



Committee Meeting Tuesday 13th August 2024 @ 7.30pm On Zoom			
Minutes			
1.	<p>Welcomes/Apologies and Agreement of previous minutes (27th March 2024 Zoom).</p> <p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Angie Dunn (Chair) ▪ Roger Piercy ▪ Dave Thomson ▪ Barbara Gray ▪ Elsbeth Neil ▪ Stuart Young ▪ Don Fraser ▪ Julia Garrison ▪ Bill Cormack ▪ Pravin Whiles 	A Dunn	<p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jane Thomson ▪ Sam Smith <p>Minute :3/6/24 Adopted by RP Seconded: DT</p>
2.	<p>Outstanding actions from previous meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Copely's equipment has now gone for donations to the Association. • Swarm WhatsApp – rules have been given • Banners have arrived and have been used. RP requested .pdf's from AD 	A. Dunn	
3.	<p>Membership/Treasurer's Update</p> <p>SS not present.</p>	SS/AD	
5.	<p>Indoor Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthur Hill has offered a meeting on 4th September in his shed but RP suggested a different venue to allow sitting down. BG suggested combining talk with Clifford Smith, the Environmental Health Officer. AD to discuss with Arthur in the first instance and BG to check on Clifford's availability. • Honey Show 5th October Munro's Garden Centre. Resolved that honey won't be sold at the show so Rule 9 to be removed from the format. A discussion on heather blend/ heather honey to be resolved by asking Alan Riach his opinion. Update Alan suggests leaving Class 6 as Heather and changing Class 8 to Heather Blend. 	AD/BG	AD/BG/EN

	<p>Caroline MacKenzie has volunteered to steward. EN has ordered new honey glasses as Enid Brown had said ours were out of date. RP and Pam will provide the white tablecloths. EN, AD, BG meeting on 20th to discuss details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline MacKenzie will do a talk entitled 'Honey Delights' at the Black Isle Food Festival on 24th. BG to ask her to do this as a winter talk for members. • Several SBA speaker talks were discussed. BG to ask the speakers for dates. 		
6.	<p>Apiary Visits Review Several summer visits were cancelled or switched to indoor chats due to weather. These were still thought to be productive. The beginner sessions had been successful outside.</p>		
7.	<p>Education a) BBC Several novices are sat their Basic Beekeeper Certificate this summer. b) Bee Buddies Update All going well but we will try to recruit more experienced beekeepers although several are doing this informally too. EN suggested we ask members how long they had been beekeeping and suggested a library of seasonal advice sheets. c) Public Information Days. (1) Black Isle Show was well supported and attended but it was thought that a better location would be the Food and Craft area rather than the children's area. AD to ask Jim Mair. Update – only Bertie's Barn space possible. (2) Black Isle Food and Drink Festival – Caroline MacKenzie and BG attending (3) Fortrose Guides – AD attending (4) Feil Maree Dingwall 7th September – AD has volunteers but worried that she may not be there. RP concerned about public safety on the High Street. AD to check with organisers.</p>	<p>All Members</p>	<p>EN/BG</p> <p>AD</p>
8.	<p>a) Books It was decided that PW would catalogue the books and that he and RP would prepare a list to be archived/given away with further promotion of the list to members through the website. Caroline MacKenzie had enquired about Books for Barlinnie Prison so we will ask members for donations and maybe donate from the library. Investigate whether internal mail would deliver them. b) AD described the various options she had pursued regarding an Association Apiary but the Committee voted against having this.</p>		<p>PW/RP</p>

	c) Amplifier/Bluetooth Microphone. DF suggested the purchase of a device to amplify voices both over a hive and at meetings. DF to investigate and arrange purchase of a device. d) BG suggested the purchase of an Association oxalic vaporiser. Committee to investigate whether members would like this.		DF BG
9.	A.O.C.B.	All members	
10.	Date of Next Committee Meeting	7.30pm	TBA