

MINUTES OF MORAY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (MBA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) HELD AT ELGIN TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018

Committee/Trustees	Appointment
Andrew Watson (Chairman)	Chairman
Tony Harris (Vice Chairman)	Vice Chairman
John Gifford (Treasurer)	Treasurer
Markus Steiner	Trustee
Steve Carter	Trustee
Andrea Dunford	Trustee
Alan Ranson	Trustee
James Black	Trustee
Anne Black	General Secretary/Trustee
Drew Dunford	General Secretary (Designate)

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1	<p>Chairmans Welcome</p> <p>The meeting commenced at 1916 hours with the Chairman welcoming 26 members to the AGM. A list of attendees is appended to these minutes.</p>	All																														
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3	<p>AGM Minutes 2017</p> <p>Members have been given the opportunity to comment on the minutes of the AGM held on 28 Feb 17. The chairman provided feedback on any issues resolved since the last AGM. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">Proposed</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Seconded</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>T Harris</td> <td>S Carter</td> <td>Carried</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Proposed	Seconded	Result	T Harris	S Carter	Carried	All																								
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4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Busy Bees Honey Co-Operative (Item 10)</u> – Tony Harris reminded all members that the MBA had successfully bid for and received £5,000 to purchase an Apimelter and electric Radial Extractor which are currently located with Tony but is for use by all MBA members for a minimal charge. It is hoped that 2018 will provide a bumper</p>	All																														

Proposed	Seconded	Result
A Ranson	S Carter	Carried

There being no further nominees they are duly re-elected.

It was proposed on behalf of the committee that Anne Black, Andrea Dunford, Steve Carter, and Markus Steiner be elected as trustees.

Proposed	Seconded	Result
A Watson	T Harris	Carried

There being no further nominees they are duly elected.

It was also proposed on behalf of the Committee, that Drew Dunford be elected as General Secretary.

Proposed	Seconded	Result
A Watson	T Harris	Carried

There being no further nominees he is duly elected.

8 **MBA Constitution Amendments**

The chairman identified a change to the constitution which had been discussed at the last Committee Meeting which was to address the permitted tenure of Office Bearers of the Committee. The proposed change was:

Under the heading EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS, on page 2,

Line 13 – at the end of the line, insert, ‘The Chairman, Vice Chairman and General Secretary shall serve for a term of 3 years after which they will stand down from their positions but may still serve as trustees. They will not be able to stand for their former positions for a period of 2 years.

Proposed	Seconded	Result
A Watson	T Harris	Carried

The secretary was tasked with amending the Constitution to reflect this change.

Secretary

9 **Membership Fees**

There has been no changes to membership fees for several years. An increase in line with inflation will enable the Association to continue to prosper over the coming years. It was proposed that the fees be changed to:

Treasurer

Membership Type	Membership Rate	Renewal Rate (after 01.06.18)
New Member Joining Fee	£10.00	n/a
F & FC members only		
F – Full Member	£17.00	£ 20.00

FC – Full (Concession) Member (over 65 yrs)	£10.00	£13.00
Y – Youth member (12-16yrs)	£5.00	£7.00
J – Junior Member (6-11 yrs)	FREE	FREE
C – Conservation Member	£10.00	£10.00
L – Life Member	FREE	FREE

The Chairman put the options to the floor and this small uplift to fees was supported by Ann Chilcott.

Proposed	Seconded	Result
J Gifford	A Watson	Carried

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Spring/Summer Programme 2018

Details of forthcoming events were notified to members.

Date	Event	Location
Sunday 22 Apr 18	First Inspections/Q Marking and Clipping	Birnie Apiary
Saturday 19 May 18	Visit to Pluscarden Abbey	Pluscarden
Sunday 24 Jun 18	Swarm Control & General Inspections	Birnie Apiary
Sunday 22 Jul 18	Summer Inspections	Birnie Apiary
Sunday 26 Aug 18	Heather Picnic	TBC
Sunday 02 Sep 18	Honey Extraction Talk/Demonstration	Birnie Apiary
Saturday 20 Oct 18	Members Honey Show	Birnie Apiary

Additionally, regular Apiary Inspection sessions will take place at Birnie and members are encouraged to attend (see website for further details).

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General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Secretary gave the meeting an overview of the changes relating to the GDPR which comes into effect on 28 May 18 and runs along the same principals of the Data Protection Act 1998. The MBA will need to ensure compliance with these new regulations. The Secretary informed members that he would shortly be writing to members to make them aware of the GDPR and how it will relate to members in the future. More to follow in due course.

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Presentation of Certificates

The Vice Chairman invited those present who had attended courses to receive their respective certificates and a warm congratulation was given to all.

Basic Beekeeping Certificates, were awarded to **Eric Baker, Karen Bush, Andrea Dunford, Drew Dunford, Sarah Hayes, Sharon Scapens**.

The next step after taking the Basic Assessment is to sit some of the modular exams and congratulations are due to **Sarah Hayes** who passed **Module 1, 'Honey Bee Management'**, exam in November 2017.

All

Secretary

	<p>Module 2 certificates, 'Honey Bee Products and Forage, to Stephen Carter, Jane Geddes, John Gifford, and Susan Godlington.</p> <p>John Gifford, along with John and Dianna Baillie also passed Module 3, 'Honey Bee Diseases, Pests and Poisoning'.</p> <p>Andy Watson is still on track to achieve the Expert Beemaster qualification and this summer he was successful in the Intermediate Practical Assessment, and having added this to all his modular successes, he is now awarded the Advanced Beemaster certificate.</p> <p>A few members are taking further exams in March so good luck to them. Congratulations to all our successful beekeepers.</p> <p>If you are interested in taking the SBA Basic Beekeeping assessment in 2018 then MBA will be running a course commencing in April. The only criteria for taking this assessment is that you have kept bees for one season, are enthusiastic to learn, and have a laugh at the same time.</p> <p>For more information please have a word with John Gifford or Alan Ranson who will be running the course this year.</p>	
13	<p>The Healthy Bee's (Bee Education in Scotland) Project</p> <p>Tony Harris gave an overview of the project which will follow on from the Bee Aware project which previously assisted MBA in the setting up of Birnie Apiary. The project is to help us improve Beekeeping in Scotland. The project will run for 3 years with a number of courses being run throughout the year. Costs for the 2 day courses are likely to be £60. Whilst it may appear that the project is not directly beneficial to MBA in terms of finances it should create other spin offs for funding. Further details will be populated on the MBA website.</p>	Vice Chairman
14	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There were no other points discussed.</p>	
15	<p>The Year in Photos.</p> <p>Tony Harris had put together a slide show of photos sent in by Association Members which had captured what the MBA had been upto over the last year. A further request was given to continue to provide photos throughout the next year.</p> <p>On conclusion of the powerpoint presentation the Chairman closed the meeting at 2015 hours.</p>	

A A Dunford MBE
General Secretary

A Watson
Chariman

Date: 28 Feb 18

List of Attendees:

Steve Carter
John Gifford
Alan Ranson
Andrea Dunford
Drew Dunford
Tony Harris
Andy Watson
Sharon Scapens
Tom Balch
Barbara Westie
Markus Steiner
James Black
Anne Black
Simon Jager
David Parry
Christopher Toynton
Ann Chilcott
Eric Baker
Willie Forsyth
Pam Nairn
Graeme Nairn
Ian Cassells
Donna Clark
Ron Clark
Torquil Gordon Duff
Martin Allen