

Minutes of Moray Beekeepers Association Committee meeting held in Spey Bay Hall on Tuesday 24th September 2013

1. Present ; Bob Malcolm (Chair), Yvonne Stuart (Secretary) , Donna Clark (Treasurer) Ron Clark
Tony Harris, Anne Black ,Davie Stuart, Ian McAndie, Andy Watson, Joy Malcolm.

2. Apologies: Mike Collins

3. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 27th August proposed Tony Harris ; seconded Yvonne Stuart.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Extractors: It was decided that one committee member, Andy Watson, would be responsible for keeping note of anyone borrowing an extractor, those holding extractors at their premises would e-mail him with the name of borrower and date borrowed so he could keep records up to date.

2. Combination lock on cabin: The committee decided on a new combination number for the lock and Ron Clark agreed to change the number.

3. Sugar collection: As sugar was still being collected , the final date for uplift would now be 30th September.

5. Treasurers report:

1. £380 had been received from the Huntly Development Group for their training day.

2. Two aluminium cases had been ordered for the safekeeping of the microscopes at a cost of £100 for the two.

3. Bank balance was now standing at £6731.78.

6. Secretary's report

Dates and venues had been booked as follows

A.G.M. Town hall 28th January – cost £6.50 per hour – cost of providing tea and coffee to be clarified.

25th February- activity room in Elgin Library – Tony to give talk.

25th March- activity room Elgin library - Donna and Ron to provide microscopes , but after discussion , it was decided that the activity room may be too small and the Town hall would be better if we can book that.
Yvonne to action

22nd October – activity room Elgin library – as the quiz night was cancelled due to lack of response the committee decided that the library would be approached to see if any dates in October and November were not free and to ask Ian Craig to choose a date suitable to him to come and give a talk.
Yvonne to action

It was suggested that, after we knew if and when Ian Craig could give a talk, Ian Palmer be approached for the vacant month and, if he was unavailable, Tony agreed he could give a talk on bee friendly flora.
Bob to action

Yvonne also reported she had finalised arrangements with Newtonmore Highland Folk Museum for a bee display stand and had agreed a figure of £250 for attendance.

7. Beam project: Tony produced the following report:

For the month of September I have worked 70 hours on the beam project although I have only claimed payment for the contracted 40 hours.

I have claimed for 348 miles (£139.20) mainly in mentoring new beekeepers but not claimed for an additional 104 miles.

Talks to community groups I have given a talk to the Elgin Inner Wheel Group and spent all day at Elgin Academy on 13th September giving talks to 5 classes of year 4 students(over 100 students in total)

Honeybee Health and Disease Course 1st September :Andy and Anne assisted me in running the MBA Honey Bee Health Day and it was fully subscribed raising £144 gross towards MBA funds

Elgin Food Festival Yvonne, Davy and Donna ran a stall at the above event at Moray College

Birnie Apiary The bees have been treated for varroa and feeding will be completed by this weekend. It must be said that the bees are not in good condition after all the attention they have received this summer.

End of Project reports: I am continuing to collect data for the end of project reports.

Conclusion: Our commitments to the project in terms of volunteer time, talks to Community Groups, Shows etc. are now fully met. We are within budget and may well be underspent. If you have any unclaimed mileage get them in asap.

8. Honey Show: date 26th October – proposed Andy – seconded Donna – Stewards Donna and Anne.

Times:

Submitting entries	10am-11am
Judging:	11.30am-1.00pm
Open to members	1.00pm- 3pm

Circulating members
Tony to Action

9. Nosema Project: Dundee university are carrying out research and have enlisted the help of the SBA . Each association is expected to submit 18 samples of live and dead bees and MBA have procured a microscope as part of that research. Anne , Andy, Donna and Davy will provide bees . Tony can obtain 10 samples from Birnie.

A.O.C.B.

Paint for cabin – this is in cupboard in cabin – Ron, Bob and Joy agreed to paint the cabin if the weather was favourable on 5th or 6th October.

Inventory: Andy is to compile an inventory and asked Davy to bring the hives donated by Mr Johnston to Birnie .

Fondant: Andy has ordered this and it will be available soon.

SBA secretaries meeting : to be held in Perth on 16th November to discuss new constitution- Tony will attend.

Beesuits: Anne and Ian to look into having beesuits laundered and stored in a dry place over the winter.

Co-option on to committee: Tony proposed- seconded Davy that Raefe Letty be co=opted on to the committee

Minutes and accounts to be put on MBA website

Donna and Yvonne to action

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26th November 2013 .at 7pm in Spey Bay hall

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