

LINCOLNSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION MARKET RASEN DISTRICT

AGM

7.30 pm Thursday 13th January 2022

Virtual meeting via 'Zoom'

Minutes

Present: Richard Harrison (Chair), Celia Smith (Vice Chair), Keith Marshall (Treasurer), Mike Seal (Membership Secretary), Mike Jeffreson (Secretary), Ashley Smith (Council Representative), Diane Harrison, Catherine Lake, Stephen McCarthy, Jessa McDell, Neil Duff, Chris Atkin.

Apologies: John Stewart, Sue Heron, Judy Codrington

1) Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved as a true record of the 2021 AGM.

Proposed: Celia Smith

Seconded: Neil Duff

Vote: Unanimous

2) Matters Arising: None

3) Chair's Review of 2020

Well in the past twelve months the world has changed little from 2020, we still live in a world of ever-changing restrictions, the bees however seem to have just carried on as they do. In my case 2021 was I think the most unusual year in bee keeping I have witnessed. Still feeding into May, then unprecedented amounts of swarming and attempts to swarm, queen less stocks very little spring and summer honey in fact in the 5 week heather season I collected almost as much honey as I did in the preceding 4 months. Still all's well in the end, all tucked up, fed and ready for 2022 now.

On the social side as restrictions relaxed, in August we were invited to have a stand at the Lincolnshire show ground for Lincs Fest, which was well attended. Followed a week later with an open day here at Brook Farm for tea, coffee, cakes and a natter. September saw the Association Honey Show held at Thornes at Rand, well done to all you members who entered and generated enough points for Market Rasen to have their name on the Chairman's cup for the district winning most points again. In October, November

and December we saw a return to formal meetings and the club honey show at the Church Hall, nice to see so many members turn out.

Finally I would like to thank Brian Purchon for his services as Membership Secretary, as he moved on to pastures new and handed over to Mike Seal. Of course I owe a great deal of gratitude to Mike Jeffreson, Celia, Keith and Lesley for their support though the year.

Richard

4). Apiary Manager /Education Officer's report

Unfortunately 2021 has been a second year when the pandemic has made it impossible to run a Beginners' course. Anyone who had paid a fee has fully refunded. There has not been any advertising of a 2022 course as the future is so uncertain it seems more sensible to await developments.

One current Market Rasen District member showed interest in a Basic Assessment and we had a few Zoom meetings and an apiary session. Hopefully that at least can continue during 2022.

The apiary has been busy throughout the year with particular help from Jamie Jackson who has regularly cut the grass and carried out a few other maintenance activities. Claire Jones has also regularly helped with caring for the colonies of bees and the associated equipment. The help from Jamie and Claire has been much appreciated as it would from any other member wishing to be more involved.

There was sufficient honey produced from 2020 to sell to members and provide for good sales at the Countryside Centre and at the Showground. Honey production has been rather low during 2021 but the bees have made a good job of drawing out new comb. The season started with 3 colonies. Swarming has all been managed without any problems and there are now 5 colonies which include 2 old queens, 2 home produced 2021 queens and 1 bought in from BS Honey. All colonies have been treated for varroa using Apiguard and Apivar. Mite drops in the late summer and Autumn were quite high but did eventually fall to minimal levels and the colonies will also have a trickled oxalic acid treatment early in 2022. They were all well fed on syrup and are being over wintered with a super underneath the brood boxes for added space and ventilation. Some of the spare equipment has been cleaned in readiness for use in the 2022 season but there is more still to be done.

Unfortunately there has again been an incident with the horses getting into the apiary area. The ground has been quite badly churned up in places and one hive was knocked over. The hive was righted as soon as possible but as this happened in winter it has not been practical to assess the condition of the colony. Although it is not really our responsibility to keep the horses out we are considering if it would be in our interests to do something ourselves to improve the fencing as the horse owners do not seem able to do so.

Celia Smith
December 2021

5) Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditure

Opening Bank Balance	£5,158.89
Income	£6,339.28
Expenditure	£6,212.31
Closing Bank Balance	£5,285.86
Surplus added in year	£126.97

The District continues to be in a healthy financial position.

The Capitation fees due to LBKA for 2021 will be paid from 1st April 2022, this will amount to approximately £1,700.

Many of the District's activities were again curtailed in the year due to COVID-19 restrictions, and beekeeping courses were not held, and the only fair attended by the District was the West, which raised a net of £405 to District funds (less expenses).

Deposits of £366 in beekeeping courses were returned.

Sales of honey generated by the District Apiary was £282 (2020 :£519. Costs of running and maintaining the District Apiary were £335 (2020: £300).

The District has paid its third instalment of £300 to assist a four year programme to the Eastern Association Research Studentship (EARS) which has helped to fund the EARS 3 Project, entitled 'Assessing the interaction of diet and forage availability with an emerging bee disease '.

