



DEVON BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 14th December at the Honey Shed, Quince Honey Farm, Aller Cross, South Molton EX36 3RD at 10.15 am

- Opening by the Chairman** - the Chairman endorsed the President's comments at the beginning of the Devon Beekeepers' Day and said that we now had to move on to the formal business of the day.
- Attendance & Apologies for Absence** - 65 members signed the attendance register, of which 60 were Registered, Partner, and Honorary Registered or Partner members. Apologies for absence were received from 14 members.
- Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 15th December 2018** - the minutes were accepted as a true record & signed by the Chairman; proposed Chris Utting, seconded Gerry Stuart; unanimous. There were no matters arising.
- General Secretary's Report on behalf of the Executive Council**
 - a copy of the report had been circulated prior to the meeting on the DBKA website and the report had been shown on-screen at the meeting. The report was presented by the Gen Sec who outlined the significant activities that had taken place during 2019. Especially the huge pride and credit that DBKA could take for its Asian Hornet work. The Bees & Honey Marquee at the Devon County Show continued to be successful. A DBKA Training & Education Policy would be introduced during 2020.
 - Deidrie Conniss, Holsworthy Treasurer, said that she was not happy with the "approval" process for Branch accounts. DBKA had criticised the BBKA ADM being held too far into the following FY, and had adjusted its AGM date accordingly, bringing it forward closer to the end of the FY. The Gen Sec reminded delegates that Branch accounts had to be approved by Branch Committees before being presented at Branch AGMs. The DBKA membership was not required to approve accounts.
- Statement of Accounts from the Treasurer & Presentation of FY19/20 Budget**
 - a copy of the report and the accounts for the financial year ending 30th September 2019 were displayed at the meeting. The Treasurer asked the delegates for any queries that they may have had. Deidrie Conniss, Holsworthy Treasurer, asked for more guidance on Branch assets, and the Treasurer reminded everyone that asset definitions were in the DBKA Finance Policy & Procedures Policy Doc. A vote of thanks was offered from the floor to the Treasurer to recognise the membership's grateful thanks for the hard work that he puts into the role.
- Election of DBKA Officers**

Office	Holder 2019	Proposed Holder for 2020	Proposer	Seconder
President	Christopher Smith	Tony Lindsell	Lilah Killock	Gerry Stuart
Chairman	Tony Lindsell	Viv Thorn	John Kirk	Liz Westcott
Vice Chairman	Viv Thorn	Ruth Neal	Viv Thorn	Gerry Stuart
General Secretary	Barry Neal	Barry Neal	Ruth Neal	Marian Minton
Treasurer	Alan Binge	Alan Binge	Tony Lindsell	Liz Westcott
Gift Aid Treasurer	Keith Bone	Keith Bone	Alan Binge	Simon O'Sullivan
Editor Beekeeping	Lilah Killock	Lilah Killock	Mike Ticehurst	Glyn Davies
Education Officer	vacant	vacant	n/a	n/a
Show Chairman & Secretary	Liz Westcott	Liz Westcott	Chris Utting	Ruth Neal
Webmaster	Mike Ticehurst	Mike Ticehurst	Lilah Killock	Liz Westcott

The President asked for a show of hands for the election of the Chairman - elected unanimously - and then handed over the chair of the meeting to the Vice-Chairman to conduct the election of the President - elected unanimously. Subsequently, all the Officers were elected unanimously. The Chairman tabled a vote of thanks for all the Officers and their hard work over the previous year.

7. **DBKA Honorary Membership** - this item was taken later in the day during the DBD presentation of awards. The Chairman mentioned that this award was designed to celebrate the marvellous work of individuals over many years. The nominations had been approved by the EC and were for Glyn Davies and Jim Mogridge, both of Torbay Branch. The proposers read out the citations for each award. All nominations were approved unanimously and the President presented the certificates.

Viv Thorn

Chairman

12th December 2020