

Ryedale Beekeepers Association

Annual General Meeting

12th November 2019

Wombleton Village Hall

Present: Rhona Sutherland, Miles Richardson, Janet Richardson, Rick Colman, Les Peckitt, Mick Winterbottom, Janette Hurd, Kay Stevens, Ros Laycock, Claire Doughney, Andrew Peel, David Mead, Adrian Wilford, Stuart Davison, Julie Thompson, Brian Holmes, Les Bloomfield, Stephen Hudson, Simon Lathlean, Louise Hampson, John Sutherland [21]

The Meeting opened at 1905

1. Apologies: Peter Widlinski, Anne Nelson, Bruce Nelson, Robin Hurd, Philip Closier, Mick Bennett, Dennis Mayes, Keith Hall, Susan Hall

2. Minutes of 2018

2.1 The draft Minutes of the 2018 AGM were passed unanimously as a true record of events. *Proposed* Mick Winterbottom, *Seconded* Steven Hudson

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Chairperson's Report

4.1 The Chair presented a comprehensive report which covered:

- His year with his apiary, which started and ended with 4 hives, and was summarised as a *Good Year*.
- An unattributed account of how bees evolved their stings and social structure, based on an account by ancient Greeks.
- RBKA's programme of activities during 2018/19. This included joint meetings with *Ryenats* and *Malton BKA*, accounts by starter-beekeepers on their early experiences, bee diseases and the Asian Hornet threat/response. The apiary visits had been well attended. The Chair thanked all those that hosted events.
- The Beginners Beekeeping Course had once again been successful with several participants becoming members with bees. The 2020 course was already fully subscribed and all course fees had been paid. He thanked Rhona Sutherland for her continuing good work.
- He clarified the fact that RBKA would no longer support an observation hive at the Ryedale Show, but that members could continue to enter honey and bee-products, if they wished.

- The Association had been invited to attend Farndale Show, and had had a display of bees and beekeeping. This had been a successful approach to increasing awareness and interest in bees that would be pursued in 2020.
- The Christmas meal in 2018 at *The Plough Inn* in Wombleton had been a great success and the 2019 Dinner would be at the *Blacksmith's Arms* in Lavington.
- The Committee was thanked for their inputs into various activities, and members for their contributions and support. John and Rhona Sutherland would be stepping down from the Committee after over nine years of service, although John would continue to support the website and Rhona the Beginners Beekeeping Course.

4.2 The Full Report may be seen at **Annex 1**

5. Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 The Treasurer reported that the Accounts for 2018/19 showed an increase in Association funds.
- 5.2 Expenditure was in support of the Course and indoor meetings, with small levels associated with administration.
- 5.3 Current membership stood at 68 members [56 Registered, 6 Partner, 6 Associate] slightly down on 2018/19 [70].
- 5.4 Bulk purchases of fondant and feed would continue to be sold on to members at cost price, with the Association providing a service, not an income generating activity.
- 5.5 Subscriptions for 2019/20 would remain unchanged:
 - £28.00 for Registered Members [including Bee Disease Insurance for 2 hives];
 - £19.50 for Partner Members;
 - £4.00 for Associate Members;
 - Junior Members would be free of charges but RBKA would pay any monies due to BBKA/YBKA.
- 5.6 The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously by the meeting. Proposed Steven Hudson and Seconded Rhona Sutherland.
- 5.7 A summary of the Accounts is shown at table 1 and the full Report may be seen at Annex 2.

Table 1 Summary of RBKA Accounts 2018/19**Financial summary of Ryedale Beekeepers Accounts 2018/19**

30-Sep-19

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|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Balance at 08/10/18 | 4,974.02 | |
| Current Balance | 6,501.73 | |
| Balance on period | 1,527.71 | 30.7 % increase/decrease in funds |

Summary of Bank Accounts and Cash Box – 2018/19

| Yorkshire Bank [a/c 33952227] | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Starting Balance – 08/10/18 | 4,915.28 |
| Expenditure | 1,957.37 |
| Income | 3,125.75 |
| Transfer from Cash Box | 370.00 |
| Current Balance | 6,453.66 |
| INCOME/EXPENDITURE - Cash Box | |
| Starting Balance – 08/10/18 | 58.74 |
| Expenditure | 91.17 |
| Transfer to Yorkshire Bank a/c | 370.00 |
| Income | 450.50 |
| Current Balance | 48.07 |

Summary of Expenditure/Income – 2018/19

| Expenditure | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Equipment | 0.00 |
| Bulk order | 0.00 |
| Administration | 141.17 |
| Meeting costs | 416.77 |
| Capitation YBKA | 1,490.60 |
| Sundries | 0.00 |
| Sub-total expenditure | 2,048.54 |

| Income | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Subscriptions | 1,662.10 |
| Raffles | 0.00 |
| YBKA Bulk order | 1,154.15 |
| Training courses | 760.00 |
| Interest | 0.00 |
| Gift Aid | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 |
| Sub-total income | 3,576.25 |

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members 2019/20

6.1 **Chair:** *Rick Colman*, proposed Adrian Wilford, seconded Simon Lathlean

6.2 **Secretary:** No candidate presented themselves - *the post remains vacant.*

6.3 **Treasurer:** *Simon Lathlean*, proposed Rick Colman, seconded Steven Hudson

- All officers were elected unanimously and unopposed.

6.4 **Committee Members:**

- Louise Hampson
- Philip Closier
- Adrian Wilford
- Clare Doughney

Proposed John Sutherland, seconded Rick Colman

6.5 All Committee Members were elected unanimously and unopposed.

7. Presentation of BBKA Bee Basic Certificates and Badges

7.1 Unfortunately, due to an administrative oversight, the certificates and badges were not available. Awardees for 2019 were:

- Rick Colman [Credit]
- Kay Stevens [Credit]
- Simon Lathlean

8. Any Other Business

8.1 It was suggested that Dohn Atkinson, who had given an excellent talk on bee diseases in 2019, be invited back to talk on *Spring Hive Management* in April 2020. The Chair agreed to look into this option.

8.2 Les Bloomfield offered an extensive range of WBC hives and beekeeping equipment if any members would like to take it. It was agreed that this might best serve participants on the 2020 Beginners Course, and appropriate action would be taken.

The Meeting closed at 1945.