



Mission Statement:

- To further and promote the craft of beekeeping
- To advance the education of the public in the importance of bees in the environment.

The unified voice of British Beekeeping

Welcome!

The New Year is here and our ADM has already taken place. More on that below. Here's to a wonderful year in beekeeping

-Margaret Wilson, Chair of the BBKA

NB Branches and Associations please pass along to your members

The Annual Delegates Meeting (ADM)

The day started quite well, with everyone in good spirits, there was a change this year in the set up, all Trustees sat facing the delegates, so that if questions were asked the Trustee was in a position to answer and face the person who raised the question, it seemed to work very well, Leigh Sidaway was on this table too and was able to advise the delegates on the progress of administration within the BBKA.

The first part of the ADM is generally confirming the events of the previous year and that they were accepted, this included the accounts and we were pleased to report that once again we had a slight surplus of £50K

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BBKA News wrapping

Sharon Blake our Editor of the BBKA News has spent many hours researching how to get the magazine delivered to you in an eco-friendly way after our supply of plastic runs out. We can get them delivered in a potato starch envelope but this increases the cost considerably. This was passed at the ADM so we will go forward as soon as existing stocks have been used.

We then went on to the propositions which included the new CIO constitution and Discipline and Grievance procedures, although it was felt that some changes would enhance them, they were both voted through on condition that we could make changes as appropriate during the year and present them again next year. This shows the improvement of co-operation between delegates and trustees and makes such meetings much more sociable.

Although there were five vacancies on the board of trustees, there were only three candidates, two of which are already trustees, myself, Diane Drinkwater and a new trustee, John Canning from Cleveland, I am sure that he will be able to help in moving the BBKA forward in all the aims that we have.

I am sure that your own delegate will update you on the way the proposals were voted however if anyone need further clarification, please let me know. We have put the screen shots of the slides showing the results of the voting on the website in the members area. This is the link: <https://www.bbka.org.uk/adm-2019>

Next week we have the induction of Trustees and the allocation of Link Associations, some will remain the same but as we had two trustees leaving there may be some changes to cover the area's they supported. I am sure that as soon as the allocation is finished, you will be contacted by your Link Trustee, so please make sure that your secretary has your correct contact details, otherwise we will not be able to get in touch.

Trustees and Office staff

I show below the elected officers for the year 2019 in alphabetical order:

Stephen Barnes
Suzanne Bennett
Diane Drinkwater
Pam Hunter
Margaret Murdin (President)

General Husbandry Training and Advanced Husbandry Training

The training of beginners across many associations has been very effective and there are consequently beekeepers who are now looking to further their skills and knowledge beyond the beginner level. We are very pleased to announce that the BBKA Education and Husbandry Committee will provide the local support to those who plan to take the General Husbandry or the Advanced Husbandry assessments in near future.

The courses aim to give the participants an understanding of what the assessments entail and what they need to do to be successful, including both theory and apiary training. The team of 6 Master Beekeepers will act as tutors and facilitators in London, Stoneleigh and Sheffield, between January and June 2019.

Please contact Marin Anastasov, NDB on manastassov@aol.com to register your interest in attending or to get further detail on the courses.

2nd Conference of Sustainable Beekeeping: A Future Without Imports. Saturday February 16th 2019, The Eden Project, Cornwall

This event has been organised in response to increased interest in native and heritage honey bees.

For more details and for booking tickets see <https://www.b4project.co.uk/upcoming-events>

Howard Pool
Gareth Morgan
Anne Rowberry
Margaret Wilson

Also here are the members of Staff at BBKA headquarters with their phone extensions: You can contact them direct by calling 02476 696679 and then when prompted the extension numbers proceeded by #:

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Website (including swarm collectors) Bees in the Curriculum, schools liaison,

Michelle
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Sales accounts and eReturn2 membership database,

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Management Accountant, purchase accounts,

Alex
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Office Administrator,

George
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Fund Raising.

We also have the following email addresses that are regularly monitored: members@bbka.org.uk for all membership updates & enquiries

Housekeeping

It is the time of year to monitor your bees and make sure that they have enough food to get through to Spring, whenever that may happen this year, I already have snowdrops and aconite flowering but it is too cold for the bees to take advantage, much the same as last year. Let's hope that we move towards spring in a gentle controlled manner and not as last year when we had that terrible cold snap after we have experienced a few weeks of milder weather.

University of Sussex - Final Year Research Project

Problems and Issues in Bee Keeping - please click here to help with this [5 min survey](#)

AHATS

With the help of Trustee Diane Drinkwater, the new Asian Hornet Action Team (AHAT) map has now [gone live](#). Please note our deadline is the 31st of Jan to get your information in to the office. Please email gen.manager@bbka.org.uk with the details of your nominated coordinator.



bbka@bbka.org.uk for general enquiries from public

International Meeting of Young Beekeepers 2019

Selection day on Sunday 10th March at the BBKA HQ at Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire from 10:30 am

It's that time of year again when we start recruiting young beekeepers for the 2019 IMYB which is in its 10th year and is being held in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia, on the 3rd July - 7th July 2019. As before, we are looking for a team of three teen beeks aged between 12-17 with either the BBKA Basic or Junior Assessment (or equivalent experience) to come on an all expenses paid, life-changing trip. You will meet, work and learn from fellow young beekeepers from almost 30 countries around the world and a great time is guaranteed! Email Simon for further details and to register! simon.cavill@bbka.org.uk

BOOKING NOW OPEN!

Please visit our website at www.bbka.org.uk