

# North Somerset Bee Keepers



**Minutes of 66<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

1. WELCOME Garry Packer, Chair

Talk: The mind of the honey bee Marin Anastasov

2. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND CUPS

## **Cup recipients**

Hans Wilson Trophy for most points in honey section at the North Somerset Show	Jenny Wakenshaw
George Simms Cup for most points in honey section at the Portishead Show	Annabel Lewis
Bristol Silver Queen for most points awarded in the Bristol Honey Show	David Capon

## **Basic Certificate recipients**

Margaret Myers	Heather Pitch
Andy Scarisbrick	Liz Scarisbrick
Eric Sortwell	Caroline Bartlett

## **Module one certificate recipients**

Sandra Slater	Tony Slater
Rob Williams	Robert Cleeves
Stan Wroe	

## **BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

3. ATTENDEES

Michelle Stagg	Ken Stagg
Hugh Jones	Malcolm King
Phil Clemente	Garry Packer
Rob Williams	Margaret Myers
David Capon	Juliet Fowles
Chris Coates	David Welham
Rob Cleeves	Jamie Llewelyn
John Molesworth	Neville Lee
Jacqui Lee	Colin Smith
Simon King	Tim Daplyn
Amanda Banks	Jane Boss
Jenny Wakenshaw	Sandra Slater
Tony Slater	Martin Gate
Martin Spiller	Liz Scarisbrick
Andy Scarisbrick	Ivor Davis

Jan Davis	Steve Willmott
Rob Francis	Eric Sortwell
Fran Frappell	Peter Smith
Stephen Brain	Paddy Brading
Annabel Lewis	Tom Salter
Janet McCulloch	Richard Ellis
John Banks	Beverley Curl
Jodie Moger	Heather Pitch

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Charlotte & Ian Matthews, Tom Leimdorfer, Michael Batchelor, Tony Scrase, Belinda & Zdenek Kimpel, Barbara Smith, Stan Wroe, Dawn Watt, Sheila James, Hazel Preller, Adrian Wells, Ken Basterfield, Ginny Gibbs.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES of the 65<sup>th</sup> AGM

##### 4.1 Funding to attend meetings, courses or the national Honey Show

Some funding was made available for members to attend the BIBBA conference.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Proposer: Rob Williams

Seconder: David Welham

#### 5. OFFICERS' REPORTS

##### 5.1 President's report

Garry Packer

Attendees have a copy of the report. There was nothing to add.

##### 5.2 Chair's report

Annabel Lewis

Attendees have a copy of the report. There was nothing to add.

##### 5.3 Secretary's report

Janet McCulloch

Attendees have a copy of the report. There was nothing to add.

##### 5.4 Treasurer's report and accounts (2016/17)

Richard Ellis

Attendees have a copy of the report. RE reported that the accounts are audited.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by: David Capon, Seconded by John Banks and accepted by show of hands with no dissenters.

##### 5.5 Apiary Manager's report

David Capon

Attendees have a copy of the report. There was nothing to add.

##### 5.6 Swarm Liaison Officer's report

Adrian Wells

Attendees have a copy of the report. There was nothing to add.

##### 5.7 Programme Manager's report

John Banks

Attendees have a copy of the report. There was nothing to add.

##### 5.8 Education Officer's report

Rob Francis

Attendees have a copy of the report. There was nothing to add.

5.9 Webmaster's Report John Banks  
Attendees have a copy of the report. There was nothing to add.

5.10 Avon Beekeepers Association Delegate Report David Welham  
Attendees have a copy of the report. There was nothing to add.

The Officers reports were accepted. Proposer: Rob Williams, Seconder: John Molesworth

6. BRANCH SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2018/2019 Richard Ellis  
RE reported that the subscription fee is not being increased for 2018/2019

## 7. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

### 7.1 Treasurer

Richard Ellis has been in this post for 8 years and is keen to relinquish the role. There were no volunteers to take over the post. Interested members are invited to contact Richard for further information and to shadow him for a period if necessary.

**Action: Members interested in taking on role of Treasurer to contact Richard Ellis**

### 7.2 Apiary Manager

Eric Sortwell has volunteered to take on this role. Proposer: Annabel Lewis, Seconder: David Capon

### 7.3 Programme Manager

Rob Williams has volunteered to take on this role. Proposer: Heather Pitch, Seconder: Rob Francis

### 7.4 Education Officer

Paddy Brading has volunteered to take on this role. Proposer: Jenny Wakenshaw, Seconder: Jan Davis

### 7.5 Membership Secretary

Heather Pitch has volunteered to take on this role. Proposer: Rob Williams, Seconder: David Welham

### 7.6 Assistant Apiary Manager

Jamie Llewellyn has volunteered to take on this role. Proposer: Annabel Lewis, Seconder: Richard Ellis

All those proposed were approved by show of hands with no dissenters. The new members are welcomed on to the committee.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 8.1 Honorary Membership

The committee had intended to award Honorary Membership to Reg Stevens, who passed away earlier this year before the honour could be conferred. The committee proposed to award Honorary Membership to his widow, Shirley Stevens and this was approved by show of hands.

## 8.2 Long term service awards

Long term service certificates are being awarded to Clive Wells and (posthumously) to Reg Steven, both of whom were beekeepers for over 70 years.

Several other members will achieve 50 years beekeeping in the next couple of years and will be eligible for certificates at that time.

## 8.3 Christmas meal

The deadline for booking a place at the Christmas meal will be Monday evening.

## 8.4 Essential items purchase scheme

JB reported that there are some spare items, e.g. fondant and MAQ strips and interested members should contact him to place orders while stocks last.

## 8.5 Branded sweatshirts/teeshirts

Some members had asked where they could purchase items marked with the branch logo. Monsoon in Clevedon has the artwork and can add the logo to clothing items for a low cost.

## 8.6 Beekeeping table at an event at Ravenswood School, Nailsea 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018

DC reported that he and AL will be manning a table from 10-1 and additional support would be welcomed.

## 8.7 Winter Cluster

The next Winter Cluster will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 12midday at The Battleaxes Pub, Wraxall.

9. DATE of the 67<sup>th</sup> AGM: 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING - 15:55