



Committee Meeting Wednesday 27th March 2024 @ 7.30pm On Zoom

Minutes

1.	<p>Welcomes/Apologies and Agreement of previous minutes (10th January 2024 Zoom). Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Angie Dunn (Chair) ▪ Roger Piercy ▪ Dave Thomson ▪ Barbara Gray ▪ Julia Garrison ▪ Sam Smith ▪ Elsbeth Neil ▪ Jane Thomson 	A Dunn	<p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stuart Young ▪ Don Fraser ▪ Bill Cormack <p>Minute :10/1/24 Adopted by RP Seconded: JG</p>
2.	<p>Outstanding actions from previous meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virkon and display boards purchased by AD • JG has the Association jars and has donated cut comb boxes. Members can buy 2 jars for £1 and can get 2 cut comb containers free of charge for the Honey Show. • BG has made a list of Association equipment and will save this on the shared Google drive. 	A. Dunn	BG
3.	<p>Membership/Treasurer's Update SS reported a bank balance of £1857.26 and a PayPal balance of £237 with a membership of 58 plus families. It was decided that any new members joining between Jan -March would not have to pay membership fees again in April. SS to email membership for the past 2 years in advance of the AGM to prompt members to re-join using Direct Debit or Standing Order rather than paying at the AGM. Leeway will be given until 31st May on the Facebook page.</p>		SS
4.	<p>SBA AGM 27th April 2024 We will invite members to help at the AGM and emphasize that folk do not have to attend the morning business.</p>	AD/BG	BG

5.	<p>Meetings Review and Future Winter Talks AD will organise a quiz for the AGM. Andrew Card will do a queen rearing session on 26th May. Free membership of the Association is to be given as a thank you. Ann Chilcott is happy to do talks on Zoom and also suggested an apiary visit. AD and DT to investigate the possibilities at AD's new apiary and the Heather Picnic. Black Isle Show 1st August – volunteers will be required Black Isle Food Festival 23rd/24th August. Demo booked but stall may be possible. RP to ask Arthur if he would want to sell honey there.</p>	All Members	<p>BG AD/DT AD/RP</p>
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6.	<p>Apiary Visits BG will offer a couple of beginner sessions at her Culbokie apiary for beginners, probably on a Friday afternoon. General Association Meetings AD and DT will and landowners about the possibilities for Ann Chilcott coming to an apiary visit. Stewart and Alpin had offered a visit to their Torridon apiary last year – BG will check if this is possible for this year. Jane, Chris Goddard, Liz Richmond Watson and Jo and Stuart Young might all be asked too.</p>		<p>AD/DT/BG</p>
7.	<p>Education Train the Trainer update AD, BG and Jo Young went. Much shorter than billed but lots of good ideas too. See below. Bee Buddies Update DT, EN, BG, JT, AD and Jo Young met on Zoom to discuss how the scheme had worked last year – minutes attached. EN will create an agreement as recommended in our Train the Trainer course. Basic Beekeeper Exam AD is hosting 4 meetings, starting on 2nd April to support folk interested in taking the exam. BG is to train to become an examiner.</p>	All Members	<p>EN AD/BG</p>
8.	<p>Expenditure Suggestions D & DBKA sign – replacement for existing to be bought. D & DBKA t-shirt/hoody - Jo Young has a contact who would do the artwork for £30 with a cost of approx. £12 per t-shirt. Association agreed to pay the setup. Association Apiary. Arthur suggested this and there are many issues (biosecurity, grass cutting, location, storage, land availability, uses). Committee to investigate possibilities for next Committee meeting.</p>	All Members	<p>AD JY All members</p>

9.	<p>A.O.C.B. Indicative price of nucs. Bryce Reynard had suggested £25 per frame on bees with brood in all stages plus replacement frames and foundation. This was thought to be a reasonable recommended price for our members.</p> <p>Harvey's Highland Honey AD had received a reply from Harvey Noakes regarding the concerns voiced by members on him bringing bees up from Perthshire and England. While acknowledging the disease risk, there is nothing that the Association can do other than recommending local bees for members.</p> <p>Honorary Membership. The Committee decided to award Anne and Arthur Hill and Pam and Roger Piercy with an honorary life membership in view of their services and dedication to the Association.</p>	All members	
10.	Date of Next Committee Meeting	7.30pm	TBA