Bucks County Beekeepers' Association

Registered Charity No. 297335

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the Year October 1st 2020 – September 30th 2021

held on Saturday 12th February 2022, 15.15pm at
John Colet School, Wharf Rd Wendover, HP22 6HF

1. Apologies for Absence

   John Pearson, Gwyn Marsh

2. Minutes of the previous AGM. Approved

3. Matters arising from the minutes. None

4. Secretary's Report

   We had a quiet year because of covid restrictions and held last year's seminar and AGM on zoom. There weren't many face to face meetings and the Bucks Agricultural Show was cancelled. Sean and Jon produced some live hive demonstrations on zoom at the Mid Bucks apiary, and the recordings are available on the Bucks County website. We held all the committee meetings on zoom and the County has a GoTo Meeting and a zoom account available for use by the County beekeepers when needed.

5. Treasurer's Report

   Despite not levying Branch contributions we ended the year in a strong position, with accumulated reserves of £10,200, of which £4,800 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. Expenditure in the year covered virtual meeting licences £326, general administration £162, and The County Honey Show £300. Due to the pandemic, there was a much reduced programme in the year, with the Seminar making a small surplus, and training events a small deficit. Many thanks to our independent examiner, Neville Morton, for his sterling work on the accounts. He has agreed to continue next year.

   There was discussion of the Reserves. Suggestions from the floor were to investigate sponsoring original research, maybe in collaboration with other groups

   Acceptance and approval of the accounts:

   Proposed Jonathan Matthews, seconded Daniel Clark. Approved unanimously

6. Election of the Inspector of accounts. Neville Morton

   Proposed Mick brown, seconded Caroline Luxford. Approved unanimously

7. County membership fees as recommended by the Executive Committee

   The County again proposed to waive association subscriptions for the year.

   Proposed Gillian Jones, second Rachael Wilson. Approved unanimously.

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

The reports were read by the Chairs 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

    Proposed Caroline Luxford, seconded Helen Cave. Approved unanimously

10. Nomination and Election of Education Officer

    Helen Cave

    Proposed Bill Fisher, seconded Rachael Wilson. Approved unanimously

11. Nomination and election of two General Members

    Jonathan Matthews.

    Proposed Mick Brown, seconded Helen Palmer. Approved unanimously

    There being no other candidate put forward the second General Member position was held over.

11. AOB

    The County Agricultural Show will be held on Thursday 1st September 2022 and the Bucks County Beekeepers will attend

12. Date and Venue for next meeting

    The AGM will be held immediately after the Annual Seminar in 2023 on the same day; likely to be in early February 2023. Date and venue will be communicated nearer the time.