



# South Staffordshire and District Beekeepers Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at

Featherstone Methodist Hall, North Crescent, Featherstone, Wolverhampton, WV10 7AU at 7.30 pm

	Action
<p><b>1. Present:</b> Alan Greenman, Chris Brewin, Chris Shaw, Claire George (Chair), Dayna White, Ed Bennett &amp; Wendy Woodward. Plus 12 member guests: See photograph in the March newsletter.</p>	
<p><b>2. Pancakes with the committee</b> We welcomed members to our social / committee meeting allowing attendees to and find out all about how our committee meetings operated. Prior to the start of formal business, Members chatted with the Committee and were encouraged to say what they liked about the club and to offer suggestions on how to improve it in the future. These notes were made as we at our Pancakes – it's suggested the 2023 committee make use of these. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event, which has been reported in the March news-letter.</p> <div data-bbox="215 958 798 1003"> <h3>SKILLS I HAVE TO OFFER THE ASSOCIATION</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="215 1019 837 1220"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible free sapling trees at the end of the season, April (Paul P)</li> <li>Beekeeping skills</li> <li>Making cakes</li> <li>Photographing events (Paul Mann)</li> <li>Cookies (Anne)</li> <li>Volunteer days (Paul P)</li> <li>Mentoring if you live by me (Phil A)</li> <li>Team Building</li> </ul> </div> <div data-bbox="215 1236 798 1281"> <h3>WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="215 1294 837 1496"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge sharing</li> <li>Comradeship</li> <li>Friendly</li> <li>Helpful</li> <li>Inclusive</li> <li>Good place to start for beginners</li> <li>People</li> <li>Beautiful bees</li> <li>Excellent people</li> <li>Engaging conversations</li> <li>Cake and food</li> </ul> </div> <div data-bbox="215 1512 718 1556"> <h3>IDEAS I HAVE FOR THE ASSOCIATION</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="215 1572 1125 2004"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulk buying from suppliers such as Thornes. E.g. club members create a shopping list which hopefully is large enough collectively to qualify for discount</li> <li>update website lots out of date</li> <li>Celebrating older/retired beekeepers</li> <li>Ask members willing to lend equipment</li> <li>Equipment for hire to members</li> <li>guides + info about individuals "bee journeys" ie education, courses etc</li> <li>links with schools</li> <li>more opportunities to attend club apairies in winter to observe checks ie hefting etc</li> <li>40th label for Shugborough</li> <li>mentor/buddying</li> <li>Club equipment for loan/ hire. E.g. extractor, burco boiler etc</li> <li>examples of different types of hives</li> </ul> </div> <div data-bbox="869 900 1316 1541"> <p><b>Meet the committee on Pancake Day...</b></p> <p>Our beekeeping association has been active for well over a hundred years now and as a charity, it can't operate effectively without a dedicated committee to run its affairs. The current committee held its normal monthly meeting in February but this time it coincided with Shrove Tuesday. It was decided to make it a special occasion with pancakes for all who attended. This time, the open meeting was held at Featherstone Methodist Hall with our chair, Claire, welcoming club members who came along to meet the committee and find out all about how these meetings operated. Members were encouraged to say what they liked about the club and to offer their suggestions on how to improve the club in the future. The evening continued with the usual meeting agenda and the various committee tasks and roles were discussed to give a flavour of committee life. It was an excellent evening and as a result, it is hoped that more members will be encouraged to join the committee at the AGM later this month. Many thanks to everyone who turned up and a big thank you to Ed and Jess for cooking the delicious pancakes, ably assisted by Elizabeth and Nancy who drew the wonderful giant bee that you see in the photographs.</p> </div>	

<p><b>3. Apologies:</b> Alan Brewin, Julie Hamer &amp; Trevor Smith.</p>																																																																																									
<p><b>4. Minutes of the last meeting</b> - Ratified</p>																																																																																									
<p><b>5. Matters arising or items not on the Agenda Item Schedule</b>  5.1: Vacant roles for 2023: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Quartermaster, Health &amp; Safety and Communications.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Post Meeting Note: Chair vacancy also confirmed for 2023!</b></p> <p>5.2: Support to committee welcomed.</p>																																																																																									
<p><b>6. Review of Previous Committee Meeting Actions</b></p> <p>6.1: Outstanding actions were reviewed; 14 remain open.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 797 1066 1207"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Count of Actions</th> <th colspan="7">Months Open</th> <th rowspan="2">Grand Total</th> </tr> <tr> <th>1</th> <th>3</th> <th>4</th> <th>5</th> <th>8</th> <th>15</th> <th>16</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Apiary</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apiary NT</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communications</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quartermaster</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grand Total</b></td> <td><b>2</b></td> <td><b>1</b></td> <td><b>3</b></td> <td><b>2</b></td> <td><b>1</b></td> <td><b>1</b></td> <td><b>4</b></td> <td><b>14</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>6.2: Actions raised in Jan '23: 7 were raised – 5 closed, well-done committee!</p>	Count of Actions	Months Open							Grand Total	1	3	4	5	8	15	16	Apiary	1						2	3	Apiary NT							2	2	Communications			2	1	1			4	Membership						1		1	Quartermaster			1					1	Secretary		1						1	Treasurer	1			1				2	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	
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<p><b>13. Communications update (including e-mail, Website &amp; Newsletter)</b>  Newsletters are being issued on a quarterly basis and website updated regularly. <b>Vacancy for Newsletter also noted.</b></p>																																																																																									

<p><b>14. Correspondence</b> – 6 items received. 5 from BBKA – Responded to in green</p> <p><b>January</b>  18<sup>th</sup> Guarding Guild in Tamworth &amp; Lichfield – request for speaker.  20<sup>th</sup> LS 2023-01-20 Spring Convention 21-23 April 2023 – fwd to members also on website.  24<sup>th</sup> LS 2023-01-24 Reconvening ADM Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.  27<sup>th</sup> LS 2023-01-27 BBKA Additional Training Courses</p> <p><b>February</b>  8th - LS 2023-02-08 Hand Written Module Examinations – no action required.  13th - LS 2023-02-13 Draft Minutes of ADM 2023 part 1– no action required.</p>	
<p><b>15. A.O.B.</b>  Honey Jarring for events was discussed and offers of support to jar and sell honey will be welcomed.</p>	
<p><b>16. Date of next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> March '23 via Zoom.</b></p>	