

North Somerset Bee Keepers



Minutes of 64th Annual General Meeting Held on 19th November 2016 at Churchill Memorial Hall

1. WELCOME Garry Packer, Chair

Talk: The wonderful thing about bees Professor Rob Pickard

2. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND CUPS

Cup recipients	
Hans Wilson Trophy for most points in honey section at the North Somerset Show	Belinda Kumpel
George Simms Cup for most points in honey section at the Portishead Show	Jenny Wakenshaw

Certificate recipients	
Module 2:	Alysun Jones Annabel Lewis Paddy Brading
Basic Passes:	Michael Batchelor Keith Brand Richard Bragg Mark Crosby Scott Finnegan Janet McCulloch Joanna Swift Byron Williams

BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3. ATTENDEES

Malcom King	Martin Gate	Beverly Curl
Reg Stevens	Shirley Stevens	Ken Basterfield
Mary Duncan-Burden	Bob South	Jan Davis
Jane Boss	Jenny Wakenshaw	David Welham
Paddy Brading	Eric Sortwell	Janet McCulloch
Rosemary Taylor	Sandra Slater	Tom Salter
Rob Williams	Stan Wroe	Ivor Davis
Michelle Stagg	Ken Stagg	Garry Packer
Tony Slater	John Banks	Richard Ellis
Stephen Brain	Chris Harvey	
Beverly Curl	Andrew Mathison	
David Hounsell	Tony Scrase	

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Clare Eden, Adrian Wells, Hattie Lupton, John Leimdorfer, Hugh Jones, Wendy Welham, Belinda & Zdenek Kumpfel, Heather Pitch, David Maslen, Sheila James, Helen & Peter Burns, Alison Wilson, John Molesworth, Mark Yates, Lee Silver, Juliet Carbin, Steve Robinson, Ginny Gibbs, David Capon, Rob Francis, Annabel Lewis, Amanda Banks

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES of the 63rd AGM

No matters arising

5. OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 President's report

David Welham

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

5.2 Chair's report

Garry Packer

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 (2015/16) Richard Ellis

A copy of the audited report is available on the website. Next year we may need to spend more money on the branch apiary as it is being used more. Our auditor, Tony Poole, is retiring next year so we will need to find a new auditor.

We are changing the name of our bank account to *North Somerset* and are increasing the number of signatories.

A question was raised as to whether depreciation of equipment is included in the accounts and RE reported that this is not necessary as the branch is not a limited company.

A second question was raised regarding insurance cover for the hut. It was confirmed that the hut is insured.

The accounts were proposed by Jane Boss and seconded by Tony Scrase.

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

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To follow.

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

6. BRANCH SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2016/2017 Richard Ellis
RE reported that the subscription fee is not being increased for 2016/17. The committee had agreed that the fee for the beekeeping introductory course will include the cost of associate membership for one year.

7. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

7.1 President: David Welham is standing down and Garry Packer was appointed. Proposed by Bob South and Seconded by Jan Davis.

7.2 Chair: Garry Packer is standing down and Annabel Lewis was appointed. Proposed by Garry Packer and Seconded by David Welham.

7.3 Secretary: Janet McCulloch's term of office has expired. No volunteers.

7.4 Assistant to the Treasurer - Stan Wroe was appointed.

7.5 Assistant to the Webmaster - Rob Williams was appointed

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 AWARD OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Garry Packer proposed that our outgoing President, David Welham, should be awarded Honorary Membership. This was proposed by Garry Packer and Seconded by Tony Scrase.

9. DATE of the 65th AGM: 18th NOVEMBER 2017

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING