

Minutes of Moray Beekeepers Association Committee meeting held at Spey Bay Hall, on Tuesday 12th March 2019, commenced at 6.40pm. Mr A. Ranson in the Chair

1. Present: Anne Black (AB), John Gifford (JG), Tony Harris (TH), Alan Ranson (AR), Markus Steiner (MS), Andy Watson (AW), Catriona Dunbar (CD), Gordon Duncan (GD), Torquil Gordon-Duff (TGD).
Apologies: James Black, Chris Toynton, Sharen Scapens

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting 23 January 2018 were accepted as a true record. P. AW, S. AB
CARRIED

3. Matters Arising

Signage –no progress

Action: AW

Members purchase of equipment – AW agreed to devise a system and to inform trustees **Action: AW**

It was P. TH, S. AR that sales of fondant be limited to 3 boxes and that members be encouraged to pre-order.

CARRIED

Stocks and assets on the OSCR return forms? No progress.

Action: JG

4. MBA Roles & Responsibilities 2019

Agreed as per the approved document.

AB/CD agreed to lead the Hospitality Team

5. Treasurer's report

JG reported a balance of £ 4094.78 but £1000 of that was the loan balance from TH for the Healthy BEES Project contingency fund. 63 paid up members for 2019

OSCR returns will be completed soon.

Action: JG/TH

A discussion followed on whether we need to get additional public indemnity insurance for activities not directly associated with the bees. JG agreed to try and clarify the SBA cover and TH will find out what other training apiaries do.

Action: JG/TH

TH felt that the accounts need to be presented to the members at the AGM, either in written form or on a screen, otherwise how can they adopt them.

The accounts will go onto the website asap.

Action: JG

6. SCIO Update

TH outlined the agreed timescale for conversion.

It was agreed that the 3-month consultation will commence when the draft constitution is available for members comment on the MBA website, but no later than 22 March.

Action: TH/MS

There will be a need to compile standing orders for AGM procedure etc but this was deferred

7. 2019 Training Courses/Training team

3 x Introduction to Beekeeping courses will be run, 2 x healthy BEES courses, Q Rearing and Manipulations, and a Honey Bee Health course (dates as per the MBA website calendar).

The training team will consist of TH, AW, AB, AR, JG.

The first Basic Beekeeping course session will be held on 19/3/19 and TH and JG will run these.

8. 2019 Monthly Meetings/Apiary Meetings

TH had compiled a rota and trustees were asked to check diaries and let TH know when they could assist

TH agreed to ask membership if anyone could assist with the MBA stall at the Junour Highland Games, Gordonstoun School, 4th May

Gordon Castle show, Sun 19 May – AB, CD & TH will attend. TH to complete an application form

Keith Show, Sun11, Mon 12 August – AB, AW & GD will attend. AB to send forms to TH

9. Birnie Apiary/Working Party/Duty Beekeepers

TH had compiled a rota and trustees were asked to check diaries and let TH know when they could assist

Duty Beekeepers for 2019 were agreed as: TH, AW, AR, JG

A duty beekeepers meeting will be held at Birnie on Sat 20 April, 1pm start. All trustees encouraged to attend

Fencing at the apiary needs repairing before the April meeting.

Action: AR/TGD

10. Winter Programme, suggestions for speakers etc

Yvonne Davidson, Tarland Bee Group, AW, JG, TH, Dave Goulson,

AW will find out who gives talks from Aberdeen Beekeepers.

TH will compile a programme.

AW/AR will contact Dave Goulson but if he does attend we need to keep costs down and see if neighbouring associations will help fund the visit.

Dates were agreed as follows:

All Tuesdays: 22 October, 19 November, 21 January, 25 February (AGM), 24 March

11. MBA Centenary Events

It was agreed that the first event will be a BBQ on 28 April. Members will be canvassed

Action: TH

12. Any Other Business

A discussion took place on use of the MBA G mail account. It was agreed that only the secretary would have access to the block membership e mail list and if any trustee wished to e mail the membership, they send the e mail to the secretary for onward transmission.

Trustees are encouraged to use their own MBA e mail addresses for communicating with members.

13. Next Meeting

Date of next meeting will be in two or three months' time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2040 hours.