

Minutes of Swansea and District Beekeepers Society AGM

Tuesday 11th February 2014, 7pm at Gowerton Con Club

The change of date and time of AGM is in contravene to the society's constitution – no objections

Present: David Salkilld, Jean Salkilld, Paul Lyons, Gill Lyons, Nicola Oulton, Stephen Davies, Claire Miller, Adrian Bowen, Miriam Bowen, Dexter Ford, Jackie Ford, Sue Closs, Julia Jay, Chris Bown, Karen Squires, Martin Davies, Marilyn Caruana, Eric Thomas, Andrew Meek, Ian Algie, John Gale, Alison Burns, Sue Black, Peter Volbrecht, Gerti Axtmann.

1. Apologies – Hilary Rose, Maggie, Georgina, Elaine Gale, Julian Caruana
2. Approve minutes of 2013 AGM – proposed Dexter Ford, seconded Paul Lyons, carried
3. Matters arising – no matters arising
4. Chairman's report:

Apiary the apiary continues its good work as a teaching/training tool under the guidance of Stephen Davies, Ian Algie and Claire Miller, and went into the winter with 5 colonies in good condition. During the year a storage shed was installed.

Bee Tent Last year there were 5 outings for the bee tent; Bridgend Show, The Game Fair at Carmarthen, Gower Show, The Smallholders Show and the Vale of Glamorgan Show. As I said last year, the bee tent is a smooth running operation and it is a wonderful ambassador for beekeeping. _

Education Beginners' classes again went well with enthusiastic learners coming along to learn the craft. The classes included practical sessions at the apiary and I would like to thank Nicola Oulton and her team for putting in the effort to teach our beginners. Education continued with 'Improvers Classes'. Our congratulations go to Stephen Davies on completing three more of the advanced module exams. Well done Stephen.

Events The years' events started with oxalic acid demonstrations. During the year, as well as our bee tent outings, we had a series of talks on Tuesday evenings, including 'Winter into Spring', 'Getting ready for the honey season', a talk on 'Producing Creamed Honey', a demonstration on 'How to make wax flowers' and a talk on 'Preparing exhibits for the Gower Show'. Later in the year there was a wax rendering day hosted by Mike and Hilary Rose and we finished the year with a well-attended Christmas Dinner at the Greyhound in LLanrhidian.

5. Secretary's report:

I didn't make the WBKA Convention at the beginning of the year, as I got stuck in snow trying to get there. Then April was a colder month than January, putting the bees back. Messages went round that we needed to check the hive stores and feed if necessary. A family bereavement left me out of sorts and I was convinced at this stage that this was going to be another bad year for honey. How wrong I was. I managed to get through the swarming period and by the beginnings of July I had a sizeable number of bees. Three weeks of good weather saw my bees bring in a super a week – the first time I had experienced it. It just shows how nature can adapted to the conditions and recover. Not everyone faired that well, although the weather wasn't that bad after that, it was back to normal with not much honey coming in after July. The Gower Show had a very wet day with the society having a tent of our own, for the first time. It was an excellent show for us, organised by our show secretary

and her committee. Central was the David Salkilld display, surrounded by record entries for the honey show, the bee tent, displays and the retail counter.

I went to the WBKA Council Meeting at the end of June where there was a discussion about MAQs, as there was some uncertainty about it. This was reinforced by a lecture at the MSWCC Convention in September where a beekeeper from Switzerland had used it, and half his colonies went queen less. I'm glad to report my bees were not affected. The MSWCC AGM brought to light that some of the groups were going to be unable to put on a conference and the running order would therefore come round quicker. Hereford ran the convention in September, which was an excellent event, and at the AGM it was jaw dropping the amount of sponsorship they got to run it.

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped in the running of the society; the Apiary, Education, Bee Tent, Gower Show and newsletter – it doesn't take 5 minutes, it take a lot longer; and of the year ahead? We have got Robert Jones leading on the Native Bee in Gower and I just hope it takes off. It is all about bees and having the right bees could make everything to do with beekeeping a lot easier. As someone said after my 3 good weeks in July, if I had native bees I would have a lot more honey.

6. Treasure's Report: Please see appendix at end.

7. Election of Officers of 2014

- David Salkilld will be standing down as chairman at the end of this year
- Paul Lyons and John Gale are happy to continue as secretary and treasurer – Proposed Jackie Ford, Seconded Gill Lyons Carried
- One person elected to lead each sub committee
- Bee tent committee – Julian Caruana offered, carried
- Membership secretary – Paul & John - Proposed Eric Thomas, seconded Dexter Ford, Carried
- Education Secretary – Nicola Oulton-Proposed Sue Black, Seconded Chris Bown, Carried
- Apiary manager – Stephen Davies- Proposed Nicola Oulton, Seconded Ade Bowen, carried
- Newsletter – David Salkilld – Proposed Stephen Davies, seconded Nicola Oulton, Carried
- Website – Selina Taylor- Proposed Paul, Seconded Gill, carried
- Gower Show Committee – Gill Lyons-Proposed Sue Black, Seconded Jean Salkilld, carried
- Chris Bown, Gerti Axtmann are standing for committee
- Adrian Bowen, Miriam Bowen and Claire Miller are stepping down from committee, David Salkilld thanked these members for all their fantastic work over the years

8. Honorary members – no objections to them continuing

9. Membership Fee- Membership was supposed to go up by £5 this year but this did not happen, it will instead happen next year. Membership needs to be paid by 1st January, 'Beecraft Magazine' needs to be paid by 2nd February. The £5 discount for early payment of membership will be moved from the end of January to the second week of January. Bee tent, Honey sales and education is supporting the society membership.

