



Bucks County Beekeepers' Association

Registered Charity No. 297335

Annual General Meeting for the Year October 1st 2019 – September 30th 2020

22nd February 2021, by Zoom Conference with live polling and results captured

Minutes

1. Apologies for Absence

Clive Morgan, Dorothea Jones, Pete Harley, Sally Morgan, Jim Liness, Ruth Stephenson

35 members were present including at least one member of each District Association and four officers were present, so the meeting was quorate.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. Reflecting on the past year, in the pandemic situation we have been fortunate as beekeepers, to be able to attend our bees in at times excellent weather and through what could be considered an unusual forage year. Normally we hold our AGM as the final part of the Spring Seminar. This year, for practical reasons we have split the event. Based upon the complimentary feedback concerning this year's online seminar, it seems to have been well received. Thanks go to Fiona and Russ for all their work in making the day such a success. There will be voting during this evening's AGM using zoom polling for each key stage. In line with standard practice for online AGMs we have already assigned proposer and seconders for each voting item.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM – Proposed Helen Palmer, seconded Nick Hinson

Approved Yes 86%, Abstain 14%

3. Matters arising from the minutes

None

4. Secretary's Report – Proposed Gillian Jones, seconded Phil Clarke

Approved Yes 89%, Abstain 11%

5. Treasurer's Report – Proposed Sean Stephenson, seconded Jonathan Palmer

Approved Yes 92%, Abstain 8%

6. Election of the Inspector of accounts – Proposed Bill Fisher, seconded John Pearson

Approved Yes 97%, Abstain 3%

7. County membership fees as recommended by the Executive Committee; no fee for 2020/21

Proposed Sean Stephenson, seconded John Pearson

Approved Yes 97%, Abstain 3%

8. Local Association Reports

- a. Chalfonts Beekeepers' Society
 - b. High Wycombe and District Beekeepers' Association
 - c. Mid Bucks Beekeepers Association
 - d. North Bucks Beekeepers' Association
9. Nomination and election of John Pearson as Treasurer–Proposed Phil Clarke, seconded Gillian Jones
Approved Yes 95%, Abstain 5%
10. Re-Election of Officers and Executive members – Proposed Nick Hinson, seconded Helen Palmer
- a. President – Bill Fisher
 - b. Chairman – Sean Stephenson
 - c. Secretary – Fiona Matheson
 - d. Education Officer – Jonathan Palmer
- Approved Yes 97%, Abstain 3%
11. Nomination and election of Two General members
- a. Helen Cave – nominated and proposed by Gwyn Marsh, seconded Pete Harley
Approved Yes 92%, Abstain 8%
 - b. There being no volunteer for the second general member position this was held over

11. AOB

None

12. Date and Venue for next meeting

To be determined; provisionally at the end of the Spring Seminar 2022 if a live event, or by video conference if not. More information will be communicated nearer the time.

The Chairman closed the meeting reflecting on how each of our local associations has managed and adapted over the last year to a situation that none of us predicted. On a day when we have been given a form of timeline to a return to normal it yet seems fitting that we have as an association closed off last year and move on to next year with the hope of a “normal” season. Just someone needs to tell the bees what Normal is...Wishing you all the best for the coming year and I hope to see you at a beekeeping event soon.

Approved by the Bucks County Committee Meeting 10th March 2021

And signed by Chairman Sean Stephenson

