



A.G.M. Minute (DRAFT)

Wednesday 17th April 2024 @ 7.30pm

St Clement's Church Hall, Dingwall

Special Note:	<p>All detailed reports were sent around the full Association Membership beforehand. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President's Report • The AGM minute of 2023 • The Secretary's Report • The Treasurer's Report 	
1.	Welcomes and Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committee Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Angie Dunn (Chair) ➤ Barbara Gray (Secretary) ➤ Roger Piercy ➤ Sam Smith ➤ Dave Thomson ➤ Don Fraser ➤ Stuart Young ▪ Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Elsbeth Neil <p>There were an additional 14 participants with further apologies from Noelle McFadyen, Jim and Lorna Mallows, and Emma Hickey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AD welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2.	Approval of AGM Report for 2023	<p>AD asked for approval for, or issues to be raised from the 2023 AGM minute. Nothing was raised.</p> <p>Report Approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposer: Dave Thomson ▪ Seconder: Jo Young
3.	President's Report	<p>AD read out her report, thanking the committee and highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Honey Show which had more entries than the previous year. ▪ The stability of the membership. ▪ The prize won by the Association at The Black Isle Show for Best Non-Agricultural Stand and the stand at the Black Isle Food Fair. ▪ The new Bee Buddies system to support new beekeepers along with the tutorial sessions for those sitting the Basic Beekeeper Certificate. ▪ The hosting of the SBA AGM in Inverness later in the month. ▪ The coming educational sessions for school pupils. ▪ The investigation of options for an Association apiary. ▪ The Association would like to thank Stuart and Trisha Tickner for their efforts in support of the Association on the committee and as librarians as they retire from beekeeping. <p>Report Approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposer: Pravin Whiles ▪ Seconder: David Thomson

4.	Secretary's Report	<p>BG highlighted the following main points from her report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We organised an increased number of outdoor events last year (10) to give more flexibility to hosts and members. Only 2 were cancelled due to poor weather. Enormous thanks went to all those who invited us into their apiaries. ▪ There were 5 indoor winter meetings with a variety of speakers all held at St Clement's Church Hall in Dingwall plus one Zoom meeting following a new licence being purchased. ▪ The swamy June weather created challenges but we did attend all swarms we were informed of. ▪ Our Honey Show was a victim of its own success going on late into the evening so we will try an all-day event this year at Munro's Nurseries. ▪ We hope to build on our Bee Buddies mentoring scheme this year and to encourage more beekeepers to sit the Basic Beekeeper Certificate. <p>Report Approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposer: Roger Piercy ▪ Seconder: Pravin Whiles
5.	Treasurer's Report:	<p>SS gave the Financial Report for Year - 1 April 2023- 31 March 2024: The decision was made to keep the membership fees at £15 for individual members and £20 for family membership, reflecting the stable account balances. The income and expenditure reports are attached but the Bank of Scotland balance is £1940.41 and the PayPal balance is £237.61 making a total of £2178.02</p> <p>Report Approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposer: Angie Dunn ▪ Seconder: Barbara Gray
6.	Election of Vice President and confirmation of Librarian (Roger Piercy to Administer)	<p>Roger Piercy informed those present that most of the committee and office-bearers are mid-term and so the only post for election was that of Vice President. Stuart Young was nominated. There were no other nominations and no dissents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposer: Roger Piercy ▪ Seconder: Dave Thomson <p>Pravin Whiles had been co-opted onto the Committee as the librarian following the retirement of the Tickners and there were no dissents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposer: Dave Thomson ▪ Seconder: Roger Piercy
7.	Nominations of apiaries for summer visits	<p>BG invited members to host summer meetings, reminding them that meetings could be small or large, on an evening or a weekend and could be specifically for beginners or open to the whole Association. It may be possible to arrange for Ann Chilcott to attend a meeting. Alpin Stewart and Stewart MacPherson have volunteered to host a meeting in Torridon, Kay Liston is happy to host and AD (August) is too. BG and Jo Young will host beginners' meetings in May and June. Dates to be confirmed.</p>
8.	Honorary Membership	<p>AD spoke about the long and dedicated service to the Association by Arthur and Anne Hill (50 years) and Pam and Roger Piercy on the 48th anniversary of Pam joining the Association. The Association may not have continued without them. A token gift, a certificate and a cake were presented to them.</p>
9.	A.O.C.B.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refreshments. Jo Young agreed to organise the teas at indoor events for the coming year. 2. BG asked that those members looking for bees, selling or giving away bees and willing to capture swarms, let her know for addition to the lists. The recommended price of £25 per frame with brood in all stages and full of bees for selling was discussed with frames, foundation and hive/nuc box to be replaced/returned to the seller. 3. The Committee had paid the artwork to allow members to purchase t-shirts or hoodies with the Association logos. Members voted on a bright blue shade of garment which can be purchased from MacGregor

		Industrial Supplies for £10.50 for a t-shirt. Thanks to Jo Young for organising.

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