

## **Cumbria Beekeepers Association Executive Meeting Southey Street Methodist Rooms 2.00pm 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

### **1) Attendance:-**

Walter Mcphee	Chair	- Carlisle
Ian Gregory	Vice Chair	- Cockermouth
Stephen Barnes	President	- Whitehaven
Mike Fitzgerald	Secretary	- Cockermouth
Melanie Vincent	Treasurer	- Cockermouth
Peter Matthews	Exam Secretary	- Carlisle
Christine Matthews,		- Carlisle
Dennis Chambers		- Penrith
John Harris		- Cockermouth
Nick Mills		- Carlisle
Richard Backhouse		- Penrith
R McGarvie		- Keswick
R Ivinson		- Penrith

**2) Apologies:-** V. Sullivan, G Pinches, R Robinson, P Weatherill, S Beattie

### **3) Election of Exec Committee Chair.**

President directed meeting and Walter McPhee was proposed and seconded as Chair and Ian Gregory for Vice Chair of the Exec Meetings

### **4) Minutes of previous meeting:-**

The President handed over to the elected Chairman.

Minutes accepted with minor mods and signed. Refer minute on e-mail addresses for later in these minutes.

### **5) Donation to the Young Beekeepers International Conference.**

A letter from Margaret Murdin had been received and distributed to the Exec Committee previously. The basis of the letter was a request to pay £1/member to support this conference even if at the time of writing the BBKA had not been able to receive the necessary sponsorship. (S Barnes advised the meeting that the necessary sponsorship had subsequently been received) For 168 members this would be a payment of £168. However, the meeting agreed to raise this to £250.

**Action M Vincent** to send cheque to this value. S Barnes on behalf of the BBKA thanked the Cumbria BKA for this donation.

Penrith BKA noted that they had donated £100 to this conference. S Barnes on behalf of the BBKA thanked the Penrith BKA for this donation.

### **6) Review of Assets Register.**

The Assets Register was reviewed and minor updated advised to the Secretary. Updated copy included with these minutes

### **7) 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 booking 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**

**8) Consideration of number of Exec Meetings required in the Year.**

There are 7 off Exec Meetings and 1 off AGM in 2016. A challenge was made that do we have too many Exec Meetings and should we reduce the number to say 4 off.

1 off post the AGM to elect a Chairman and conduct any business

1 off prior to the Honey Show to organise this Show.

1 off to consider the ADM propositions.

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

Meeting considered this but the Secretary felt that we should look at the last years history and see if issues could have been kept to these 4 meeting. **Action M.Fitzgerald** to review and report back via e-mails to the Exec Members.

**9) Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer advised that invoices had been sent to 3 off the Local Associations and payments had been returned. A further 2 off to be sent out once corrections had been made by the BBKA.

The meeting advised that the BBKA invoice may be paid ahead of full payment from Local Associations.

The Treasurer asked advise from the meeting on the keeping of accounts records:-

It was agreed that Bank account statements should be keep for 3years. The yearly Annual Account are held in a ledger and will have many years historical records.

Therefore, old cheque books, receipts ect. may be disposed off.

**10) Collection of Member E-mails by Cumbria BKA**

This was discussed at the AGM and again at this meeting. It was seen as a point of contention however, after some debate the following was agreed:-

That the Cumbria BKA Constitution allows for the collection of addresses but was deemed not to cover e-mail addresses. To allow this to happen the Constitution needs a minor update that can be presented at the next AGM **Action J Harris** to prepare an Amendment for the next AGM.

The Secretary would contact 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 M Fitzgerald**

**11)Honey Show Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Newbiggin**

Steve Barnes advised that 2 off speakers had been booked.

i.e. Margaret Murdin on Subject ??? and Dirk ? On subject of Bees in Africa Newbiggin Hall had been booked for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017. However, the secretary of Newbiggin Hall requires this to be Confirmed. **Action R McGarvie**

Meeting considered whether in 2018 we should combine the Cockermouth Convention and the Cumbria Honey Show into one venue. **Action M Fitzgerald** to write to Cockermouth BKA for them to consider this possibility.

**12)AOB**

**Northern Bee Group.**

Steve Barnes explained that the Northern Bee Group was set up to give a northern influence to the BBKA ADM by reviewing propositions and proposing propositions. It

would met 2times/year(likely at Hexham) and Steve asked for support for this effort and for a second representative in addition to himself. This was given by the meeting and Ian Gregory would be our second representative.

#### **BBKA Schools Project.**

Steve Barnes advised the meeting that BBKA were preparing a educational package to support Beekeepers giving talks to Primary Schools. This is due out soon.

Penrith BKA advised that they already give educational support to schools. Steve advised that he hoped that this would assist any delivery.

Whitehaven BKA also give talks to Schools. Refer Val Sullivan

Cockermouth BKA give occasional talks to Schools Refer M Fitzgerald.

#### **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 years organiser to continue in future years. This was support by the meeting. John agreed to write to the organiser and give our support and encouragement for future yearly events. **Action J Harris**

#### **BBKA Account Availability.**

Steve Barnes advised that the BBKA a Budget would be available for 2018 in August 2017 for Association to consider well before the ADM in January 2018.

### **13) Next Meeting – TBA**

**Future Meetings:- TBA**

**Meeting closed at 3.40pm**