Keith Swindell

LBKA Market Rasen District – Treasurer

06 January 2022

Lincolnshire Beekeepers' Association

District

<u>1 January to 31 December 2021</u>			<u>Accounts</u>		
<u>Receipts</u>			Market Rasen		
Donations & Grants			150.80		
Fundraising receipts			405.00		
Members' subscriptions			2,598.90		
Training income					
Meeting income					
Annual Dinners & Social Events					
Sales	Advertising				
	Bulk purchases		2,714.08		
	other		282.00		
Bank interest					
Sundry income			188.50		
Total receipts			6,339.28		
<u>Payments</u>					
Fundraising	general costs				
	paid to auction sellers				
Subscriptions to LBKA/BBKA			1,906.45		
Training	room hire				
	Deposit refunds		366.00		
	other expenses				
Examination fees					
Meetings	room hire		115.50		
	speaker expenses		150.80		

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Lincoln District auction

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Annual Dinners & Social Events				
Shows	trophies			
	other expenses		74.00	
Apiary running costs			335.30	
Equipment & books				
Bulk purchases for resale	from external supplier		2,948.42	
	via LBKA Central			
Post, stationery, adverts			15.84	
Quarterly Review & Directory				
Donation/Grants paid			300.00	
Sundry expenses				
Total payments			6,212.31	
Surplus or (deficit)			126.97	
Reconciliation:				
Balances at start of year:				
Bank	current accounts		5,158.89	
Bank	deposit accounts		0.00	
Cash			0.00	
plus Receipts as above			6,339.28	
less Payments as above			-6,212.31	
Expected balance:			5,285.86	

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Balances at year end:					
Bank	current accounts		5,285.86		
Bank	deposit accounts				
Cash					
			5,285.86		
Variance to correct until '0 and green'			0.00		
District Treasurer's name					
Independent Examiner's name:					

6. Membership Secretary's Report

For 2022, we saw a different price structure with BBKA increasing their subscription by £2 for Full members (£1 for Partners) but this was offset by a £2 reduction in the County subscription (£1 for Partners). The District Committee agreed to waive the district fees of £3.50 for a second year. The net result left all members paying the same in 2022 as for the previous year. BDI costs had not increased.

The BBKA now use the word LOCAL to refer to a District's Associate members.

Table shows how your subscription is divided between various bodies. No *extra* BDI costs are shown.

Membership Class	BBKA (National)		LBKA (County)		Basic BDI Bee Disease Ins.		District Fee	Total
Full	£21	£19	£4.50	£6.50	£2	£2	-	£27.50
Partner	£13.50	£12.50	£2.25	£3.25	-	-	-	£15.75

Associate	-	-	-	-	£0
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Last year's figures (2021) in red.

Membership renewals have taken place since 1st October 2021 and by year's end had exceeded 89%. If the remaining members renew (figures in Red below), the final total of members will equal 2021 membership numbers.

Membership numbers for 2021 are shown in the table below with some figures for previous 3 years.

Membership Class	Renewals for 2022 by 31-12-21	2021	2020	2019	2018
Full Member	54 5	57	63	65	65
Partner	7 2	11	12	14	11
Junior	0	0	0	1	2
Country	1	0	0	0	0
Associate (Local)	13 3	15	16	23	15
Total	89%	84	91	103	93

Figures in red indicate numbers of outstanding renewals at the time of this report,

A renewal reminder was sent on 1st Dec. 2022.

Finally, I should like to thank our previous Membership Sec., Brian for his patience in showing me the details of the BBKA renewal system

Michael Seal Membership Secretary for Market Rasen District 01.01.2022

7. Election of Officers:

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded	Vote
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Chair	Richard Harrison	Celia Smith	Neil Duff	Unanimous
Vice-chair	Celia Smith	Mike Jeffreson	Lesley Burns	Unanimous
Treasurer	Keith Swindell	Lesley Burns	Steve McCarthy	Unanimous
Secretary	Mike Jeffreson	Richard Harrison	Keith Swindell	Unanimous
Membership Secretary	Mike Seal	Keith Swindell	Celia Smith	Unanimous
Education Officer	Celia Smith	Mike Jeffreson	Keith Swindell	Unanimous
Apiary manager	Celia Smith	Keith Swindell	Jessica Swindell	Unanimous
C Council Rep				
Equipment Loans Manager	Sue Heron	Keith Swindell	Jessica Swindell	Unanimous
Swarm Co-ordinator	Sue Heron	Keith Swindell	Jessica Swindell	Unanimous
Committee member without portfolio	Steve McCarthy	Mike Jeffreson	Celia Smith	

The post of Central Council Representative remains unfilled. Members will be invited to put themselves forward for the post on a future date.

Keith Swindell let it be known that he would be standing down at the end of the forthcoming year as he will then have been Treasurer for 5 years, and it was fitting that someone else should fill this role. He advised that a successor be found in good time for the handover, preferably before the final quarter.

8. Any Other Business.

1.

Richard congratulated Maryanne Dickinson, Brenda Raven and Mike Jeffreson for passing module exams in 2021. He also congratulated Mike Jeffreson for receiving the Robert Hammond Prize for the best Intermediate candidate of 2021.

2.

Richard described the damage done in the apiary by horses breaking through the fence and knocking over one of the hives. The floor was damaged and it was not yet known if the colony had survived. He deplored the lackadaisical attitude of the horse owners in maintaining the electric fence and said that we could not rely on them for keeping the

horses out of the apiary. He, Celia, Claire Baines and Jamie Jackson had met at the apiary to review the situation. Together they recommended the district install its own electric fence and that this should be solar powered in order to reduce the need for monitoring. The cost would be in the region of £450, the committee had agreed with this expenditure. Jamie Jackson had agreed to add maintenance of the fence to his other apiary tasks.

Celia said the colony was now ill-tempered and may be queenless. Keith made the point that the hives were valuable and keeping them safe was a priority.

It was determined that the damage was not covered by insurance and that although compensation should not be sought from the horse owners, they should inform them of the potential losses. She says relations were otherwise cordial and should be maintained but that they should be reminded of their responsibility for the well-being of both horses and bees.

3.

Mike said the District had been invited to have a stand at the forthcoming Countryside Lincs Event on Sunday 10th April and it was agreed that all those who should do so.

It was to be hoped the Covid pandemic situation will be abated sufficiently to allow this to go ahead, also the next meeting of the District on February 3rd, when Neil Pont is due to speak.

No other matters were raised and Richard closed the meeting at 20.45.