

Minutes of Moray Beekeepers' Association (MBA) Committee Meeting held at Baxters, Fochabers, on Tuesday 29th May 2012, commenced 6.30pm.

1. Committee Members Present.

A. Tassell (in Chair), D. Clark, D. Vincent, G. Thompson & T. Harris. Apologies: R. Clark.

2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting. The minutes of meeting held on 01.05.12 were accepted as a true record. Proposed G.T. Seconded D.V. CARRIED

3. Matters Arising.

A.T. reported that he hadn't yet invited L. Webster to a winter meeting to give a talk about Judging Honey exhibits but he would asap. ACTION: A. TASSELL

4. Treasurer's Report.

D.C. reported an estimated balance of £1195.75 and 77 paid up members to date. Members not paying subscriptions by 1st June will incur a small late payment surcharge.

As decided at a previous meeting D.C. agreed to circulate printed balance sheets to Committee members every 2 months, commencing July.

5. SBA Pilot (Communication)

As A.W. was absent this item was deferred to the next meeting

6. Moray Leader Funding Application

T.H. updated the Committee on the Moray Leader and Lottery Awards For All funding applications. The latest meeting with Leader had again been productive and much progress had been made.

After discussion it was agreed to include a part time Project Managers post in the Leader application, 40 hours a month at an hourly rate of £14.00.

The closing date for the leader application was 6th June and T.H. agreed to complete and submit it by then. ACTION: T. HARRIS

7. Queen Rearing

Due to the lack of mated queens at Birnie Apiary G.T. reported that he would be running a much reduced queen rearing programme in 2012.

8. Beekeeping Courses/Apiary Sessions 2012

All courses and sessions were now covered. D.V. agreed to help with the 2nd June Taster Session

9. MBA Policy on Members Discount Purchases

The following procedure was agreed.

Equipment will only be available for purchase at apiary sessions and monthly meetings.

Membership cards MUST be produced at the time of purchase.

There will be a maximum purchase level per member of 20 frames and 4 packs of foundation.

To guarantee availability members should pre-order items before the meeting by telephoning Equipment Officer Andy Watson (number in membership card).

The stock control system needs tightening up and all Committee members should be made aware of the procedure. ACTION: ANDY WATSON

10. Any Other Business

D.V. informed the meeting that MBA member J. Willoner was in hospital and the Committee asked him to pass on their best wishes for a speedy and full recovery.

T.H. had made a presentation and ran a Honey Tasting Session for a P.R. firm representing Diagio at Cardhu Distillery and they had made a £200 donation to MBA funds.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm

The next meeting will be in July (date to be confirmed).