

Moray Beekeepers Association

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News Bulletin

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 28th January, 7pm at the **Town Hall, Elgin (please note new venue)**. Any items for the agenda, nominations for Committee or other proposals requiring a vote etc must be sent to the Acting Secretary, Anne Black (e mail is secretary@moraybeekeepers.co.uk), no later than 14th January. The provisional agenda is attached and can also be viewed on the web site. www.moraybeekeepers.co.uk. A final Agenda will be published by the Acting Secretary no later than 21st January.

You will need to show your membership card to gain entry and vote at the AGM.

To celebrate the successful completion of the 'Bee Aware in Moray' project there will be lots of cakes and other goodies to eat at the end of the meeting. PLEASE SUPPORT THE AGM.

WINTER PROGRAMME

All meetings to take place at Elgin Library unless otherwise stated, 7-9pm, Free admission to members (on production of membership card), visitors £2 on the door

Tuesday 25th February, 'Preparing For the New Season', Tony Harris

Tuesday 25th March, 'Microscopy Night', Donna & Ron Clark. Bring a sample of your bees for disease analysis. A simple way to do this is to place a honey jar over the feed hole in the crown board. Give a few bangs on the top of the jar and when 30 or so bees have entered the jar slip the lid under and screw it on. These bees will be sacrificed for the good of the colony. Place them in the freezer and bring your sample (fresh from the freezer) to the meeting.

BASIC BEEMASTER COURSE

The Basic Beemaster Course will again be run in 2014. There will be several classroom sessions and then practical lessons at Birnie Apiary with the actual assessments taking place in June or July. It is condition of the Scottish Beekeepers Association that applicants must have owned and managed bees for one full season. To book a place on the course or for further information, contact Tony Harris. Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment! There will be a small charge of £15 to cover course material.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

There are vacancies on the MBA Committee at present so if you would like to get involved in running the Association please contact Anne Black or any member of the Committee. Experience in beekeeping is not essential, just enthusiasm and some free time. You will enjoy it and learn lots about beekeeping.

SCOTTISH BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

For those of you who are members of the SBA there will be a postal vote of all SBA members in January 2014 on a proposed change to a Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation and a new Constitution. Look for further details in your January issue of The Scottish Beekeeper Magazine. The MBA Committee is recommending that members vote in favour of the proposed changes.

If you have any questions about any of the above please contact me. E-mail tonyharris316@btinternet.com
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