

Minutes of Moray Beekeepers Association Committee meeting held in Spey Bay Hall on Tuesday 30th July 2013.

1. Present : Bob Malcolm (Chair), Yvonne Stuart (Secretary) , Donna Clark (Treasurer)

Andy Watson , Anne Black, Mike Collins, Ian McAndie , Davie Stuart, Joy Malcolm.

2. Apologies: Ron Clark and Tony Harris

3. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 25th June proposed Ian McAndie ; seconded Mike Collins

4. Matters arising from previous minutes:

Keith Show: Yvonne reported she had submitted risk assessment and application form for the Show – as yet she has had no reply – she has phoned and left some messages but no answer.

Baxters Open day Honey Show – Mike had arranged the date – 12th October - one day only. The sub committee was arranging a date to meet to discuss the programme. Sample forms for other honey show would be obtained for guidance.

Insurance Yvonne reported that this was still ongoing

Collection of hives from Kingussie: Yvonne reported that she had sent 2 thank you letters to Mr Johnston and a card – Joy reported that when Mr Johnston telephoned , she said she would send him a list of events and he was welcome to come to any of them to meet us.

5. Treasurer's report: Donna reported that she had put in a large claim for £14200 to Leader. This would give us half - £7100 – should be processed shortly.

Scottish Government payment for the 'Bee Health' day for £300 would be received shortly . Tony had been claiming additional hours over the summer but this should go down over the next few months.

The bank balance stands at around £2300 but a few claims have yet to be processed.

6. Secretary's Report :

Hugh Clayden – forestry commission gave notice of aerial spraying at Monaughty forest –took into account advice from local beekeepers and no adverse reactions were reported to the bees.He sent a nice letter thanking Moray beekeepers for their advice and help.

Glynis Ross from Cairngorms National park asked if Moray beekeepers could man a stall at **Newtonmore Highland Folk Museum** open day. She suggested payment for this and it was discussed what we could charge – a sum of £200 was mooted. There was no date set as yet.

Statkraft Berry Burn Wind Farm : No information received as yet as to how to apply for funding.

7.Beam Report :

Nucs for new beekeepers

Tony reported he had fulfilled our commitment to Leader to provide 16 nucs to the new beekeepers – as he had had no response from members he managed to supply them from his own stock. He will be required to spend extra on mileage to mentor the new members until they gain enough experience and confidence to care for their own bees.

Honeybee Conservation Sessions these had been provided to 14 groups of schoolchildren – some 200 youngsters – Leader commitment was 12 sessions.

4 Adult sessions have been provided – still to fulfill commitment for sessions for disabled – Oaks hospice has been visited.

Introduction to beekeeping courses – 6 introduction sessions were held during the last 4 months – attended by a total of 80 adult students.

Courses still to take place:

17th August and 1st September Honeybee Health days (2 members of training team required-

Yvonne will attend and will ask Adie to help – Andy can attend 1st September)

22nd September MBA Honey Extraction Day: assistance required

Charge for each course suggested to be £12 – claim to Leader for each course will be £240.

8. Summer Programme: It was agreed that , as not many members wished to take their bees to the heather , and , because of the bank holiday falling on the same date, we would cancel the meal and organize a picnic work party for September to finish off painting the cabin and other works before winter.

There would be a notice inserted on the web informing the members the contact details of the lady willing to have hives on her land for anyone wishing to take their hives to the heather. .

Bob to action

9. Winter Programme:

The AGM date was provisionally set for Tuesday 28th January at Elgin Library.

Yvonne to action

November: it was decided that we should hold a quiz night and supper social evening in November— questions to include some about bees. The Gordon arms at Fochabers was mooted as a venue and they would be approached and a date sought.

Mike to action

October it was_ decided that a travelling speaker would be approached with a view to our October meeting .

Anne to action

Tony could also be approached to speak on queen rearing as it is of interest to us all.

February: Donna and Ron_would take a microscopy evening

Donna to action.

9.**Roles and responsibilities** ; committee endorsed and ratified their individual roles . It was suggested we should involve the members more.

10. **Sugar collection from supermarkets;**

Ann distributed the publicity material she had laminated for this purpose;

Buckie Tesco; Tony Forres Tesco; Ian Keith and Huntly Tesco ; Andy Elgin Asda: Anne

Meeting concluded at 8.15pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 27th August at 6.30pm in Spey bay hall