



Committee Meeting Wednesday 20th September 2023 @ 7.30pm On Zoom

Minutes

1.	<p>Welcomes/Apologies and Agreement of previous minutes (5th July Zoom). Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Angie Dunn (Chair) ▪ Roger Piercy ▪ Dave Thomson ▪ Stuart Tickner ▪ Barbara Gray ▪ Trish Tickner ▪ Julia Garrison ▪ Stuart Young ▪ Jane Thomson ▪ Bill Cormack ▪ Don Fraser 	A. Dunn	<p>Apologies: Sam Smith Elsbeth Neil</p> <p>Minute :5/7/2023 Adopted by RP Seconded ST</p>
2.	<p>Outstanding actions from previous meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trisha has separated the books into old and new but no new books have been bought yet. Pravin Whiles is taking over the library. Barbara to pass contact details to ST/TT. • No answer yet from Chris Palgrave for November meeting • BG and JY (Jo Young) to ask for reimbursement for Train the Trainer Course. AD has donated hers back to the Association. 	A. Dunn	<p>BG ST/TT Books to be recommended by the Committee</p>
3.	<p>Membership/Treasurer's Update BG reported a bank balance of £2444.66.</p>		
4.	<p>Black Isle Show Review The Show went very well with the award of Best Non-Agricultural Stand. Lessons have been learnt and thanks go to all helpers.</p>	A. Dunn	
5.	<p>Outdoor Meetings Review and Future Winter Talks Use of risk assessments to continue and SS to remind members to give emergency contact details if they haven't already done so. SY questioned the need for additional summer meetings but it was confirmed that they were well attended and gave flexibility (allowing for cancellations for weather, availability, spaces). With increased worries about apiary hygiene, AD</p>	All Members	<p>SS</p> <p>AD</p>

	<p>will purchase Vircon spray for footwear and nitrile gloves.</p> <p>BG to ask Andrew Card about a queen rearing course for next year.</p> <p>AD to ask Bryce Reynard for a talk in March.</p> <p>The Honey Monitoring Service will give us a talk on Zoom on 17th January.</p> <p>Dr Chris Palgrave has been invited to talk to us on Zoom in November. Alternative is Angie doing talk on queens and Stuart MacPherson talking about anaphylaxis.</p> <p>Lorraine Johnston will talk to us again in Feb.</p>		<p>BG AD</p> <p>BG</p>
6.	<p>Black Isle Food Festival Sat 23rd Sept</p> <p>BG & JG selling honey, maybe Gordie Morris. AD assisting with educational hive. BG has floats, lolly sticks (for tasting) and table cloth. BG will bake a honey cake for tastings. AD has hive, frames, posters, leaflets, signs and screens. Need to be set up by 1.15pm.</p>	All Members	BG/AD/JG
7.	<p>Honey Show</p> <p>EN has prepared the paperwork. List of classes has been updated on the website.</p> <p>BG and EN will accept entries in the wee room from 6.30pm and will label and classify entries but need to try to keep members from moving entries. Help required to move labelled honey to main room at 7.30pm.</p> <p>BG to remind members to bring the trophies along or bring them to BG's house in advance.</p> <p>AD to confirm arrangements with Enid Brown (Honey Judge).</p>	All Members	EN/BG/AD
8.	<p>Expenditure Suggestions</p> <p>Bee suits. It was decided that we should buy an XXL suit and a children's suit. BG said that the bee inspectors are wearing BB Wear suits and like them. Maybe a discount available for an association?</p> <p>Projector is going to be purchased by AD in lieu of accepting bees from ST.</p> <p>Display boards are to be bought as we have borrowed ones several times recently.</p> <p>Discussion of honey press – Inverness find that their one in unused also storage problem – No.</p>	All Members	AD
9.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>A Christmas social has been agreed to take place on 6th December in Dingwall. BG to check whether hall allows alcohol and book hall.</p> <p>SY suggested that we ask Tesco for split sugar bags but it was pointed out that Tesco only sell beet sugar and the UK government allow the use of neonicotinoids in this crop.</p>	All members	BG
10.	Date of Next Committee Meeting	January 10 th 2024	at 7.30pm

