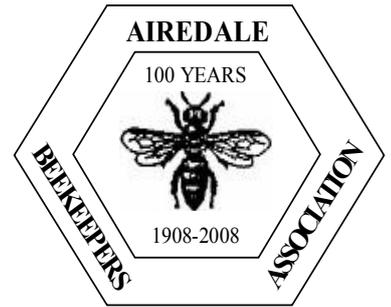


# AIREDALE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3 August 2016 At Rowlands



**Present:** Sue Chatfield, Suzanne Starling, Chris Hardy, John Tatham, , Gill Taylor, Linda Schofield, Louise Mallinson, Jill Mastin, Chris Solloway, Helen Gibbs

1 **Apologies:** Mike Barlow

2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2016** were agreed as a correct record.

### 3 **Matters Arising**

- LS had not contacted the Top Bar Hive man about a talk as she felt he would be unsuitable.
- SC not yet had chance to speak to Jill Wadsworth about joining the committee. Will do when she returns from holiday.
- LS had spoken to the lady at Cliffe Castle about selling honey but she wanted to take 50% of the honey sales. LS will suggest 20%. Will be good to have honey for sale for Family Day next Tuesday, 9 August.
- Bee More Project – SC said Simon came to collect 3 colonies (not supers). Brought his own kit so only given bees and frames. Has given us three packs of foundation. Agreed not to charge him for frames.
- CH had a telephone conversation with Environmental Health regarding honey bottling plant at Micklethwaite. Has been inspected but no further contact so CH to contact them.
- GT has written back to Yorkshire Water informing them that we are happy to be open to offers for any land available for our use.

### 4 **Correspondence**

Sue had letter from Keighley Show Committee. Asking us if we want to buy a Presidents Official Luncheon at £20 a head. LM to write to them to decline but that we will buy 8 entrants tickets (to the same value) for our helpers instead.

Eric Greenwood rang SC. Wants details of next beginners course to buy his daughter for her birthday. LM to contact him. GT to put course on the website for next year. Course starts 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on Sunday mornings at ERH. Break for 15<sup>th</sup> April for Easter. CS will do press release in October. Entry Forms to be ready in time for Keighley Show.

Insurance Proposal for cover of hives from BBKA Trustee – LM to reply to them saying we are interested and sending round to our members. To inform members that some hives recently stolen from Denholme apiary.

### 5 **Treasurers Report (JT)**

Current Account £2,066

Deposit Account £5,850

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Petty Cash £16.42

## 6 Association Apiaries

### East Riddlesden Hall

CH reported bee basic had taken place on Sunday and all bees were well behaved. 3 hives with deformed wing had been treated with MAQS for Varroa. 3 supers taken from early summer to extract – will do this before the show. 10 colonies.

### East Morton

SC reported now down to 5 colonies, 2 of which have queen cells. Hive No 7 was a nasty colony so SC killed the queen and emergency queen cells taken off and given some eggs from a gentle colony. 2 supers and 1 brood chamber to extract.

### Cliffe Castle

Cliffe Castle bees doing well. Fed them twice. Delighted at the museum as many bees to watch. Linda to remind staff at CC that nuc belongs to SC. Cliffe Castle equipment to be taken to ERH to use their and surplus sold.

## 7 Lack of Membership Involvement

CH voiced her disappointment that members are not getting involved in the association. The few that are active are too overstretched. GT sent questionnaire about Christmas do. 8-10 people say it's a good idea. They like seeing the updates about the web site. We now have about 80 members. Agreed to devise a questionnaire and send it by post to see what people want from their association. Results to be back in time for the AGM.

## 8 Winding down of East Morton Apiary

Only 5 colonies left now. In order to wind down further, agreed to overwinter these and give them away to people on the EM team or sell them to members in spring. Will keep the hut in situ as storage for now.

## 9 Accident at ERH

JM had fallen on the slippery boards outside the apiary on the 20<sup>th</sup> June and had suffered possible broken ribs and muscle damage. Was still in pain and had visited the doctor and physio. The work to make it safer – ie non slip paint - had not been completed, despite repeated emails and assurances that it would be. Committee to write to ERH and copy in senior staff asking that the work be completed asap.

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## 10 **Keighley Show – Saturday 3 September**

ERH will not be having a stand so will not show the bee film. Plant People are not coming but will send plants to sell. CS to send email out asking for honey cakes, honey, wax, candles, etc and an online rota for volunteers. There won't be Christmas Fair at ERH this year so a good opportunity to sell things. JT doing face painting. CS to design postcards with pictures and recipes on. Pre-Keighley Show preparation meeting to be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at SC's at 7.30. All welcome to attend.

## 11 **Any Other Business**

SC had been having a clean-up and had 2 supers full of old frames and foundation. To recover the wax to make candles and burn the frames.

LS – CliffeCastle had been asked by Keighley College to put on a stall for their open day. Asked if we wanted to put something on it. CS to produce some postcards to give away at events with a bee photo on one side and a recipe on the other and our website details.

LS to take further samples to the Revive Project once supers have been removed.

JT mentioned the Tom Seeley article in the August BBKA magazine article – all to read and decide if want to apply by next meeting

SC said Sarah Reed, a past member, had given a donation of £30 for collecting a swarm. LM to find her address from old records and send her a thank you letter.

## 12 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at the New Inn, Cononley. CS to ask if upstairs room available.