

## WBKA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date of meeting: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Present:     Acting Chairman   Matthew Mason  
              Secretary            Janet Hartley  
              Treasurer             Sue Hobson  
              Membership         Linda Mills  
              Webmaster         Laurence Truman  
              Co-opted member   Anne Peart

Apologies: Sophie Pringle  
              Rob Claxton-Ingham  
              Jenny Liston  
              Toni Killingray

### 1 HONEY SHOW

Number agreed on was 50 attendees.

The meal options agreed on were meat lasagne, vegetarian lasagne and a gluten free meat stew. Accompanying choices of potatoes, bread and salad. Following this a cheese board and honey cake from the show.

A charge of £5 per head was agreed, with payment being taken on the night. A subsidy from WBKA funds will be made to cover the cost of catering.

Stewards at the show were agreed as Linda Mills and Jill Leggat.

ACTION: Janet will confirm catering arrangements with Christine at Menston Catering.

Janet will email Ivor Flatman with Honey Show schedule after it appears in September Combings.

Linda will liaise with Jill and previous Honey Show organisers regarding stewardship.

## 2 MEMBERSHIP PROCESSES

Discussion took place regarding new members and updating of details. Sue sends the information to YBKA twice a year; once at the end of February to catch those attending the beginner's course; and again at the end of July with any additional members or change of details. This coincides with YBKA updating details and sending them to BBKA.

WBKA have no direct access to YBKA or BBKA regarding membership, so new members cannot be added directly.

If a prospective new member enrolls on the contacts page of the web-site this will go to Linda. She will then send out a membership form, a gift aid form and a copy of our General Data Protection Regulations.

Any member wishing to change their address should email Linda.

Access to the data spreadsheet is accessible to the Committee members and is password protected.

## 3 EDUCATION AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES

Linda Mills was confirmed as Membership Secretary.

Jenny Liston has spoken to Laurie Prowse and he has expressed an interest in becoming Education Secretary. He led one of the sessions on the beginner's course this year and has given talks in schools.

**ACTION:** Rob to contact Laurie regarding becoming Education Secretary.

## 4 SKEP WORKSHOP

Numbers attending stand at 8 so far but it is anticipated that more will enrol. Information regarding this day has been sent out by email and also included in the minutes of Upper and Lower Wharfedale.

There is an experienced tutor for the day and payment by attendees is for materials only.

A barbecue lunch will be provided at Sue's. It was agreed that cakes would be contributed by those attending.

## 5 SKIPTON COLLEGE

Skipton College have had an enquiry about beekeeping courses and wondered if they should advertise this in their prospectus. It was agreed that this was not appropriate as WBKA are often over proscribed on the beginner's course.

The college have also offered to have hives on site. This has previously been raised with Upper Wharfedale members.

ACTION: Matthew knows the Head of Agriculture at Skipton College. He will have an informal chat to him regarding the hives.

## 6 SWARM OFFICERS AND CO-ORDINATORS

It was agreed that swarm officers are best organised on a club level. Laurence pointed out that all swarm officers are listed by area on the club website. It was agreed that there would be no further advantage in informing the police as this information was readily accessible online; also, a number of police stations are now unmanned for periods of time.

Upper Wharfedale have actions in place to supply beginners with swarms. Some members have agreed to collect swarms to pass on to beginners and two members who produce a number of nucleus colonies by the end of June will also supply beginners.

It was agreed that Bob Hodgson was overall co-ordinator. Anyone catching a swarm or wanting a swarm should contact Bob.

ACTION: Janet will email Bob to confirm this role.

Chairs of Upper and Lower Wharfedale to inform members at their next meetings. Bob's email to be added to minutes.

## 7 SAND HUTTON VISIT

Discussion took place regarding a visit to the National Bee Unit at Sand Hutton near York. It was agreed that a visit for members of WBKA would try to be arranged for 2019.

ACTION: Linda will contact Mark Cade for any information on the tour, as they have been on a recent visit to Sand Hutton.

Janet will then investigate the possibility of setting up a date for a visit.

## 8 EQUIPMENT ISSUES

It was agreed that a deposit system for equipment was not needed. It was felt that this would be difficult to administer for the treasurer.

A projector has been purchased by the club and is currently kept at Sophie's house.

### ACTION:

Sophie to collect unwanted equipment from Peter Grove and take it to the next meetings in Otley and Skipton for sale.

The two gazebos that will be used for Gargrave Show to be erected at Sue's on the skep workshop day to make sure they are well maintained. Sue will bring from storage.

## 9 EDUCATION ISSUES

Thanks and acknowledgment go to Sophie and Laurie for the following talks this year:

Ashlands Primary School (book given last year) – Sophie

Stanningly Primary (book given to school) – Laurie

Saltaire (book given to school) – Laurie

Burley and Woodhead (book given to school) – Laurie

Lothersdale – Sophie

Addingham Brownies – Sophie

Bolton Abbey Wednesday nighters group – Sophie

Thank you to Matt and Janet for hospitality for this meeting. The next meeting will also be held at Matt's house on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Janet Hartley

Secretary WBKA

