

**Cumbria Beekeepers Association Executive Meeting
Southey Street Methodist Rooms 2.00pm 6th September 2014**

- 1) **Attendance:-** : Walter McPhee, Steve Barnes, Val Sullivan, Stewart Beattie, John Harris, Ian Gregory, Melanie Vincent, Nick Mills, , Richard Robinson, Bill Mackereth, Mike Fitzgerald, Martin Gerrish, Richard Backhouse, Joy Rich
- 2) **Apologies:-** C and P Mathews, M Ritchies,
- 3) **Minutes of previous meeting:-** Accepted with spelling correction
- 4) **Matters Arising:-**

Communications. Key discussion took place on this issue. It was agreed that we need to do better on this matter.
Steve Barnes advised meeting that due to pressure of work that he needed help in his secretarial duties. Mike Fitzgerald was asked to help. He agreed to support Steve in his role.
Mike will now prepare and distribute minutes of meeting. **Action M. Fitzgerald**
It was agreed that minutes should be posted on the Cumbrian website. **Action M Fitzgerald / R Robinson**
It was agreed that the content and accuracy of the Cumbria Beekeeper website should be reviewed annually in detail at an appropriate Exec Meeting **Action M Fitzgerald / R Robinson** to arrange.
- 5) **Correspondence:- None Recorded**
- 6) **Job Descriptions of Office Bearers:-** Were prepared and distributed to the meeting members. Discussion agreed that the existing officer holders should review document and feedback to the next meeting any proposed changes. Otherwise the job description would be deemed approved. **Action:- Offer Holders**
Note, Copy needs to be sent to the Treasurer in her absence **Action Steve Barnes**
- 7) **Matters for BBKA ADM.**

Agreed that Melanie Vincent would represent the CBKA at British BKA meeting.
Action M Vincent
Do any members have a **50 year service** as a beekeeper? If so, the BBKA will make an award to them. However, their names need to be forwarded to Steve Barnes in first instance along with a note of their beekeeping history. This will then be read out by Melanie at the BBKA meeting. **Action All** to forward nominees to Steve Barnes
- 8) **Autumn Conference and Honey show of 15th November at Newbiggin:**

Urgent action to prepare flyer for the Conference for issue at Cockermouth BKA Conference of 13th Sept 2014. **Action S Barnes / I Gregory / M Fitzgerald**
Distribute Flyers to Association Secretaries for onward distribution **Action M Fitzgerald.**
Distribute Flyers to Stewart Beattie Association Secretaries for onward distribution to Kendal / Lancaster and Sedgeburgh. **Action M Fitzgerald/ S Beattie.**
Management of the show on the day:-
Food to be organised by Val and Joy with additional help as required.

Honey Judge is Peter Mathews with assisting stewarts Bill Mackereth, Ian Gregory and Melanie Vincent.

Noted that the budget for the show was £650 with Steve Barnes in charge.

Ask the Experts remains part of the conference, with Steve Barnes as compare

9) **AOB**

Prepare information for the Honey Judge assessment that it may be placed on our Web-site. **Action W McPhee.**

Discussion raised by Martin Gerrish requesting that **Alternative Beekeeping** remain within the realm of Cumbria Beekeepers. This was accepted and supported by the Exec. To support this it was agreed that a link be included on the Cumbria Beekeepers Website. **Action M Gerrish / R Robinson.**

National Bee Unit:- Stewart Beattie advised that there were changes to the management structure of the NBU .i.e It was moving to become part of the Animal Health Agency. Further info to follow.

Bee Festival at Brougham Hall, Penrith:- Steve Barnes made the comment that this new event of 31st August was excellent and should be encouraged to be repeated. Penrith BKA took the lead with other representation from Cumbria BKA members.. This comment supported by all at the meeting.

Collecting Swams:- Walter McPhee advised that if a beekeepers charge the public for the removal of swams, they will not be covered by BBKA insurance. However, expenses incurred can be charged and BBKA insurance will still hold good. E.g Travel expenses.

Richard Backhouse proposed that we discuss **training for beekeepers** at the next meeting. This was accepted.

Cockermouth BKA Conference of 13th Sept 2014 at Embleton.

10) **Date of Next Meeting**

Saturday the 4th October at Southey Street Methodist Rooms 2.00pm

Future arranged meeting dates

15th November 2014 – Autumn Conference,

29th November 2014,

24th January 2014

Meeting closed at 16.30