



# Suffolk Beekeepers' Association



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(An Area Association of the British Beekeepers' Association)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022,

7.30pm via Zoom

### Minutes

**Attendees:** Jeremy Quinlan (I&ESBKA), Kevin Thorn (WSBKA), Jane Corcoran (Education), Sam Williams, Terry Avery, Chris Poupard (SCBKA), Ian McQueen (Treasurer), Jackie McQueen (Membership), Laraine Kuntze (NDBKA), Mark Dua (Show), Helen Davies (County Sec), Liz Robertson

**1. Apologies for absence**

a. Joy Allen (Show Chair), Zac Blackmore (WSBKA), Roger Chapman (SDBKA), Jon Tuppen (EARS)

**2. Review & Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 AGM**

a. The minutes were approved and agreed to be accurate. JC proposed, CP seconded, all approved.

**3. Any matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM**

a. None

**4. Presentation of reports:** Reports were published to the SBKA website prior to the meeting for review so not relayed at the meeting.

a) Chairman

b) Treasurer

Ian McQueen

Review, Approval & Adoption of the 2021 Accounts Ian McQueen

*IMc provided a short summary of the accounts. Notable was a £500 profit on the sale of the bee feed. JQ proposed, KT seconded, all approved the accounts*

c) Branches

Chairmen of Branches

d) Suffolk Show Chair

Joy Allen

e) Education Secretary

Jane Corcoran

*Main point best practice day Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Wickhambrook Village Hall – Peter Davies on Bee Diseases, visit to apiary to check for disease. Continuing with Module Groups, about to start Module 3 – date tbd. Working with Framlingham College on setting up an apiary*

f) Eastern Region Forum

no meeting or report

g) ADM Report

*KT attended this year, majority attended by Zoom. A minutes silence was held for those beekeepers who had died during the pandemic including our previous County Chair Alan Seager. Financials are not as good as they normally are due to the pandemic. Propositions were mostly minor amendments to the constitution. Requests for lobbying on un-adulterated honey/ban on importing honeybees/queens, earlier notification of Asian Hornet Week. All these were passed.*

h) National Honey Show

Chris Poupard

*First year on having Suffolk classes. CP would like to promote showing of honey. JQ asked that SBKA members be encouraged to enter all shows.*

CP asked for details of membership numbers per association. I&ESBKA = 244, WSBKA = 219, SDBKA = 124, SCBKA = 140, Waveney = 134, Norwich = 62, Total = 924 (791 excluding some membership classes). KT commented on the noticeable increase in numbers.

**5. Presentation of Trophies**

Ian McQueen

- a. IMc said Buckland Bowl was not presented as the Suffolk Show wasn't held last year or the year before. The West Suffolk Show was held in 2021 – it was suggested that the Buckland Bowl should go to the winner there. *Action: SBKA Meeting to discuss inclusion of NHS classes in the Buckland Bowl criteria.* SW asked which branch won the Rose bowl for most Basic Exam passes. *Action: JQ to ask WP re exam passes or each association.*

- b. **NB It later transpired that the winner was West Suffolk**

**6. Election of Officers**

President – Jeremy Quinlan (nominated by HD, seconded by JC)  
Chairman - Kevin Thorn (nominated by JQ, seconded by RC)  
Vice Chairman – no volunteers  
Hon Treasurer- Ian McQueen (nominated by HD, seconded by SW)  
Hon Secretary – Helen Davies (nominated by JQ, seconded by JC)

**7. Confirmation of other positions**

Education (Jane Corcoran)  
Examinations (Wendy Paget)  
Suffolk Show (Joy Allen for 2022, Mark Dua for 2023 & deputy for 2022)  
ADM (Kevin Thorn)

**8. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts**

- a. Paul White has agreed to continue this role

**9. County Secretary's Notices**

- a. None

**10. AOB**

- a. CP stated that a member of his association who is seriously ill wanted to bequeath his 6 hives to Framlingham College. JC & CP to discuss offline.
- b. IMc stated that a query had arisen around payment of travel expenses when travelling on Association or Show business @ 45p per mile. All agreed that these should be paid.
- c. SW raised a question around pricing of honey at the Suffolk Show and if this was in-line with any BBKA guidelines. JMc stated that this had been discussed at the Show meetings and agreed as £8.00 per pound.
- d. JQ stated that an auction is being held on 06Apr of remaining equipment belonging to our previous Chair. JQ has circulated the list of equipment to the associations.

**11. Chairman's closing remarks**

- a. KT thanked everyone for attending and asked people contact him if they need assistance.

**12. Vote of Thanks**

See 11

**13. Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 8:46pm