

Stowmarket and District Beekeepers' Association

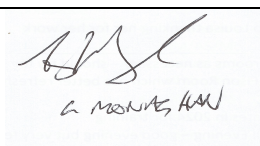
Founded in 1947

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2023, 19.30

At Allen House, Willow Drive, Long Thurlow

Attendees	Greg Monaghan [GM](Chairman), Richard Martin [RM](President), Roger Chapman [RC](Secretary), Bohdan Antoniow [BA], Linda Stuart [LS](Membership Secretary), Andy Smith [AS](Treasurer)	
1. Apologies for Absence	Maggie Lawrence [ML](Training), Sarah Neesum [SM](Membership Secretary)	
2. Minutes of previous meeting	Approved	
3. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered in each topic 	
4. Correspondence	None	
5. Training Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In her absence ML filed this report I am now registered as the administrator on Eequ with the new email sdbka.training@gmail.com Due to room availability at Hillside, the course dates were changed to Wednesday, 28th February and the following 3 Wednesdays - 6th, 13th and 20th March. We have 7 bookings. I would like to look into the course content and lesson order later in the autumn. Any pointers from any of the committee or beyond would be really appreciated. 	GM ML
6. Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current balance £4,740.81 plus two cheques for £28 each not paid in Payments £1,400 website as agreed, £1,307 Hog Roast, final capitation £953.40 Membership fees remain the same as last year New optional tick box on renewal/registration online form to allow details to be passed from BBKA to Beebase 	
7. Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LS has now taken over control of membership LS needs her own logon credentials to Suffolk database – RC to contact Paul White to arrange 146 Registered members plus 3 unpaid 13 Partner members 4 Country members 	RC
8. Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All pages being kept up to date by page owner 	

9. Club Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hog Roast – excellent, well attended • Bacton Fayre did not attend due to Storm Antoni • Walsham Le Willows – Bee keeper Trevor White from Fakenham Magna had a stall tucked away in Clarke's car park. We decided to not attend Walsham in the future. • Hadleigh Show – Paul White attends for Ipswich and East Suffolk following our inability to 'man' the stall. Will contact Hadleigh organisers to see if we can attend again – contacted via their website • President's Day 10/9/2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting Saturday at 3:00PM to arrange tables etc., ○ Cakes from SN, RC, LS ○ Sugar to be distributed about 12Kg per member ○ Send out a final call for President's day • 'Preparing for Winter' meeting arranged for 20/9/2023 – Zoom as well. • Christmas Social – booked for 4/12/2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invite 2023 Beginners as well 	RC RC
10. Club Apiary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM announced he would be resigning as Apiary Manager at the end of November. • He will, however, extract any honey brought to him from the Apiary. • The committee thanked Richard for all his sterling works. • Sarah and Lawrence Paton to become Apiary Managers • GM suggested there should be a group to manage the apiary – details and volunteers need to be identified • AS volunteered to be one of the group • RC to send email looking for volunteers • GM requested that the Apiary be used for Queen Rearing – we already have the equipment. 	RC
11. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sugar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two tonnes donated ○ Distribution has begun each member receiving 12KG or a 'bucket full' 	
12. Next Meeting	Tuesday 28 th November 2023 at Linda's house 18 Saxham Street, Stowupland, IP14 5DA Long 52.2038995 Lat 1.0451145	



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