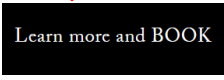


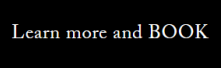
Stowmarket and District Beekeepers' Association

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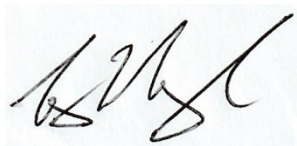
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2023, 19.30

At Little College Farm, Creeting St Mary .

Attendees	Greg Monaghan [GM](Chairman), Richard Martin [RM](President), Roger Chapman [RC](Secretary), Bohdan Antoniw [BA](and Marion), Maggie Lawrence [ML](Training) Zoom Sarah Neesum [SM](Membership Secretary), Linda Stuart [LS](Membership Secretary),
1. Apologies for Absence	Andy Smith [AS](Treasurer)
2. Minutes of previous meeting	Approved
3. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered in each topic
4. Correspondence	None
5. Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “We have £8019.49 at bank with one cheque of £28 to add. Following still to pay, E Heathcote, J Margetson, J Nelson, M Sharman, D Tate. And still to resolve S Galpin” Have only received £264.20 for training . Should be 20 x £55 less EQU commission – ML to investigate Card reader needed for forthcoming events - AS
6. Training Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM agreed to send a vote of thanks to Caroline Crosthwaite for all her hard work coordinating the Beginners' Courses. Agreed to purchase full size National Hive for training – RM/AS/ML – can wait until next training season The eequ method doesn't seem to work particularly well. It was suggested that for the small number of trainees that a bank transfer arrangement might be better, similar to how the annual registration fee is paid. The Learn More Button  should be removed. Replace with an email facility similar to the Contact Us facility – it should include Address and phone number details as well as a GDPR disclaimer.
7. Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 129 Full members, 13 Partners, 3 Country members SM/LS chasing the 48 members who haven't paid <u>Having chased multiple times it was agreed that SM/LS should start deleting records</u>

8. Website	<p>Long discussion on website – BA presented paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All agreed to progress with the Louisa Drake, a freelance contractor associated with The Shed Collective, at a price of £1400 • Committee agreed a sub-group of GM, BA and RC could request an addition payment of up to £200 if needed. • Swarm needs a button on the Home page • Link to swarm collectors needs to be much more prominent on Swarm page, not buried in text • The Learn More Button  should be removed. • Replace with an email facility similar to the Contact Us facility – it should include Address and phone number details as well as a GDPR disclaimer. • Need a list of equipment for loan to members RM to provide list • Need a list of committee members, contact email addresses, phone numbers (if committee members wish to give them) and a ‘mug shot’ • The committee decided to stop actively using email addresses set up by Soleplate (@stowmarketbeekeepers.co.uk) and use the sdbka.role@gmail.com instead. We’d keep checking the ‘stowmarketbeekeepers.co.uk but not send from them. • RC to transfer sdbka.webmaster@gmail.com to BA who will distribute any ‘Contact Us’ emails. • When we have details of how we can change content each committee member will be responsible for updating their own content. • RC to send email to members announcing the new website which, hopefully, will increase its prominence. •
9. Club Events	<p>See separate diary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booking rooms – At present Caroline Crosthwaite books rooms at Hillside. Hillside send an invoice to AS for payment • RC will book rooms as necessary – should try for Muntun and Fison Room which has better refreshment facilities
10. Club Apiary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting half load of chippings to complete groundwork • Shed requires painting – work group needed • No club honey left • Hive lifter has been purchased and is at RM’s house

11. Gateway 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM and RC to meet Joe Clarke in the next couple of months • Need to explain need to get a vehicle within 10-15M – weight of equipment • Clarify exact location and what safety and security needs there are • RC to send email when situation clearer to Full SDBKA members and include WSBKA to see if anyone wants to use this as an out apiary • Committee agreed it would not be an association apiary
12. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA to arrange for sugar middle/late August • Sugar pickup using GM's trailer • Store and distribute sugar from RM's barn
13. Next Meeting	<p>10th July 2023 7:30 PM Westfields, The Causeway, Hitcham IP7 7NF 07585 125722</p>



Greg Monaghan

Chairman SDBKA

14 Jul 23