

VALE AND DOWNLANDS BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

REGISTERED CAHRITY No: 1015801

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Friday 18th October 2019 at East Challow Village Hall, Main Street, East Challow, Oxfordshire OX12 9SR

There were 39 members in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** Mary Charteris, Meridith Wilson, John Evans, Andrew Smith, Judy Rogers.

2. **Minutes of previous AGM.**

- The minutes of the last AGM were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters arising:**

The formal lease for Red Barn is now in place.

4. **Officers Reports:**

4.1 Chairman's Report: The Chairman talked about the changes that have taken place over the last year, the move to Red Barn and the great progress that has been made there. It now has a kitchen and recreation area, teaching area, workshop and storage area, and there are plans to include a honey kitchen for demonstration and extraction of the associations honey. He thanked everyone who had helped with the move to and development of Red Barn.

4.2 Secretaries Report: The secretary recapped on all the meetings and members apiary visits that had taken place over the last year. As a charity the association is required to provide education to its members and the public and has run evening sessions for interested people and groups. They have also attended country shows to raise awareness and knowledge of bee keeping. The secretary thanked everyone who had planned, delivered, or supported these events.

4.3 Treasurers Report: The Treasures report was not ready this year due to personal issues. It was proposed that the treasurer complete the report and that Maurice Bichard receives them and signs them off on behalf of the members of the Association. **Proposed by Caroline Simmonds, seconded by Malcolm Hutt: Unanimously Agreed.**

The Association will only have a small surplice this year due to the spending on Red Barn.

It was proposed that the fees for 2020 remain at the same level. **Proposed by John Broadbent, seconded Samantha Chapman: Unanimously Agreed.**

5. **Election of officers:**

Executive committee Trustees	Name	Proposer	Second
President	John Valentine	Andrew Burford	Lilian Valentine
Vice President	Peter Barker	M. Havard-Bilton	John Broadbent
Chairperson	M. Havard-Bilton	John Broadbent	Lyn Barker
Vice Chairperson	John Broadbent	M. Havard-Bilton	Moraig Lowman
Honorary Secretary	Moraig Lowman	John Broadbent	M. Havard-Bilton
Honorary Treasurer	Linda Barker	M. Havard-Bilton	John Broadbent
Membership Secretary	Lilian Valentine	Andrew Burford	Heather Burford
Programme Secretary	Samantha Chapman	Judy Rogers	John Broadbent
Communication Officer	Andrew (Sam) Burford	J Valentine	Lilian Valentine
Education Co-ordinator	Lilian Valentine	Andrew Smith	John Valentine
Association Apiary Manager (1)	Lilian Valentine	John Valentine	Andrew Burford
Association Apiary Manager (2)	John Valentine	Lilian Valentine	Andrew Burford
Executive committee	Heather Burford Helen Davidson David Mead Simon Rogers	Lilian Valentine C. Simmonds Lyn Barker Stuart Loukes	John Valentine M. Havard-Bilton John Broadbent Judy Rogers
Officers Non-committee			
Librarian	Patricia Tynan	C Simmonds	H.Havard-Bilton
Ass. Association Apiary Manager	Andrew (Sam) Burford	Lilian Valentine	John Valentine
BBKA Delegate	Judy Rogers	Stuart Loukes	Paul Jarvis
BBKA Delegate's assistant	John Broadbent	John Evans	Samantha Chapman

ALL approved by majority.

John Valentine thanked all the officers and members for all the work they had done to make the association what it is.

6. **Presentations:** Rick Blighton had already been presented with his Beginners Certificate at the Honey Show.

Meridith Wilson won the Beginners and Novice cup at the Honey Show but was not present to receive the cups.

7. **AOB:** The Chairman said that the committee wanted to hear from the membership about what they should look at or consider for the future of the Association.

- 7.1 That the Association should encourage a younger membership through the Brownie, Scout and Guide movements. Mary Thompson, who is a guider, said that there is no Beekeepers Badge currently. She will look into it and feed back to the committee. The committee were going to discuss schools at the next meeting and this will be added to that discussion.
- 7.2 Moraig Lowman Proposed that there be DIY classes for members who do not have those skills. Michael H-B said that there is a session for beginners but there will be the capacity to do sessions at Red Barn.
- 7.3 Matthew Napper Asked if the Association should have an Asian Hornet Action Team. Michael H-B explained that the committee had looked into appointing an Asian Hornet Co-ordinator but finding someone who has the time wasn't proving easy. Further guidance had also been requested from the BBKA about what was expected. The Committee will continue to investigate.
8. John Broadbent offered a vote of thanks to Caroline Simmonds for the work she had done as secretary.
9. The meeting closed at 20.05