



South Staffordshire & District Beekeepers Association

Committee Meeting: 10 December 2024

Via Zoom, 7pm

Discussion summary and action points

1. Present: Wendy Woodward, chair (WW), Trevor Smith (TS), Chris Brewin (CB), Alan Brewin (AB), Penny Darlington-Twibill, note taker (PDT), Ed Bennett (EB), David Primrose (DP), Paul Twibill (PT)

Apologies: Kevin Rowe (KR), Alisdair Lewis (AL), Paul Mann (PM), Chris Shaw (CS).

2. Minutes of 9 October and Matters Arising.

HG BC: To check if PH & KT will be PB	PDT	
Check date for 2025 extraction demo	PDT	Done. CS will do it Thursday 1 August. Venue? Shareshill VH.
To draft SSDBKA motion for ADM re BBKA Dashboard and link with ER2	EB	Done. See below. PT to review.
To firm up plans for social event 30 Nov.	WW	Done. See below.
Confirm that AL and CS are willing to act as Membership Secretary in 2025	PDT	Done. CS stepping down; AL will continue.
Email for Member recruitment vacant Comm. Posts in 2025	WW	Done
Source used gas cylinder lockable store	WW	PDT will speak to Peter Illidge.

Notes agreed as a correct record and PDT will send out as final document and posting on Association's website.

3. Education issues: 2025 TS & DP

- Beginners' Course 2025: TS reported that so far 4 people have signed up for course at Shugborough Apiary; 3 at HG. Given that Gemma Phillips is now stepping down from active involvement with 2025 beginners' course and managing Assoc. website, there was a discussion about how applicants are tracked via website.

Actions agreed:

- a. TS will populate template on shared area

TS will liaise with AL regarding membership anomaly i.e. new member who has paid a membership fee which includes joining the beekeeping course in 2025 at a reduced fee. Agreed that he won't be asked to increase his fee.

- Honeybee Experience Day: DP reported that the HBE for 2025 is planned for 13 July. He will be supported by volunteers from the Assoc.
- Bee Chats 2025: DP circulated draft programme. Following discussion he will add session on swarm collection. WW is in contact with Joyce Nesbitt to have a session about wax.

4. Social Event 30 November:

CB and AB reported that this has been a popular event with 32 members showing up and listening to a talk by Wildlife Trust, going a small walk and having lunch at the centre. The Assoc. will be donating £40 to Wildlife Trust.

5. AGM 2024-2025-Saturday 29 March at Northfield Village:

- Officer roles confirmed for 2025: Chair-WW; Sec.- PDT; Pres.- PT; Treasurer- EB; Educ DP; Membership- AL; Apiary Co-ord.- temporarily AB & CB [Shug], HG [HG apiary working group]; Events- WW, CB, PDT.

Vacancies-Quartermaster and Apiary Co-ord. Shugborough.
Communication lead including Facebook.

c. WW to send out email recruiting to vacant officers' posts.

- Presentation of certificates: TS confirmed 18 people would be receiving awards
- Speakers at the AGM-proposed that Asian Hornet lead, Jo Berriman will be asked to update members regarding preparation for incursions of Asian Hornet [PDT]. Also, Caroline from the National Trust would be asked to update Association members with the NT's progress to remodel the estate
- Officers' reports to be sent to PDT by 28 February with Committee.

6. Bank Account transfer

Agreed to progress transfer to new account after March when new membership has been completed.

d. Catch up session with WW, AL, EB.

7. Xmas Event at Shugborough, Rescheduled to 14-15th Dec

WW summarised discussion with NT about where the Association will be allocated at Shugborough for Xmas event. CB and AB will set up stall on Friday 13th Dec.

(e) WW will clarify with NT availability of WiFi

8. Assoc. Website

GP has now resigned as website co-ordinator. Her contribution will be recognised at the AGM.

PT and Matthew Woodward to help with Website

9. Date of next meeting

11 Feb.2025. Venue: TBC.

Agreed Actions

No.	Action	Who
3	TS will populate template on shared area	TS
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6.	Bank transfer catch up session with WW, AL, EB.	WW/AL/EB
7	WW will clarify with NT availability of WiFi	WW