

## Stowmarket and District Beekeepers' Association

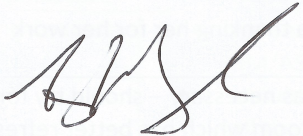
Founded in 1947

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 19.30  
At Westfields, The Causeway, Hitcham.

Attendees	Greg Monaghan [GM](Chairman), Richard Martin [RM](President), Roger Chapman [RC](Secretary), Bohdan Antoniow [BA], Maggie Lawrence [ML](Training), Sarah Neesum [SM](Membership Secretary), Linda Stuart [LS](Membership Secretary), Andy Smith [AS](Treasurer)	
1. Apologies for Absence	None all present	
2. Minutes of previous meeting	Approved	
3. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered in each topic</li> </ul>	
4. Correspondence	None	
5. Training Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to purchase full size National Hive for training – RM/AS/ML – can wait until next training season – should include rapid feeder, hive tool, smoker, in fact all the things a beginner would need.</li> <li>ML and AS agreed the eequ method works OK</li> <li>Fee remains at £55</li> </ul>	
6. Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have £8,278.89 at bank. With outstanding payment of £1,400 for website development.</li> <li>Card reader needed for forthcoming events, but requires documentation to prove we're not money laundering.</li> <li>GM agreed we could use his personal card reader at the Bacton Fayre</li> <li>There are two specific renewal cut off dates               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31<sup>st</sup> March after which it takes 40 days before insurance is valid</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> August after which the BBKA books are 'closed'</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	AS  GM
7. Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LS is to take over the role of Membership Secretary</li> <li>136 Full, 12 Partners, 1 Junior, and, 6 Country members – 155 in total.</li> <li>LS chasing the 45 members who haven't paid with Texts where possible</li> <li><b><u>Having chased multiple times it was agreed that LS should start deleting records</u></b></li> </ul>	

8. Website	<p>Long discussion on website – BA presented paper</p> <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>• Website is now operational and Louisa has sent through details of how to update the various sections.</li> <li>• Each section ‘owner’ should try and update their section</li> <li>• Committee agreed a sub-group of GM, BA and RC could request an addition payment of up to £200 if needed.</li> <li>• Send email to Louisa thanking her for her work</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>RC</p>
9. Club Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RC will book rooms as necessary – should try for Muntun and Fison Room which has better refreshment facilities</li> <li>• Book the 4 dates in 2024 for training</li> <li>• Show and Tell Evening – good evening but very few members attended</li> <li>• Stowmarket Food and Drink – LS reported it went well but needed to borrow weights to stop the gazebo from blowing away. AS said he has some concrete weights</li> <li>• Hog Roast – again disappointing response for what is free food and drink – 36 response so approx 72 people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Send out 3<sup>rd</sup> chaser email</li> <li>○ Meeting at 10:00am 15<sup>th</sup> July at Moat Hall to set up</li> <li>○ Invite Sarah and Lawrence Paton</li> <li>○ Invite Louise Carr</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Walsham Le Willows 26/27 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No details received – chase organisers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>AS</p> <p>RC</p> <p>All</p> <p>LS</p> <p>GM</p> <p>RC</p>
10. Club Apiary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hive lifter has been purchased and is at RM’s house</li> <li>• Chippings complete and shed has been painted</li> <li>• Very disappointing results at Baylham – half the hives didn’t make it through the winter/spring – no first crop of honey</li> <li>• <b>RM announced he would be resigning as Apiary Manager at the end of this season.</b></li> <li>• GM suggested there should be a group to manage the apiary – details and volunteers need to be identified</li> <li>• AS volunteered to be one of the group</li> </ul>	<p>GM</p> <p>AS</p>
11. Gateway 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee agreed it would not be an association apiary</li> <li>• Will inform Joe Clark that vehicular access is a must</li> </ul>	<p>RM/RC</p>

12. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sugar<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ BA to arrange for sugar middle/late August</li><li>○ Sugar pickup using GM's trailer</li><li>○ Store and distribute sugar from RM's barn</li></ul></li><li>• Hold base membership fee to £28 – not aware of any changes to BBKA/Suffolk/BDI charges</li></ul>	
13. Next Meeting	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> <b>Greg Monaghan - Allen House, Willow Drive, Long Thurlow,</b> <b>IP31 3JQ – Long 52.275930 Lat 0.945918</b>	



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