

Cumbria Bee Times

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ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING OF BBKA 2011

The Annual Delegates meeting of the BBKA took place on January 15th at Stoneleigh, with all the prospects of a lively day of debate. For the 3rd year running one of the Area memberships had tabled a proposition that the BBKA cease to accept monies from Agro chemical companies in return for the use of the BBKA logo on pesticides. Cumbria had also tabled a proposition that the BBKA look into the feasibility of setting standards for queens reared for sale.

The meeting was chaired by Martin Smith President of BBKA, and he made it plain that standing orders would be followed rigorously and that he wished the meeting to be finished by 16.00(a relief to those of us with long journeys home)

Website development continues at the BBKA and will be more user friendly by April.

A Swarmcatchers list is being updated with the e-mail and tel number of Association Members willing to take calls about swarms during the season, and deal with them.

An electronic voting system was used for the first time and proved to be an excellent instrument for speed and accuracy of numbers voting (the tellers role became that of distributing the roving microphones to speakers from the floor)

Of the 7 propositions Twickenham's echoed the concern of many beekeepers about the use of the BBKA logo by Agrochemical companies. The resolution was passed and the BBKA will no longer allow the use of the logo for the endorsement of certain pesticides. Martin Smith pointed out that the trustees had terminated their contract with the companies as outlined in the last issue of the BBKA news

Cumbria's proposition "That the BBKA consider setting up a committee to promote queens bred in the UK. Such a committee would set up a series of standards expected from good quality queens and establish queen breeders who can demonstrate that they meet the standards, and report back to the next ADM" was passed 44 for, 14 against, 2 abstentions, after the Secretary Stephen Barnes gave the speech for the motion. BBKA capitation will rise by £1 next year to £15. The BBKA newsletter will change it's format with 4 colour printing and monthly issues. The meeting ended just before 16.00 .

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Forthcoming events

March 12th Lamplugh Village Hall

Beginning with Bees.

A Day course for Aspiring beekeepers.

Detail on CBKA website or ring W&D secretary

March 13th Lamplugh Village Hall

Better Beekeeping

A Day course for beekeepers wanting to learn a bit more(2nd year onwards).Details on CBKA website or ring W&D secretary

April 9th Houghton Hall Bee Auction

Please see details on page 2 and on the website of CBKA

May 7th

Furness and District

Convention

Contact Furness Secretary for details

Floods in Queensland Australia

So far we have identified about 1,000 hives that have either been washed away or inundated. Two beekeepers have lost about 400 hives each. Most other beekeepers are confident that their hives are above flood levels. Those who have hives out at St. George were a little wary after the floods last year so made sure they put them higher than usual.

Trevor Weatherhead, President, Queensland BKA

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Ulmo Honey : A New Medical Use

Ulmo honey is an exciting new weapon in the fight against Antibiotic resistant bugs such as MRSA. It has many times the antibacterial action of Manuka honey and is being extensively trialed in British hospitals. Pure Ulmo honey is mainly harvested from the natural rain forests of Southern Chile where the honey bees enjoy an abundance of nectar from which to make their honey. The nectar comes from the very pretty white flower, likened to the camellia, of the Ulmo tree.

Bees usually enjoy a variety of flowers and plants, however so delicious is the nectar and aroma from the Ulmo tree, that other flowers nearby are quite often ignored.

When in full bloom the flowers from the Ulmo tree are so thick that you could be forgiven for mistaking from a distance this beautiful sight as a soft white comfortable blanket! This tree can grow as tall as 130 feet high, and is native to Chile, however can also now be found growing in Argentina, along the North Pacific Coast and even Scotland. It may be worth trying a planting in Cumbria! Proper name: Eucryphia cordifolia.



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NORTHERN BEEKEEPING AUCTION

9th April 2011

PLEASE BRING YOUR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

For this too work we need items to sell.
If this is well supported it may become an annual event.

Secretaries: Please can you include this information sheet in your correspondence to beekeepers and beginners

Venue Houghton Village Hall:

1 mile from junction 44 of the M6

Items required for auction:

Used beekeeping equipment, bee books, wax foundation, extractors and extracting equipment, hive parts, hive straps, and anything bee related.

Colonies of bees.

Buy new equipment from trade stands on site.
Refreshments will be available.

Members of Carlisle Beekeepers Association will be available to give advice

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