

South Staffordshire and District Beekeepers Association



Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9th Dec 2020 via [Zoom Meeting](#) videoconference at 7.30 pm

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<p>1. Present: Alan Greenman (Chair), Claire George, Clive Stewart, Dayna White, Ed Bennett, Stuart Roberts & Trevor Smith.</p>																																																																					
<p>2. Apologies: Barry Crossley.</p>																																																																					
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting:</p> <p>Clarification of 10.15 made.</p>																																																																					
<p>4. Matters arising or items not on the Agenda</p> <p>4.1: Membership update: renewal requests have been issued. 35 registered already.</p> <p>4.2: The cost of 2020 Beginners, 2020 capitation is to be paid by the association and they will be registered as County members (as no bees).</p> <p>4.3: Fees received to date are £1,400 and £30 donations.</p>																																																																					
<p>5. Review of Previous Committee Meeting Actions</p> <p>5.1: Outstanding actions were reviewed; 11 remain open.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 1391 1082 1787"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Count of Actions</th> <th colspan="5">Months Open</th> <th rowspan="2">Grand Total</th> </tr> <tr> <th>1</th> <th>2</th> <th>13</th> <th>16</th> <th>19</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Apiary</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communications</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Events</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H&S</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quartermaster</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stakeholders - President</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td> <td>5</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>11</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>5.2: Actions raised in Nov '20: 5 of 10 were closed – Well done committee!</p>	Count of Actions	Months Open					Grand Total	1	2	13	16	19	Apiary	2					2	Communications	2	1				3	Education					1	1	Events			1			1	H&S		1		1		2	Quartermaster		1				1	Stakeholders - President	1					1	Grand Total	5	3	1	1	1	11	
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<p>6. SSDBKA AGM</p> <p>6.1: Date of AGM: 3rd week in March (Thrs 18th) by Zoom Webinar 19:30.</p> <p>6.2: All committee members to be viewed and report.</p> <p>6.3: Voting will be by Zoom poll on the night; with e-mail votes in advance.</p> <p>6.4: Advance paperwork required includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports: Chairman’s, Treasurer’s & BBKA ADM • Nomination forms for committee roles (Events & Treasurer). <p>6.5: General thank you’s will be given to association members on the night.</p> <p>6.6: AGM to be agenda item for next meeting and include consideration of an accompanying talk to encourage attendance.</p> <p>6.7: The committee is searching for people to approach re committee vacancies – all ideas welcomed.</p>	Ed
<p>7. Education Co-ordinator’s update</p> <p>7.1: The 2020 education programme was cancelled due to the covid pandemic.</p> <p>7.2: A draft ‘Education proposal for 2021’ (including a draft calendar), was shared and presented to the committee at the meeting for comment:</p> <p>7.3: Beginners Lecture course: is to begin in April; The 6-week course is fully booked (30 students) and currently planned to be delivered at Wolseley Bridge (assuming restrictions are lifted – if not lectures would be delivered via Zoom). Lecturers are to be confirmed.</p> <p>7.4: Beginners practical sessions: Will be held on Tuesday evenings (after the lectures) at the Shugborough Apiary. The current planning assumption is that the “rule of 6” will no longer apply; If it does, classes will be split and held across a greater number of evenings to comply with rules. Educational exemptions at this point have not been fully investigated. Practical leaders are to be confirmed.</p> <p>7.5: Groups and mentors are to be allocated early during the Beginners course to encourage relationship building.</p> <p>7.6: Beekeeping Peer Chat sessions via Zoom are to be established for 3 groups: Novice, Improver and Advanced.</p> <p>7.7: Hive inspections led by the Apiary Working Group will take place throughout the week with Saturday prioritised to give members several opportunities to attend.</p> <p>7.8: Bee Safaris - are being planned and will be advertised as details are confirmed.</p> <p>7.9: BBKA Basic Certificate – There will be separate sessions to support members wishing to take this (when practical examinations re-start).</p>	

<p>7.10: Groups for other BBKA modular exams are to be created based on membership demand.</p> <p>7.11: The Committee agreed to the proposal in principle.</p> <p>7.12: Once names have been confirmed Education Programme details are to be shared with the membership in the newsletter.</p>	Stuart / Alan
<p>8. Events update</p> <p>8.1: A Christmas / New Year Special Lecture was proposed. The committee reviewed the calendar and decided Tuesday 29th Dec would work. The Scottish Bee Master, Ann Chilcott was proposed as the speaker. Once confirmed members to be informed via e-mail.</p>	Stuart
<p>9. Communications update (including Website & Newsletter)</p> <p>No items raised for discussion.</p>	
<p>10. Correspondence</p> <p>10.1: BIBBA Webinars for prospective beekeepers to be promoted to members:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>“Beekeeping. What’s it all About?”</i> Sat 30 Jan 2021 4.00pm.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>“Introduction to Beekeeping”</i> Sat 13 March 2021 9.30am – 5.00pm.</p> <p>10.2: BBKA Website “Find Beekeeping near me” – SSDBKA details check – details to be confirmed with Stuart /Alan.</p> <p>10.3: The <i>November BBKA President's letter</i> has been forwarded to members.</p> <p>10.4: A request for a bucket of honey – has been received and processed.</p>	Ed / Stuart /Alan
<p>11. A.O.B.</p> <p>11.1: Marquee Purchase Decision: The committee decided on the larger (5 x 10m) marquee from House of Tents; The purchase is to be made now, prior to Brexit.</p> <p>11.2: HG Meeting: Alan and Ed to write to Chris Shaw to arrange a meeting in Jan (Options Thr-Fri 7/8th Jan 19:30 [or earlier on those days]) prior to next committee meeting.</p> <p>11.3: Dates for Calendar: Module 2 and future Committee meetings - Ed to send Stuart.</p>	Alan/Ed Ed
<p>12. Date of next meeting: 20th January 2021</p>	