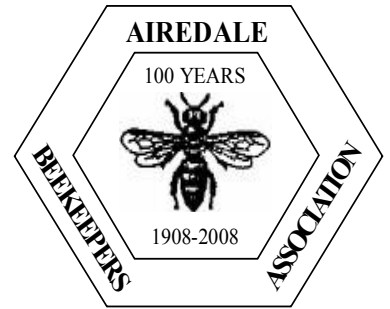


AIREDALE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11 October 2016 – 7.30pm New Inn - Cononley



Present: Sue Chatfield, Chris Hardy, Chris Solloway, John Tatham, Jane Denney, Mike Barlow, Gill Taylor, Louise Mallinson, Suzanne Starling

- 1 Apologies – Jackie Town, Helen Gibbs

Sue welcomed Jane as the new Membership Secretary

- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August
Agreed as a correct record.

- 3 **Matters Arising**

Sue has yet to speak to Jill Wadsworth about coming on the Committee as she is on holiday

Jill Mastin's fall – Jane Law and Chris spoke to staff at ERH about the fact that no action had been taken. Jill had also written National Trust HR Dept.

Linda had spoken to Cliffe Castle about selling honey for 20%. Best for people to sell it as Airedale honey but with their name and address on the jars and it be paid for monthly all together. Linda to check if this is ok with Jackie.

Beemore Project – Sue had had a thank you letter from them.

- 4 **Correspondence**

Louise had had a request from Keighley Big Local asking if we would give some taster sessions sponsored by them. To send a reply that we are not in a position to do this at the moment but to get in touch next May when we may be able to help.

Extra Insurance for Hive Thefts – Louise had had some positive replies from members about this and had replied to YBKA that we were interested. Would defer to next year however.

- 5 **Treasurers Report**

Bank current account £708.87
Bank deposit account £5,850.00

Current account had gone down since August due to bee syrup and frames being bought. This would go up again once all the members had paid for their frames/syrup.

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6 **Association Apiaries:**

East Morton: Sue reported 4 ½ supers to extract. Got 4 colonies left. Plan to overwinter them and then give them away to people on the working team or sell them to members so that East Morton can be wound down. This is because of the following: Too close to previous AFB infection, swarming issues, wild bees in area, horses, human resources and equipment. Sue will bring this up at the AGM to discuss with members.

East Riddlesden Hall

Chris had taken off 4 ½ supers of capped honey. All bedded down for winter and undersupervised. 11 colonies, including Cliffe Castle. Suzanne pointed out that we only have permission for 18 colonies. Chris and team had cleaned 99 per cent of stock.

Cliffe Castle bees moved to ERH this week. A half term holiday event on Tuesday, October 25th. Linda will highlight disease awareness. Cliffe Castle talking about spending a reserve of money to have a new observation hive built.

7 **Honey Show / Social – 25 November**

Chris has had about 20 replies to her request for choices for the social. Chris to contact Rolands to ask about the cut-off point for rooms. A local judge will be needed. Suggest the Pearson brothers? Louise to email Roger and ask who our nearest honey judge is. Ivor did it last year and it was felt unfair to ask him again because of the distance he would have to travel.

8 **Cliffe Castle Christmas Fayre – 26/27 November** – got free stall. 8.00am open. Chris S to do a rota for manning the stall. Open at 11.00 – 4.00 to the public.

9 **Secretary Posts**

Jane has very kindly volunteered to be Membership Secretary. Secretary post still to fill.

10 **Bee Basic Exam**– Suzanne pleased to report everybody passed. John Pickles, Mandy Glover, Helen Gibbs. Also a credit was given to Joyce Drake and Linda Schofield. Congratulations to all.

11 **Equipment Loans**

Linda reported that the system is working well. Will be helpful if people invert the equipment after washing to make sure it is dry. Should look into getting a smaller extractor to do just a few frames. Linda to put this to the AGM.

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12 **Affiliation with Yorkshire BKA**

Discussion after recent emails from Sheffield BKA who are considering disaffiliating their links with YBKA. It only costs us £3 per head to be a member of YBKA (just over £20 goes to BBKA). Seems no benefit to coming out and it is useful to use the education facilities in Harrogate.

Louise asked if anybody wants to be the Yorkshire Area Rep as Chris H is standing down. No takers from Committee so will ask members at the AGM.

13 **AGM**

Originally booked for Wednesday 9th November at Rolands but Suzanne to check if Institute was free. Louise to send out an email with membership forms. People to be asked to pay within a month of the AGM or they will not be covered. To ask if anybody would like to join the committee. To sell postcards. To do a talk about equipment availability.

14 **Winter Meetings** – Suggest a session on honey extraction and how to use the equipment. Chris Colson could do a talk on making your own foundation. Suzanne could do a talk on microscopy.

Provisional dates - 2nd Feb/2nd March/ 6th April

Louise to write to Wharfedale and Bradford about their winter meetings to make sure we don't clash.

15 **Any Other Business**

John has decided to come off the committee

Chris and Linda want to ask people to do talks at ERH.

Evening to prepare for the Christmas Fayre – Tuesday 1st Nov at Chris H's.

16 **Date of next meeting** - Thursday 1 December at Chris H's.