



North Somerset Beekeepers

(a Branch of Avon Beekeepers Association Reg Charity No 271717)

Minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting held on 12th November 2022 at 2.00pm, Churchill Memorial Hall

Prior to the business of the meeting Dr Christophe Grueter of Bristol University gave an illustrated talk on "Communication in Bee Colonies".

Dr Grueter also made the following presentations:

Hans Wilson Trophy for the most point at North Somerset Show: **Tony Slater**

George Simms Cup for most points at Portishead show: **Annabel Lewis**

BBKA Basic Assessment Certificates: **Claire Banwell, Vicki Campbell, John Davies, Dawn Keedwell, Colin Jones, Claire Wilcox.**

1. **Welcome:** Garry Packer (President) welcomed members to the meeting.
2. **Present:** Ivor Davis, Jan Davis, Ken Basterfield, Maureen Basterfield, Beverly Curl, Bob South, Ginny Gibbs, Yvonne Chapman, Annabel Lewis, Jodie Moger, Stephen Brain, Rob Francis, Mark Hunter, Heather Pitch, Eric Sortwell, Dawn Keedwell, Claire Banwell, Sheila James, David Johnson Francis, Judith Ralfs, Paddy Brading, Chris Harvey, James Dean, Rob Williams, David Welham, Claire Wilcox, Mike Wilcox, David Capon
3. **Apologies received from:** Tom Leimdorfer, Tony Slater, Sandra Slater, Michael Batchelor, Mark Crosby, Neil Bartholomew.
4. **Approval of minutes of 69th AGM held on 13th November 2021:**
The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting
 - a. Approval proposed by: Stephen Brain
 - b. Seconded by: Rob FrancisApproved unanimously.
5. **Officers' Reports:** These were circulated to members prior to the meeting
 - 5.1 **President's Report:** Garry Packer
 - 5.2 **Chair's Report:** Annabel Lewis



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- 5.3 **Secretary's Report:** David Capon
- 5.4 **Membership Secretary's Report:** Heather Pitch
- 5.5 **Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2021/2:** Tony Slater
- 5.6 **Apiary Manager's Report:** Eric Sortwell
- 5.7 **Programme Manager's Report:** Rob Williams

These reports were submitted en masse to the meeting for approval

Proposed by: Annabel Lewis

Seconded by: David Capon

Approved unanimously.

- 6. **Branch subscriptions:** Heather reported that membership currently stood at a total of 246, and thanked the 86 who had already paid their subscription for 2023. There was no increase in subscriptions this year.

7. Election of new Officers:

Annabel Lewis had reached the end of her term as chair.

Heather Pitch has been nominated as Chair.

Proposed by Eric Sortwell, seconded by Stephen Brain

Passed unanimously.

David Capon had reached the end of his first term as Secretary, but did not wish to continue for a second term.

There were no nominations for this post, David agreed to continue in an administrative role in the short term, but was not prepared to serve another term.

Jodi Moger had agreed to serve a second term as Assistant Apiary Manger.

Proposed by Heather Pitch, seconded by Eric Sortwell

Passed unanimously

Sue Ames and John Davies had both stood down from the committee.

Judith Ralfs and Jen Stallwood had offered to come on to the committee without specific roles.

Proposed by Annabel Lewis, seconded by Ivor Davis

Passed unanimously



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Annabel Lewis had also agreed to continue on the committee without a specific role.

8. Any Other Business:

Sheila James drew the attention of the meeting to some issues she had had with the extractor hire this season.

It was agreed that we needed to look at the equipment with possible upgrades, the fee charged as this had not changed for a good number of years, and a possible surcharge for failing to return in good time. This item would be put on the next committee meeting agenda.

Eric Sortwell reminded those who had just passed their basic Assessment that any assistance they could offer at the apiary sessions on Sunday mornings would be appreciated.

Garry Packer presented Annabel Lewis and David Capon with bouquets as appreciation for their service to the committee.

9. **Date of 71st AGM** was set for Saturday 18th November 2023 at 2.00pm

10. **Meeting closed** at 3.28pm.

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