

**Cumbria Beekeepers Association Executive Meeting
Southey Street Methodist Rooms 2.00pm 5th August 2017**

1) Attendance:-

Walter McPhee	Chair	- Carlisle
Ian Gregory	Vice Chair	- Cockermouth
Mike Fitzgerald	Secretary	- Cockermouth
Melanie Vincent	Treasurer	- Cockermouth
Graham Pinches		- Whitehaven
Dennis Chambers		- Penrith
John Harris		- Cockermouth
Nick Mills		- Carlisle
Richard Backhouse		- Penrith
Rob McGarvie		- Keswick
Rebecca Ivinson		- Penrith

2) Apologies:- V. Sullivan, P Weatherill, S Beattie, S. Barnes, P Matthews, C Matthews, R Robinson

3) Minutes of previous meeting:-
Minutes accepted and signed.

4) Swarm Collector List

Following discussion it was agreed that Cumbria Swarm Collectors list should go on the BBKA List of Swarm Collectors. As a minimum it would include the Beekeepers Name; Post Code and Contact Telephone Number.

Local BKA Associations to provide listing and arrange for it to go on the BBKA List of Swarm Collectors **Action Local Secretaries**

5) Schools and Junior Membership (under 18 years old)

It was noted that Junior Members should to accompanied by a parent or guardian when attending Beekeeping events. E.g Apiary visits. An update to the constitution was considered but not sufficiently supported to go ahead.

6) IMBY Finances

Communication from BBKA noted.

7) BBKA method of Administrating Membership

The BBKA is trying to improve and simplify the membership system. S Beattie advised by e-mail that the new system will be administrated by the branch secretaries. If this is the case, Cumbria BKA needs to look at the implications regarding collect payments. Watch this space?

8) Collection and Managing Cumbria e-mail Membership Lists- proposed update to the Constitution.

Following the previous meeting J Harris presented a proposal to update the Cumbria BKA Constitution for submission to the next AGM. There was a discussion on this matter around a proposed update to the Cumbria BKA Constitution. A modified CBKA Executive Council Propositions for 2018 AGM was agreed by the

meeting. See Appendix A (Secretaries note:- should telephone nos be mentioned within rule 8 - less someone says we should not be collecting telephone nos?)
Note:- The Secretary had contacted the Chairs of each branch to get the feeling of interest in the branches with regard to the use of direct emailing as a process for information dissemination. **Action Complete** 1off reply received confirm acceptance of the principle.

9) Management of the Meeting Agenda - proposed update to the Constitution.

A proposition for the AGM was put forward to the meeting. It was discussed and agreed to present this addition to the Constitution to the AGM.
Refer Proposition 2, item 13 in Appendix A

10)Honey Show Saturday 4th November 2017 at Newbiggin

Food to be organised by Mike Fitzgerald, Melanie Vincent and Val Sullivan

Flyer to advertise Event by Ian Gregory

Show secretary – Lobby for Show Secretary by Ian Gregory

Speakers Booked

Show Judge. **Action** on W McPhee to ask Peter and Christine Matthews

Entrance fee - £10

Trophies – to be returned to Steve Barnes

The booking of Newbiggin Hall has been confirmed. **Action Complete**

The previous Meeting considered whether in 2018 we should combine the Cockermouth Convention and the Cumbria Honey Show into one venue. The Secretary has raised the matter with the organiser of the Cockermouth Show.

Further discussion will be required. **Action Complete**

11)Call for a New Editor of the Cumbria BeeKeepers Times

Val Sullivan has done this job for a number of years and wishes to give up the role.

Action on Exec Members to find a replacement.

12)Cumbria BKA Secretary Replacement

The current Secretary, Mike Fitzgerald advised the Chairman that he was unable to continue in the post from the end of this year due to other commitments. **Action on Exec Members** to find a replacement.

13)Consideration of number of Exec Meetings required in the Year.

A challenge was made that do we have too many Exec Meetings at the last meeting. The meeting considered this again at this meeting and updated our meeting information as follows:- In 2016 there were 6 off Exec Meetings, 1 off Honey Show and 1off AGM in 2016:-

1 off in March - Annual General Meeting

1 off in May - post the AGM to elect a Chairman and conduct any business.

1 off in July – for preparation work for the Honey Show and general business.

1 off in September – General business.

1 off in October - for final organisation of Honey Show and general business.

1 off in November – HONEY SHOW

1 off in December – to consider the ADM propositions and post Honey Show review

1 off in January - to gain feedback from the ADM from our delegate and prepare any propositions to our our AGM.

The Meeting considered that it may be possible to drop the September meeting, but left the discretion with the Chairman and Secretary based on the amount of

business for the agenda.

14) AOB/Previous Actions

Donation to the Young Beekeepers International Conference.

Donation of £250 sent to support this effort **Action Complete**

Course in a Case for Beekeepers

Steve Barnes advised that he held the Course in a case for beekeepers on a UBS stick. This was available to other Cumbria BKA members if they presented Steve with their own UBS stick to copy the information onto.

Beekeepers Auction at Carlisle

This took place this year in the absence of Peter Harris. John Harris advised the meeting that it was an excellent event and felt that we should encourage this year's organiser to continue in future years. This was supported by the meeting. John agreed to write to the organiser and give our support and encouragement for future yearly events. **Action Complete**

Status of Southey Street as Venue for the Exec Meeting.

The booking Secretary of Southey Street Methodist Church advised that she is able to take bookings till Sept 2017. The meeting agreed to continue to use the facility until that date. Action M Fitzgerald to book meetings. It was proposed and accepted that we would switch to use the Friends Meeting House in Keswick after that date. Action S. Barnes / M. Fitzgerald

15) Next Meeting – TBA

Meeting closed at 4.00pm

Appendix A

CBKA Executive Council Propositions for 2018 AGM

Proposition 1

The Executive Council proposes that the wording of Rule 8 of Cumbria Beekeepers Association Constitution and Rules be changed to read as follows:-

“8. Names and addresses, including e-mail addresses of Association Members but no other personal information may be held in a computer data retrieval system, for use only by the Association in connection with its beekeeping activities and for the provision of services to members by organisations to which it is affiliated. Membership details shall not be passed to any other third party without the express permission of the member concerned.

Proposition 2

The Exec Council further propose to add two new rules to the Cumbria BKA Association Constitution and Rules:-

'12. Communication between CBKA and individual members will normally be via the branch secretaries. Direct e-mail communication from CBKA to individual members may be permitted from time to time.

And

'13. At all formal meeting of CBKA, including the AGM, SGM, Executive Council meetings and conferences, no decisions will be taken on any item of 'Any Other Business' unless the items have been advised to the Secretary not less than 24hours before the scheduled start time of the meeting. Discussion of short notice items may be allowed at the Chairman's discretion and any required decision deferred to a later meeting.

Proposition 3

That proposition 1 and 2 be implemented from the end of this AGM.