

South Staffordshire and District Beekeepers Association



Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17th Mar 2021 via [Zoom Meeting](#) videoconference at 7.30 pm

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<p>1. Present: Alan Greenman (Chair), Barry Crossley, Claire George, Clive Stewart, Dayna White, Ed Bennett, Stuart Roberts & Trevor Smith.</p>																																																																												
<p>2. Apologies: None.</p>																																																																												
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting: Ratified.</p>																																																																												
<p>4. Matters arising or items not on the Agenda: None.</p>																																																																												
<p>5. Review of Previous Committee Meeting Actions</p> <p>5.1: Outstanding actions were reviewed; 11 remain open.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse; width: 60%;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2" style="text-align: left;">Count of Actions</th> <th colspan="5" style="text-align: center;">Months Open</th> <th rowspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Grand Total</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">1</th> <th style="text-align: center;">2</th> <th style="text-align: center;">5</th> <th style="text-align: center;">4</th> <th style="text-align: center;">19</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Apiary</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Events</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H&S</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quartermaster</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>5.2: Actions raised in Feb '21: 8 of 12 were closed – Good progress!</p>	Count of Actions	Months Open					Grand Total	1	2	5	4	19	Apiary				1		1	Chair		1				1	Education		1				1	Events	1					1	H&S		1	1		1	3	Membership	1	1				2	Quartermaster	1					1	Secretary	1					1	Grand Total	4	4	1	1	1	11	
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<p>6. SSDBKA AGM</p> <p>6.1: Registrations received - 27 registrations to date (Post Meeting Note: 44 final registrations).</p> <p>6.2: Nominations received – Russell Barlow for H&S – Clive happy to step down from H&S and remain as AHAT Co-ordinator.</p> <p>6.3: Questions received – 2: 1. Have we analysed Members geographical spread changes over time 2. What is the retention rate - see 7.3 below.</p>																																																																												

<p>6.4: Final Checks Ready for tomorrow – All committee members are ready and registered. Meeting to open at 19:00 for 19:30 kick off.</p> <p>6.5: Clive confirmed he’s ready and eager to talk about the Asian Hornet.</p>	
<p>7. Membership Secretary’s update</p> <p>7.1: A map showing member locations has been produced showing: new members for 2021 in yellow, current members in green and lapsed in blue.</p> <p>7.2: Feedback to ER2 Database Manager (Martin Smith?) to be given that it could be improved, by adding fields such as date joined and left and a facility to add notes.</p> <p>7.3: Retention rate of membership is approx. 108 (2021 renewals) / 121 (2020 Members) = 89%. For beginners 50% tend to be retained per year.</p> <p>7.4: The status of long-standing club members yet to renew is to be checked via a courtesy call / e-mail.</p>	<p>Claire</p> <p>Stuart</p>
<p>8. Correspondence</p> <p>8.1: 28-Feb Proposal to nominate new honorary life time members. The committee decided as a serious matter this should be a topic of discussion and resolved in the next committee year. Initially it is thought to require a constitutional change, and as an honour, which would also impact on club finance (paying for Lifetime Members) there should be a clear and appropriate criterion set to aide nominations and guide any approval decision.</p> <p>8.2: 11-Mar Spring Convention – Area Associations Area – Cancelled due to insufficient interest.</p> <p>8.3: 15-Mar BBKA LS 2021-03-15 Area Association Pilot Forum Survey – The committee completed this online together at the meeting – expressing interest.</p> <p>8.4: 17-Mar – Request received to arrange a honey bee talk for residents via Zoom for the Spires Care Home in Lichfield around World Bee Day (Thr 20th May) and potential honey tasting – Trevor to consider if he can support.</p>	<p>Alan</p> <p>Trevor</p>
<p>9. A.O.B.</p> <p>9.1: Decision on joining Support Staffordshire – committee agreed a new 2021 committee member could evaluate this.</p> <p>9.2: Update on Marquee delivery – The Supplier, House of Tents (in Germany) will refund the club, as they are presently unable to complete the order due to delivery challenges. The club will investigate alternative options. The old marquee is still available for use this season.</p> <p>9.3: Education metrics – have been drafted for the next Education Co-ordinator to consider.</p>	<p>Alan</p> <p>Alan</p>

9.4:	Stafford Bee Group have proposed the club support 'No Mow May' for World Bee Day (Thr 20 th May) – to be promoted in next newsletter.	Alan
9.5:	Swarm process update – Approach from Stafford Borough Pest Control for club Swarm Collection list – website link to be provided.	Ed
9.6:	Sun Flower Growing Competition suggested – words to be added to newsletter.	Dayna / Alan
9.7:	Stafford County Council's website links to the club's old website – webmaster to be contacted to update.	Alan
9.8:	THANKS WERE GIVEN TO BARRY CROSSLEY FOR BEING A FANTASTIC TREASURER!	
10. Date of next meeting: 21st April 2021		