

## Medway Beekeepers' Association

### Minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 18 December 2018

at 28 Wallace Road 2pm

	Actions
<p><b>Present:</b> John Chapman, John Hendrie, Bob Smith, Tony Edwards, Jen Ferry.</p>	
<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b> Sheila Stunell, Mark Ballard, Elaine Laight. Paul Lawrence</p>	
<p>1. <b>Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2018:</b> Item 3 revised to read: After consideration the committee agree that MBKA would continue to offer subscriptions to Bee Craft to the members through the annual renewal form.</p>	
<p>2. <b>Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b> John Chapman has not yet arranged a follow up visit to the potential apiary site at Mockbegger Cricket Club. The building needs to be assessed for suitability. Bob Smith has not yet contacted the Introductory cohort from 2018 to see who has bees.</p>	<p>JC to contact John Myatt.</p> <p>BS to contact group.</p>
<p>3. <b>Finance and Membership:</b> Very little movement this month on finances. It was noted that there was no raffle money taken from any of the summer meetings. Occasionally new members, unknown to him, send application forms directly to John Hendrie. In future John will check with the committee before accepting these applications.</p>	
<p>4. <b>Correspondence:</b> No correspondence has been received.</p>	
<p>5. <b>Annual report:</b> The report was discussed and the following content was agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman's Report</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Bee Buddy (mentoring)</li> <li>• Newsletter/Social Media</li> <li>• Swarm Liaison</li> <li>• Apiary MB</li> <li>• Programme</li> </ul> <p>All copy to be sent to Sheila by first week in January for circulation ASAP.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>BS</p> <p>TE</p> <p>PL/Sonia Belsey</p> <p>JC</p> <p>MB</p> <p>PL / JC?</p>
<p>6. <b>Outcome of Discussion on Introductory Course – Follow up Paper by Bob Smith:</b> Bob presented a summary paper of the discussion held at the last meeting. This is attached as Appendix 1. Relevant to the discussion last month, <b>BIBBA</b> are presenting several one day regional events entitled 'Sustainable Bees and Queens'. Bob felt that this day would be very useful to those involved in supporting the Introductory course. BIBBA are willing and able to add a date in early</p>	

<p>spring in Kent if MBKA can find a location and host it. 100 people are required to make this viable.</p> <p>It was agreed that MBKA should take up this opportunity. Having discussed suitable venues it was agreed that Lenham Community hall was the best venue for this and Bob agreed to coordinate the availability and book BIBBA if possible. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March was the favoured date but this would need to be negotiated with the other parties.</p> <p><b>7. Future Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>An annual planner</b> was circulated by John Chapman for discussion</li> <li>• An Introductory day was discussed but no decision made on when or where this could be held</li> <li>• The Summer meetings were discussed. The poor turn out at members apiaries, and the difficulty in getting offers for this, led to this being reconsidered. It was agreed that summer meetings will all take place at City Way this year.</li> <li>• JC also noted that the Open Apiary sessions clash with both the Kent Show and the Honey Show. It was agreed that this year we would move to having a fixed Summer Meeting/Open day on <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month</b> to address both of these issues.</li> <li>• Topics need to be agreed in advance for these sessions so need to involve MB &amp; EL.</li> <li>• Archie McLellan suggested that a description of the content of each meeting be sent out by email and FaceBook before the events. It was suggested that Sonia do the words &amp; PL send out emails (JF offered to do in PLs absence)</li> </ul> <p><b>Annual Delegates Meeting</b> Sheila Stunell is not able to go – JC will attend instead. He has been given the mandate to vote as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Winter Programme</b> Suggestions were sought for winter programme 2019/20. These included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microscopy 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>• Photography (Andy Garnham is in a Photography club)</li> <li>• Wood working for beekeepers</li> <li>• Favourite bits of homemade kit</li> <li>• Inside your bee box</li> </ul> <p>It was also discussed that the calendar needs to be agreed 12months in advance and that we could produce a small printed version for members.</p> <p><b>AGM</b> Standard Agenda To check with Richard Blaxland if he is happy to stand for the next 3 years. It was noted that a donation has been received from Ken Beviar Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Chapman happy to be chair</li> <li>• John Hendrie happy to be treasurer</li> <li>• Secretary – to check if Sheila Stunell is happy to continue</li> <li>• Jen Ferry will be standing down after 3 years therefore one place to fill. John Chapman check with Sonia Belsey and Neil Byhurst if they wish to stand. Nominations and self nominations will be sought via the newsletter from the membership.</li> <li>• Committee expressed a preference for there to be no more than 9 members on the committee.</li> <li>• Also discussed that everyone needs a role and these should be allocated at the first meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>BS to arrange</p> <p>JC to contact SB</p> <p>JC to contact</p> <p>JC to discuss with SB</p> <p>JC</p>
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**8. Any Other Business**

- Membership

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm at 28 Wallace Road  
Chatham

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_