**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
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| 1. Correspondence
 | * Jeremy Quinlan’s Improving Beekeeping Skills course send to members
 | RCDone |
| 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
 | RCDoneMLRCML |
| 1. Treasurers Report
 | * Current bank balance £6,519.01 and £116.70 in cheques
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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
 | LSML |
| 1. Next Meeting
 | Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 19:30 at Greg Monaghan’s house – Allen House, Willow Drive, Long Thurlow, IP31 3JQ  |  |