

**Minutes of meeting held Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019, 7.30pm at Tony Payne's**

Present: Tony Payne (President), Richard Martin (Chairman), Andy Smith, Roger Chapman, Felix Oliver, Caroline Crosthwaite, Maggie Lawrence

1. **Apologies:** Alan Seager, Bohdan Antoniow, Sue Haynes
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as correct
3. **Matters arising:**
  - Still looking for a gazebo
  - Alde Carr Farmers' Market
  - Mike Heath had asked ML where the observation hive that he lent to SDBKA is. Andy volunteered to retrieve Mike Heath's observation hive from Alan in order to use it at shows  
**Andy**
  - No news on sugar source but costs 49p/kilo at Pound Stretchers
4. **Correspondence:** ML asked to send email to all members asking if anyone was willing to man a stand at the Otley Open day **Maggie**
5. **Treasurer's Report:** £5913.25 in bank and £276 in cash. Some capitations due. Robert Jackson has paid but not submitted a form; Pete Gibbs has submitted form, but no money; Jonathan Free paid yesterday
6. **Membership up-date:** Excluding Jackson and Gibbs, 123 members – 110 registered and paid, 11 partners and no juniors, 2 country members. John Izzard has not responded to RC's letter. All mentees have mentors
7. **Summer BBQ:** 28<sup>th</sup> July at 1230. Will be at Richard Martin's Sub-committee of Tony, Caroline and Sue will meet at Caroline's on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm
8. **2019 Shows:**
  - **Suffolk Show** meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April. Agreed any members' entries delivered to RM by Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May would be taken to show by FO. It was agreed that SDBKA would enter 5 pots with labels of Association Honey
  - **Gislingham Honey Fair-** footfall poor, FO sold 12 jars of his honey and 3 Association jars
  - **Hadleigh Show** – ML joined Paul White on his stand. FO been in touch with organisers and we will be approached again next year
  - Committee agreed that the Association needs a definitive kit list with kit where necessary, including visual aids, notice boards, decent **Andy** volunteered to create kit list with costs so it would be ready by 8<sup>th</sup> June **(Andy)**. RC to write generic letter about the Association to be handed out at shows **(Roger)**
9. **Club Apiary:** RM informed Committee that there had been a mishap at the Apiary. RC with Stella Z had observed queen cells in 14 x 12 so RM had tried to split the hive by the book. The queen disappeared. Money would be needed for new hives and frames and RM said he had a seconds hive for sale.

10. **Beginners' Course:** weather in April and May has not been good. Students had been offered alternative days to go into hives at TP's and RM's but due to too short notice, take-up had not been good. TP requested that all members on course should receive a feedback form. RC has list of students.

12 **Any Other Business:**

- RC suggested that a designated email account be set up for each job so that in case of illness or resignation, the email account could be passed on to new officer
- Andy is organising banner. All agreed it should be corporate colour of yellow and black. RC to email Asm the SDBKA logo (Roger and Andy)
- The need for another Association extractor was discussed but RM said that even with a 3 day loan, there was rarely a queue.
- Agreed that the Association should buy some largish trousers for those visitors wearing tight trousers
- ML mentioned the Bee teacher friend of Kate Kerr's and it was agreed we should find out more

13 **Date of Next Meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm at Richard Martin's