

**Cumbria Beekeepers Association Executive Meeting
Southey Street Methodist Rooms 2.00pm 4th October 2014**

1) Attendance:-

Walter McPhee	- Chairman	-Carlisle
Ian Gregory	- Vice Chairman	-Cockermouth
Steve Barnes	- Secretary	-Keswick
Christian Mathews	- Treasurer	-Carlisle
Peter Mathews	- Exam Secretary	-Carlisle
Val Sullivan	- President	-Whitehaven
Richard Robinson	- Web page Co-ord.	-Whitehaven
John Harris	-	-Cockermouth
Bill Mackereth	-	-Cockermouth
Colin Hubbard	-	-Cockermouth
Mike Fitzgerald	- Minute taker	-Cockermouth
Martin Gerrish	-	-Cockermouth
Richard Backhouse	-	-Penrith
Nick Mills	-	-Carlisle
Margaret Ritchies	-	-Penrith
D Chambers	-	-Penrith

2) Apologies:- Joy Rich, Stewart Beattie, Melanie Vincent

3) Minutes of previous meeting:- Noted that Ian Gregory had been elected as Vice Chairman. Otherwise accepted.

4) Autumn Conference and Honey show of 15th November at Newbiggin:

We are all set to go for this event:-

Noted that a Flyer had been prepared. Thanks to Ian Gregory and Steve Barnes. This has subsequently been distributed to Cumbria Members and to Kendal / Lancaster and Sedgeburgh. **Actions Complete**

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 stewards Bill Mackereth, Ian Gregory and Melanie Vincent. Noted and agreed by meeting that these parties would gain free entry.

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

Noted that our Treasurer gained assurance from Steve Barnes that we were obtaining value for money from the speakers.

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

Peter Mathews had prepared information note for entrants to the Honey Show indicating the issues that the Honey Judge considers when assessing Honey.

This to be posted on the website **Action P Mathews / R Robinson**

5) Communications..

Mike will now prepare and distribute minutes of meeting. **Action M. Fitzgerald Complete**

It was agreed that minutes should be posted on the Cumbrian website. **Action M Fitzgerald / R Robinson Complete**

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** Agenda Item for the next meeting **Action Complete**
Penrith have an introductory package for potential new beekeepers. It was offered to other association for their considered use. **Action Joy Rich/ Mike Fitz**
Penrith Beekeepers working at sorting out their Web-page.
Cockermouth have a basis training document for new beekeeper which was felt may need some updating and issue to new potential members. **Action Val Sullivan**

6) **Constitution**

It was agreed that the minor typographical error should be corrected and presented to the next AGM **Action John Harris**

It was noted that the constitution is available on the Website for all members to view at their leisure.

7) **Job Description of Office Holders**

John Harris had prepared job descriptions for Office Holders to give guidance. These had been reviewed by the Office Holders in question and accepted as a good guide line for the role by the full meeting.

A minor issue was raised on the use of the term Auditor in the job description for the Treasurer and in the Constitution. The meeting noted that we do not employ a qualified Auditor to review the annual accounts and do not intent to do so on cost basis.

8) **Cockermouth Conference Feedback**

Colin Hubbard advised the meeting that 39 off Beekeepers attended the conference. He had hoped for more but the meeting felt that this was a reasonable turn out to an excellent event

9) **Training**

A discussion on training of beekeepers took place.

Noted by Exam Secretary, Peter Mathews that one person had complete the basic exam in the last year.

Prepare a summary of training requirements. **Action C Mathews**

Make an expression of interest in running a General Husbandry Course **Action C Mathews**

10) **Correspondence:-**

Steve Barnes noted that an article in the Keswick Reminder newspaper was well received and encourage Association to make use of the press as they appear very supportive of Beekeeping activities.

Noted that there was to be a talk given at Hexham on getting the best out of Heather. Refer Steve Barnes for details.

11) **Treasurers Report:-**

Noted that funds stand at £2100 in bank and £56 petty cash

12) **Matters for BBKA ADM.**

Agreed that Melanie Vincent would represent the CBKA at British BKA meeting.

Action M Vincent

Further discussion needed at next meeting

13) **AOB**

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. Ongoing**

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

14) **Date of Next Meeting**

Saturday the 29th November at Southey Street Methodist Rooms 2.00pm

Future arranged meeting dates
15th November 2014 – Autumn Conference,
24th January 2014

Meeting closed at 16.10