

WBKA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date of meeting: Wednesday 14th March 2018

Present:	Chairman	Rob Claxton-Ingham
	President	Peter Longbottom
	Secretary	Janet Hartley
	Treasurer	Sue Hobson
	Membership	Linda Mills
	Chair Upper Wharfedale	Matthew Mason
	Webmaster	Laurence Truman
	Co-opted member	Anne Peart

Apologies: Sophie Pringle

1 HONEY SHOW

The date is confirmed as Friday 9th November 2018. It was agreed that the show be held once again at Ilkley Rugby Club with the same format and food as in previous years.

ACTION: Janet will confirm the date with Ivor Flatman who has agreed to judge entries.

Janet will contact the Rugby Club to book the room and food.

Linda will contact others to help with stewarding.

Rob will send a thank you card to Ray and Gina for organising the show in previous years; also to ask Gina for any information/equipment that she holds regarding the show.

Rob will purchase a bottle of whisky as a thank you to Ivor for judging. Ivor is retiring this year and it was agreed that he be presented on the night with a further gift. It was suggested that Rob purchase a crate of local beers.

Rob will speak to Bruce Speed regarding a trophy named for him. This would be an award for the most points in show for non-hive products such as skeps,

cake and photographs. Any ideas for other categories please bring to next committee meeting.

2 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

Long and involved discussions took place. Membership details can no longer be held without members' consent.

ACTION

Linda will send an email/letter to each member asking for their consent to hold details of their name, address, telephone number, email address and membership number. Members will be informed that the details will be shared with the Yorkshire BKA and BBKA. They will be used by the committee for appropriate correspondence and held securely. Members will also be informed that if consent is not given then WBKA will be unable to correspond with them by email or Combings for example.

Laurence to set up a new Dropbox for committee papers and the membership lists.

Laurence to investigate the possibility of giving committee members access to their WBKA email accounts so they can send messages from those accounts.

3 SKIPTON GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

The initiative to become involved with SGHS came down from BBKA to YBKA and from a contact there to Peter Longbottom at WBKA. Peter gave an update on progress. One teacher from SGHS is attending the beginners' course and Peter will act as mentor. Ideas for help with funding were discussed. It was agreed to set an annual budget for high schools. WBKA would give a cash sum of £250 to a maximum of four high schools per year.

4 EDUCATION MATTERS

The following schools information is from Sophie Pringle

wbka_youthdevelopment@wharfedalebka.org.uk

Ben Rhydding Primary School wish to put an apiary in their grounds. If anyone would like to put bees on the site please contact Sophie.

Stanbury Village School is having an ECO day on Wednesday 25th April. Sophie will be doing a presentation on the day.

Lothersdale School are requesting a visit from WBKA members to work with the children on Wednesday 27th June. No times confirmed yet. If anyone would like to attend with Sophie please let her know.

5 HONEY EXTRACTION DAYS

Discussion took place regarding arranging another honey extraction day this year. Last year's event was poorly attended so it was felt that a prior commitment to attend such a day would be required, with Upper and Lower Wharfedale organising their own events. Suggestions for investing in more equipment for honey extraction were received from Sophie and it was agreed that she go ahead and purchase the items.

6 YBKA Delegates Meeting

This was held on 24th February and attended by Peter who reported back from this meeting. Peter had attended in place of Rob who is our link on the General Purposes Committee of the YBKA.

7 DIARY DATES

Otley Green Fair 21st April 2018

Otley Show 19th May 2018

Skep workshop 7th July 2018

Gargrave Show 18th August 2018

8 APIARIES

Otley apiary serves Lower Wharfedale members and work on it is progressing well. Upper Wharfedale are still looking for a club apiary site.

9 MEMBERSHIP AND EDUCATION SECRETARY ROLES

ACTION: Rob will ask Chris and Jill if they wish to step back into these roles.

10 SPEAKERS

Those who attended the talk given by John Varker at Christchurch in Ilkley expressed their appreciation and enjoyment of his lecture.

ACTION: Janet will email John Varker to ask if he has any more appropriate lectures.

Janet will contact other BKA's to try to find other speakers.

If anyone has any suggestions for future speakers please forward details to Janet.

11 COMBINGS

Any contributions for the next issue of Combings to be received by 14th April. Please send to Rhona email address wbka_combings@wharfedalebka.org.uk

12 INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM YBKA

It was agreed that information received from YBKA could be published on the WBKA website. This will prevent members being bombarded by emails to their personal accounts. It will also release the secretary from trying to decide what should or should not be forwarded.

ACTION: Chairs of Upper and Lower Wharfedale to inform members at their next meetings that they can access this information via WBKA website.

The next meeting will be hosted by Matt, address and directions to follow. It will be held on Tuesday 19th June 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Many thanks,

Janet Hartley

Secretary WBKA