**Stowmarket and District Beekeepers’ Association**

**Founded in 1947**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 29th January 2024, 19.30

At Little College Farm, Creeting Hills, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich

| Attendees | Greg Monaghan [GM](Chairman), Richard Martin [RM](President), Linda Stuart [LS](Membership Secretary), Andy Smith [AS](Treasurer), Maggie Lawrence [ML](Training), Roger Chapman [RC](Secretary) |  |
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| 1. Apologies for Absence | Bohdan Antoniw [BA], Sarah Neesum [SM] |  |
| 1. Minutes of previous meeting | Approved |  |
| 1. Matters Arising | * None |  |
| 1. Correspondence | * Jeremy Quinlan’s Improving Beekeeping Skills course send to members | RC  Done |
| 1. Training Courses | * 20 students have signed up with waiting list of 2 * All current training material in 3 slides to a page form uploaded to website * Review all content * NB Changing dates once input is extremely difficult * Provide copy of slides and three to page files to ML * Trainees and trainers should all have badges - GM | RC  Done  ML  RC  ML |
| 1. Treasurers Report | * Current bank balance £6,519.01 and £116.70 in cheques |  |
| 1. Membership | * 71 Registered members plus 3 unpaid * 7 Partner members * 1 Country members * Should send a please pay email mid-Feb | LS |
| 1. Website |  |  |
| 1. Club Events | * AGM/Social/Asian Hornet briefing Monday 5th February * Linda Stuart, Maggie and Paddy Lawrence to buy a simple buffet of cheese, pate, bread, wine (red and white) and soft drinks * Layout as a buffet * Of 147 email invitations sent out there were 37 accepting and 16 not accepting. * Estimate the 37 acceptances will be about 65-70 people | LS, ML |
| 1. Club Apiary | * RM reported 8 hives alive and given more fondant * Malcolm Freebody to remove branch on ash tree overhanging apiary |  |
| 1. AOB | * Should decline Potato Day on Saturday 10th February at Otley College * Hadleigh Show 18th May 2024– Maggie Lawrence to attend * Decided to reduce the number of meetings to 4 per year – probably   + January for AGM   + April   + July for Hog Roast   + November for Christmas Social * Should there be a need for addition meetings etc., will use Zoom, WhatsApp or Email | LS  ML |
| 1. Next Meeting | Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 19:30 at Greg Monaghan’s house – Allen House, Willow Drive, Long Thurlow, IP31 3JQ |  |