£25 – single membership

£30 – family membership

£5 – discount if paid by 2nd week in January

Proposed – Ade Bowen, Seconded – Sue Black, Carried

10. Expenses are claimed by members Proposed – Jean Salkilld, Seconded – Sue Black, Carried

11. Calendar of Events 2014

February

3rd Beekeeping Classes begin

11th AGM Gowerton Con Club 6.45pm

15th WBKA Apiary Training Day

March

1st BBKA Exhibition Stoneleigh

22nd WBKA Spring Convention/Modular exams RWAS Showground

29th Hive Assembly Day (Class)

April

12th Familiarisation with bees (class) – Apiary

28th Swarm Class – Pontarddulais Comprehensive School

May

5th Spring Inspection (class) – Apiary

12th Swarm Class – Pontarddulais Comprehensive School

16, 17, 18th RWAS Spring Show – Bee Tent – RWAS Showground

31st Basic Assessment training day

June

14, 15th Wales Game Fair – Bee Tent – Pembrey

July

12th Disease Recognition Workshop – Pontarddulais Comprehensive School

13th Bridgend Show – Bee Tent

August

3rd Gower Show – Pencrice Park

13th The Vale Show – Bee Tent – Fonmon Castle

September

TBC Wax Day – Hilary and Mike Rose

December

TBC Christmas Dinner

Apiary contact through the year – Stephen Davies

Some venues to be confirmed

Events according to information received to date 11.02.12 JS

11. Any other business:

Events secretary – Jean Salkild, proposed Paul Lyons, seconded Andrew Meek, carried

Swarm Class – this is for all members

£150 for society apiary, can we renegotiate this as lease is up for renewal December 2014

Society apiary will be open on a Saturday afternoon at 1pm this year. Paul will e-mail out information.

Sue asked if text alert would be possible

Chris – if we have a disease related problem do we have a direct line to Ade Bowen? Ades number will be circulated, it is available on the FERA website, contact details will be put into newsletter.

The constitution is some years out of date and committee members will look at updating this and present it to members at next years AGM.

Website – Selina needs someone to support her with the website, so that we are able to update it ourselves on a more regular basis. Julia Jay has volunteered to do this.

12. Date of next AGM February 2015.

Swansea & District Beekeepers Society
Annual Accounts – year ended 31 December 2013

Income:	£												
1. Subscriptions (including basic BDI premium)	982.30												
2. Bee Craft subscription	404.20												
3. Bee Diseases Additional Premiums	75.25												
4. General Donations	163.95												
5. Bee Tent Donations	1100.03												
Made up by:-													
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6. Class Fees	500.00												
Made up by:													
2013 Year	480.00												
2014 Deposit	20.00												
7. Extractor Hire	42.02												
8. Honey Jars, Lids, Apiguard, etc	1,809.30												
9. Honey Sales at Shows	1,306.10												
Made up by:													
Gower Show	816.30												
Vale Show	489.80												
10. Christmas Dinner	525.00												
11. Apiary Income - "Tester Days"	225.00												
12. Returned Sales Cash Floats	335.00												
13. Returned Gower Show "Prize Money"	4.00												
14. Lloyds TSB Deposit Account Interest	0.39												
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>£7,472.54</u>												

Expenditure	£
15. Hire of Halls for Classes and Meetings	30.00
16. Welsh Bee Keepers Association/ Royal Welsh Agricultural Society	950.00
Made up by:	
Capitation Fee	810.00
Training	120.00
RWAS Honey Show	20.00
17. Bee Craft Subscriptions	752.10
18. Bee Diseases Insurance Premiums	321.95
19. Honey Jars, Apiguard, etc	1,692.49
20. Bee Tent Costs	306.48
Made up by:	
Towing	109.60
Laundry	63.38
Various Equipment	133.50
21. Apiary Costs	543.74
Made up by:	
Equipment	37.54
Construction	50.40
Site Rent (Llys Nini)	150.00
Back Rent (Pontlliw)	150.00
Ambrosia	110.80
Commemorative Plaque	45.00
22. Show Sales - Payment to Sellers	1,161.00
23. Officers Expenses	498.68
Made up by:	
Chairman	75.80
Secretary	309.42
Treasurer	113.46
24. Christmas Dinner (See Note 3)	510.70
25. Sundry Expenses	704.86
Made up by:	
Small Holder Show Costs	5.20
Gower Show Costs	364.66
Sales Cash Float	335.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£7,472.00

Bank Accounts: Held at Lloyds Bank, Oxford Street, Swansea

Opening balances 01 January 2013

Current Account		£4,673.09
Savings Account		<u>£ 805.68</u>
	Total	£5,478.77

Closing Balances 31 December 2013

Current Account Bank Statement No: 41	£4,673.24	
Savings Account Bank Statement No: 97	<u>£ 806.07</u>	
	Total	£5,479.31

Cash Book Balances 01 January 2014

Current Account	£4,673.24	
Savings Account	<u>£ 806.07</u>	
	Total Assets	£5,479.31

Total increase in Bank Balance £ 0.54