

Lancaster Beekeepers AGM

Minutes



Lancaster Beekeepers Club
Date: Saturday 11 March 2017

Apologies

David Elliott
Pennie Drinkall
Richard Moriarty
Mark Stott
Helen Englefield
Dawn Boswell-Challand

Appointment of Officers

- See AGM page: Nominations for Club Officers Roles, for full details
- Programme coordinator - unfilled - individual members to coordinate their own programmes
- Publicity coordinator - unfilled
- Membership coordinator - Sue Counsell proposed, seconded by Mark Cullen, Carried
- Apiary Management coordinator - Mark Stott proposed, seconded by Sue Counsell, Carried

Appointment of Directors

- See Nominations for Directors and Non-exec director for full details
- The Club requires 3 directors to function legally.
- Directors were officially voted on and accepted
- Jenny Gilpin - Chairman
- Richard Moriarty - previously Co-opted now seconded by Sue Counsell and carried by vote
- Richard Wilson - previously Co-opted now seconded by Edell Armes and carried by vote

Officers Reports

Chair - Annual Report

- See AGM page - Review of Activities - for full details

- 2016 a new committee was formed with all new officers and directors to ensure club continuance.
- Legal documents were revised to match requirements
- Membership questionnaire was carried out
- Club records were consolidated and moved to Google Apps 'cloud' management for improved access, communication and security
- A new website, it's content and focus have been launched plus Facebook page
- Health and Safety tests and PAL testing carried out at Apiary
- Audit of Club Assets carried out
- Apiary management and storage addressed
- Training carried out and to a revised programme and format
- Second Club EGM held
- Costs reduced by moving communications exclusively electronically
- Lancaster University support discussions held
- Programme of events held with external speakers
- Two social events held BBQ and Candle Making
- Community events U3A practical demonstration held
- There has been a reduction in members from 2015 to 2016 from 113 to 101
- Pollinator programme has moved away from the club and Erica Sarney appears to be providing community centered activity elsewhere
- Questionnaire on Club meeting locations
- Planned for 2017 are events such as, Speaker Events, Pub Quiz and Shows. These are publicised by email and on the website Events section calendar

Treasurer's Report

- See AGM page: Revenue Account Sheet, for full details
- Sue Counsell ran through the financial report and Revenue account.
- The finances are reasonably stable and suggestions for accounting for depreciation in a more realistic way were provided by a club member experienced in this field
- A slightly lower membership will reduce revenues, though training was increasing and costs were lower
- Gift Aid will be retained on the BBKA element of the subscriptions which amounts to around £200
- The vote to retain the accountants was seconded by Mark Cullen and carried

Education Coordinator's Report

- See AGM page: Training Report 2016 - 2017, for full details
- The new Beginners Training course £100 has been designed to be more manageable for trainers and to coincide more closely with the beekeeping year, with theory sessions held over autumn / winter months and practicals over spring / summer months.

- An Experience day £50 is available to provide an immersive practical and educational based introduction
- Ongoing training sessions are held as events and the club is keen to promote individual mentoring of novice beekeepers by experienced

Suggested Changes to LBK Rules

Jenny proposed small changes to LBK rules - as documented and these were carried unanimously

Proposed Sale of LBK Assets

- See AGM Sale of Assets sheet for full details
- Allen Scythe - This was donated to the club though now not used due to safety concerns and limited use requirement. The donator is happy for any proceeds to be retained by the club - vote to sell carried unanimously
- Small Honey Extractor - A duplication of requirements and the lower standard of equipment of the two and for sale as parts due to tarnishing/rust. Decision to sell carried unanimously

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