

Minutes of Moray Beekeepers Association Committee meeting held at Spey Bay Hall, on Wednesday 23rd January 2019, commenced at 6.35pm. Mr A. Watson in the Chair

1. Present: Anne Black (AB), John Gifford (JG), Tony Harris (TH), Alan Ranson (AR), Markus Steiner (MS), Andy Watson (AW), Raefe Lettey. Apologies: James Black

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting 29 October 2018 were accepted as a true record. P. AW, S. AB
CARRIED

3. Matters Arising

Signage –no progress

Action: AW

SCIO - TH pointed out that we hadn't voted on whether to proceed with the SCIO application

It was P. AR, S. AW that at the AGM we recommend to the members that we seek conversion to a SCIO
CARRIED Unanimous

Membership cards – AW will inform TH what he requires on the membership card for recording equipment sales.
Action: AW/TH

Sharen Scapens had agreed to become a trustee and will be nominated at the AGM

4. Treasurers Report

JG reported a balance of £ 6055.01 but £3500 of that was the loan balance from TH for the Healthy BEES Project contingency fund. The true balance was therefore £2555.01

JG agreed to check with J.Comins whether stocks and assets are required to go on the OSCR return forms.
Action: JG

AB agreed to look at Birnie for the stocks and assets list that was completed last year, to scan it and send copies to trustees.
Action: AB

5. SCIO Update

The latest draft constitution was fully reviewed and amended as agreed by those present. TH will circulate it to trustees.

It was agreed that TH will address the AGM on the proposed conversion to SCIO

Timetable for the SCIO conversion process agreed as:

The proposal will be put to the AGM and voted upon. Requires two thirds majority to succeed.
If agreed a 3 month consultation period will be held. The draft constitution will be on the MBA website and members will be able to view it, comment and make suggest changes to the constitution or any standing orders that are compiled
After the 3 months consultation period, application will made to OSCR to convert to SCIO
JG will complete the application forms.

6. AGM issues

It was agreed that a working party date of Sunday 9th March for Birnie apiary be advertised at the AGM

7. Summer programme

Agreed as: Sunday April 28th, Birnie Apiary, 1st Inspections, 1pm start
Saturday May 18th, Visit to Pluscarden Abbey Apiary, 2pm start
Sunday June 23rd, Birnie Apiary, Swarm control, 1pm start
Sunday July 28th, Birnie Apiary, Summer Inspections, 1pm start
Sunday August 25th, Trip to the heather & Heather Picnic.
Sunday September 8th, Birnie Apiary, Honey Extraction Demonstration, 1pm start
Saturday 19th October, Birnie Apiary, MBA Members' Honey Show

8. MBA Centenary Events – deferred to next meeting

9. Any Other Business

TH will draw up a rota for checking fondant etc at Birnie, up to the April meeting. Action: TH

AW, AR & MS agreed to check hives at Birnie and add fondant on 30 January Action: AW/AR/MS

14. Next Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2045 hours.

Date of next meeting will be the AGM.