

South Staffordshire and District Beekeepers Association



Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2022 via [Zoom Meeting](#) videoconference at 7.30 pm

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<p>1. Present: Alan Greenman, Alan Brewin, Chris Brewin, Chris Shaw, Claire George (Chair), Dayna White, Ed Bennett, Jo Berriman & Wendy Woodward.</p>																																																																
<p>2. Apologies: Julie Hamer & Trevor Smith</p>																																																																
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting: Ratified</p>																																																																
<p>4. Matters arising or items not on the Agenda Item Schedule</p> <p>4.1: Phil Atkin resignation (25th May). Thanks to Phil for all support given to date. Events Co-ordinator Vacancy noted and to be advertised. Limited support for social events is to be sought as most events have now been planned.</p> <p>4.2: Safeguarding Policy reviewed by SS&DBKA Safeguarding Officer (Jess Bennett) & accepted by committee with thanks.</p>	Alan G																																																															
<p>5. Review of Previous Committee Meeting Actions</p> <p>5.1: Outstanding actions were reviewed; 14 remain open.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Count of Actions</th> <th colspan="5">Months Open</th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <th>Committee Area</th> <th>1</th> <th>2</th> <th>4</th> <th>7</th> <th>8</th> <th>Grand Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Apiary</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apiary NT</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communications</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quartermaster</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stakeholders - President</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> <td>13</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>5.2: Actions raised in May '22: 6 were raised – 3 closed; Well done Committee!</p>	Count of Actions	Months Open						Committee Area	1	2	4	7	8	Grand Total	Apiary					2	2	Apiary NT					3	3	Communications		1				1	Membership	1		1	1		3	Quartermaster	1					1	Stakeholders - President	1	2				3	Grand Total	3	3	1	1	5	13	
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<p>6. Events Co-ordinator's update</p> <p>6.1: Wildlife at the Castle 22 May '22: Was a success. There were 3000+ estimated visitors. Thanks to the team that supported the stall. We sold £110 honey (22No. 1lb jars). Story reported on page 6 of our May newsletter.</p>																																																																

<p>6.2: Saturday 20th August BBQ at Shugborough: This new event is in planning and support is to be sought.</p> <p>6.3: Beekeeper talks in the National Trust's Shugborough Walled Garden: It's been proposed we give these once a month and sell club and member honey. Dates are to be confirmed – these will be the same as Saturday Apiary meeting dates to allow members to easily participate.</p> <p>6.4: November Social: Date to be confirmed at future meeting.</p>	
<p>7. Apiary Co-ordinator's update – e-mail received 6th Jun</p> <p>7.1: Shugborough: The apiary is at full strength with 17 colonies in hives and 3 Nucs waiting to be hived. First honey harvested (115kg) honey from 13 supers – thanks to those involved in the transport of supers to Holt Hall where it was extracted – a later harvest would benefit from member transport support.</p> <p>7.2: Equipment maintenance: 2nd July apiary session to be extended to cover this.</p> <p>7.3: Hilton Green: Going well. Some nucleus hives are being transferred to Shugborough. The HG beekeepers are supporting a Ukrainian refugee beekeeper; Committee decision to provide addition support w.r.t. provision of a BBKA membership for this individual. Another delivery of sugar has been received for sale.</p>	Chris Shaw
<p>8. Quartermaster's update:</p> <p>8.1: Consumables for sale: Delivery, distribution & advertisement: 2 overloaded pallets of jars delivered - feedback to supplier should have been packed onto 4 pallets.</p> <p>8.2: Pickup will be from Shugborough at specified dates and times (to be advised).</p> <p>8.3: Round 1lb and 12Oz jars to be advertised for sale. The significant benefit of the bulk discount is to be communicated to members.</p> <p>8.4: Ambrosia is to be purchased soon to enable sale before apiary closure in September.</p> <p>8.5: The committee discussed sale of varroa treatment (Apistan strips) for beginner beekeepers and advises those with only a few hives to buddy-up and make a joint purchase – treatments will also be made available before Sept.</p>	Dayna Wendy

<p>9. Education - Update post Cohort 1 Beginners – successes and learning, any adjustments to plan</p> <p>9.1: Honeybee Experience in May: 12 people attended; 5 people registered for a future Beginner beekeeping course.</p> <p>9.2: Beginner Beekeeper in May: 15 people have taken part; last session is this Saturday. No one has dropped out and feedback has been positive to date from both attendees and Practical beekeepers supporting. We will send out an evaluation sheet.</p> <p>9.3: Next Beginner Beekeeper in July: 15 people registered: different practical beekeepers supporting.</p> <p>9.4: Next Honeybee Experience in September: 9 people registered already!</p>	
<p>10. Communications update (including e-mail, Website & Newsletter)</p> <p>10.1: Newsletter: May's has been issued – Thank you Alan G; Calendar entries now no longer on newsletter – on website instead. Stories being sought for July issue. Reflections from Beginner's are welcomed.</p> <p>10.2: E-mail: Use of additional e-mail addresses (up to 5) within the e-mail cost to be investigated and implemented if no extra cost.</p>	Wendy
<p>11. Correspondence – 9 items received. 1 from BBKA – Responded to in green</p> <p>May 20th - LS 2022-05-20 Petition - Wildflower Verges – fwd to members. 20th - Membership opportunity to send delegates to the National Council of the National Honey Show. 22nd - refugee beekeeper in Hednesford requesting contact with South Staffs Beekeepers – fwd to membership. 24th - Opportunity to book table at Fair: Christopher Pincher's Seniors Fair Thursday 25 August 2022 – declined. 25th - A big thank you - Wildlife at the Castle 2022 – fwd to contributors and thanks given.</p> <p>June 2nd - Fundraising opportunity? via Pluggin – discussed. 8th - Kennels site old goal posts donated to youth club by Phil Atkin – picture to be requested. 8th - AHT Online Assessment – 9 members have taken it – up to 15 can take it experience beekeepers to be approached. 13th - Request for Talk to Stafford u3a Monthly Meeting 11 July 2022 – declined.</p>	Alan G Alan G Chis Shaw
<p>12. A.O.B.</p> <p>National Trust: strong winds policy to shared and referenced in our risk assessment.</p>	Alan G / Wendy
<p>13. Date of next meeting: 19th July '22 @ Brocton Village Hall, Old Acre Lane, Brocton, ST17 0TW @ 7PM – please note earlier start! – Post meeting Note changed to virtual due to Committee member availability and heat wave.</p>	