

AGM Minutes
Cumbria Beekeepers Association
Southey Street Methodist Church Rooms Keswick
19th March 2016

1) Attendance:- 15off

Val Sullivan	- President/Chairman	-Whitehaven
Christine Matthews	- Treasurer	-Carlisle
Mike Fitzgerald	- Secretary	-Cockermouth
Walter McPhee	- Exec Chairman	-Carlisle
Peter Matthews	- Exec Member	-Carlisle
Stewart Beattie	- Exec Member	-Penrith
Richard Backhouse	- Branch Rep.	-Penrith
Dennis Chambers	- Exec Member	-Penrith
Clarence Thompson	-	-Whitehaven
Alan Robson	-	-Whitehaven
Richard Robinson	- Exec Member	-Whitehaven
Peter Harris	- Exec Member	-Carlisle
Peter Weatherill	-Branch Rep	-Cockermouth
Grahame Pinches	-	-Whitehaven
Paul Connor	-	-Whitehaven

2) Apologies:- Melanie Vincent, Ian Gregory, Nick Mills, John Harris

3) Minutes of the Previous AGM and SGM

Minutes were presented to the meeting and approved

4) Annual report From the Exec Committee)

The Exec Chairman, Walter McPhee read out his report to the meeting.

5) Accounts- The 2015 accounts have been independently audited .The Accounts were presented to the meeting by Christine Matthews. Question raised and answered. Accounts accepted by the meeting, as proposed by M Fitzgerald and seconded by V Sullivan

6) Election of Officers

The meeting noted that the Treasurer, Christine Matthews was standing down from her role as Treasurer after 10years in the role. The chair voted a note of thanks for her sterling efforts in the role.

Also, noted that Martin Gerrish had also resigned.

A list of the current members of the Exec. committee was presented to the meeting.

President- Val Sullivan- Proposed and seconded by M Fitzgerald and C Matthews

Vice President – Ian Gregory. Proposed and seconded by W McPhee and M Fitzgerald

Treasurer Melanie Vincent. Proposed and seconded by M Fitzgerald and V Sullivan

Secretary – Mike Fitzgerald – Proposed and seconded by W McPhee and P Weatherill Meeting noted that Stephen Barnes would continue with some of the secretary functions.

Other officers of the Exec committee agreed to carry on in their current roles. This was accepted by the meeting.

Exec Member for Whitehaven – Grahame Pinches. – Proposed and seconded by S Beattie and R Robinson

7) **Proposition**

Proposition 1

That Cumbria BKA Capitation fees remain the unchanged
Proposed and seconded by C Matthews and M Fitzgerald
Vote agreed unanimously

Proposition 2

That the £1 levy/member for the international youth beekeepers by the British Beekeepers Association(BBKA) in 2016 will be paid for from Cumbria BKA educational funds and not from members.

Proposed and seconded by P Matthews and W McPhee
Vote agreed unanimously

Proposition 3

That the refunding of exam fees for the basis and module 3 continues.

Proposed and seconded by C Matthews and S Beattie
Vote agreed unanimously

8) **Life Members of the Cumbria BKA Association**

The Membership Secretary, S Beattie is preparing a list of current life members of the Association. This including Chairmen and Secretaries of Local Associations. The Exec Committee to review.

Noted that Life Member limit for Cumbria BKA was 10off. No Life Members were proposed at the meeting

9) **Review of Equipment / Assets List**

A list of current equipment and assets were presented to the meeting. Minor amendments to the list were noted

It was noted that the equipment was available for loan to members of the Cumbria BKA. Contact details of the nominated holder were to be added to the list for easier access.

10) **AOB:-**

Seasonal Bee Inspector

The National Bee Unit has a vacancy for a Seasonal Bee Inspector (SBI) in Cumbria (Kendal/ Kirby Lonsdale area). Advert for post to come out shortly.

Good Husbandry Course

There was a lobby to have a Good Husbandry Course in Cumbria run by the National Bee Unit. **Action Secretary** to contact Ian Molyneux

Website of Cumbria BKA

Carlisle and Keswick need to provide information to update their Website to R Robinson

Swarm collectors

Need to update information on Swarm Collectors for the county. **Action Exec Committee**

Cumbria BKA Bank Accounts

The role of Treasurer will progressively be handed over from C Matthews to M

Vincent. It was agreed by the meeting that M Vincent will become a signatory on the following Cumbria BKA Accounts:-

- a) Barclays Account
- b) Cumberland Building Society Account
- c) NS&I Account

11) Date of next AGM -

Proposed that the next AGM is on 18th March 2017

Meeting closed at 3.40pm