# Bucks County Beekeepers' Association

Registered Charity No. 297335

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the Year October 1st 2021 – September 30th 2022

held on Saturday 18th February 2023, 15.15pm at
John Colet School, Wharf Rd Wendover, HP22 6HF

1. Apologies for Absence:

   Gwyn Marsh, Mick Brown, Gillian Jones

2. Minutes of the previous AGM. Approved

3. Matters arising from the minutes. None

4. Secretary's Report

   With Covid restrictions still in place at the beginning of the year the Annual Seminar was held as a hybrid meeting, with about 20 members attending at home by video conference and 60 present in the hall, who were glad to see each other again. The AGM was held immediately after the meeting with polling on zoom for the voting.

   The advent of videoconferencing has meant that we held all the committee meetings this year by videoconferencing and the county will retain its Zoom subscription for another year as this is a cost effective and efficient way of meeting.

   Once the summer started COVID restrictions were largely lifted and we were able to attend the Bucks Agricultural Show on 1st September. The stall won 2nd prize in the non-agricultural category as the judges were very impressed with the interactive nature of the stand and the educational content.

5. Treasurer's Report

   Income and expenditure

   Our main item of income was from the microscopy course. Apart from administration and examination costs, expenditure in the year covered Bucks County Show (£425), the BBKA National Honey Show (£818 for two years), our own Seminar (£660) and Honey Show (£300).

   Reserves

   Despite not having contributions from local associations we ended the year in a reasonable position, with accumulated reserves of £8,036, of which £4,816 was invested with CCLA in the COIF Charities Deposit Fund. The remainder of the funds were held in a treasurer's charity account at Lloyds Bank.

   Contributions from local associations

   At the end of the current year (2022-2023) it is likely that our reserves will fall below £5,000. Therefore, I recommend that we resume collecting contributions from local associations.

   Many thanks to our independent examiner, Neville Morton, for his sterling work on the accounts. He has agreed to continue next year.

   Acceptance and approval of the accounts:

   Proposed Jonathan Matthews, seconded Jonathan Palmer. Approved unanimously

6. Election of the Inspector of accounts. Neville Morton

   Proposed Helen Palmer, seconded Bill Fisher. Approved unanimously

7. County membership fees as recommended by the Executive Committee

   The Executive Committee recommends reinstating members' subscriptions from the local associations at £2 per member for 2023 and 2024. 2023 subscriptions to be determined by the BBKA Capitation figures on 1st April 2023.

   Proposed John Pearson, seconded Jonathan Matthews. Approved unanimously.

8. Local Association Reports

   a. North Bucks Beekeepers' Association
   b. Mid Bucks Beekeepers Association
   c. High Wycombe and District Beekeepers' Association
   d. Chalfonts Beekeepers' Society

   The reports were read by the Chairs (Dorothie Jones standing in for Gillian Jones) and appreciated by all.

9. Re-Election of Officers and Executive members

   a. President – Bill Fisher
   b. Chairman – Sean Stephenson
   c. Treasurer - John Pearson
   d. Secretary – Fiona Matheson
   e. Education Officer - Helen Cave

   Proposed Caroline Luxford, seconded Jonathan Palmer. Approved unanimously

10. Re-election of one (of two) General Members

    Jonathan Matthews. Proposed Helen Cave, seconded Bill Fisher. Approved unanimously

11. Nomination and election of one (of two) General Members

    Rachel Hulme. Proposed: Caroline Luxford, seconded Maria Ward. Approved unanimously

12. AOB

    a. The Bucks County Honey Show will be hosted by MidBucks on Saturday 9th September, venue to be advised.
       The local association Honey Show secretaries (MB Jane Newman, NB Rachel Hulme, HW David Pycroft and CBS Fiona Matheson), will meet on Zoom to share experiences. **Fiona** to set up.

    b. Recommended if the annual seminar is to be held next year, that the venue reverts to The Memorial Hall, where the kitchen facilities and acoustics in the hall are better.

13. Date and Venue for next meeting

    The 2024 AGM will be held within six months of the end of the financial year (before 31st March 2024). Date and venue will be communicated nearer the time.