

**Minutes of Moray Beekeepers Association Committee Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at Elgin Library, commenced 6.00pm**

**1. Committee Members Present & Apologies**

Yvonne Stuart, Davey Stuart, Mike Collins, Anne Black, Ian Mac Andie, Bob Malcolm, Joy Malcolm, Andy Watson, Tony Harris & Andrew Tassell (in the Chair)

**2. Approval of minutes from last meeting, 18/12/12**

The minutes of meeting held on 18/12/12 were accepted as a true record. Proposed BM, Seconded AW  
CARRIED

**3. Matters Arising and Actions**

The shelving units used for honey shows have not been tracked down and it was agreed to make a new unit

**4. BEAM Update**

The BEAM Project Manager, TH had circulated a written report which is attached. The following was agreed:

DS agreed to ask an electrician to check out the wiring in the portacabin at Birnie and to quote for any work required.  
ACTION: D. STUART

The aim is to have the electrics in working order in time for the Food Hygiene course on 2<sup>nd</sup> March but alternative back up venues at Lossiemouth, Miltonduff and Spey Bay will be sought. ACTION: A. BLACK/J. MALCOLM

A wooden plaque will be purchased for unveiling by MSP Richard Lockhead at the Apiary Opening Ceremony

It was agreed to remove the present windows in the equipment shed and replace them with larger windows or perspex to create a viewing area so that young children in particular could view the bees. Alternative storage will be available in a new shed which is budgeted for.

The small shed, currently used to house the toilet, will be made into a 'walk-in WBC' with possibly an observation hive and leaflets on the walls inside.

Portacabin – The original budget to refurbish the portacabin and install a wheelchair ramp was £1,200. Quotes had been submitted last year and D. Stuart was the preferred supplier. Both ends of the portacabin had been found to be rotten and therefore require sheeting with exterior ply board. This was unexpected and unplanned. D.S. reported expenditure as of today's date, including sheeting one end of the portacabin, fitting a new door and internal alterations was £780 (not including painting). He estimated a further £600 to sheet the other end of the portacabin and £300 to build a decking ramp.

After discussion it was agreed to spend up to £1,680 in total on the above mentioned work and D.S. will report back on the condition of the remaining portacabin walls. Proposed A.T. Seconded T.H. CARRIED

The extra £480 spent on the portacabin will be recovered by savings elsewhere or if this is not possible will be paid out of MBA funds.

**5. Any Other Business**

It was agreed to purchase a minimum of 12 boxes of 8oz round jars from Richmond Containers for MBA honey and onward sale to members. Individual members can pre-order to gain advantage of the cheaper price.  
ACTION: T. HARRIS

It was agreed that the new laptop be given to the new Secretary, YS, and that a printer up to the value of £50 be purchased for her use.  
ACTION: Y. STUART

T.H. explained that the Nuc workshop he is running on behalf of Scottish Beekeepers Association on 8/6/13 would potentially raise over £300 for MBA funds. MBA owned a supply of mini nucs but after discussion it was agreed to sell these and purchase 16 apidea mini nucs.  
ACTION: T. HARRIS

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.35pm

Date of next meeting is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at Baxters, Fochabers, 7.30pm start.