

Barnsley Beekeepers Association

6th December 2021 Minutes

Venue	Gilroyd Social Club & via Zoom
Meeting Started	7:15 for 7:30pm start
No. Present	14 + 4 via Zoom
Apologies	Mike Andrews, Charles Austin, Cathi & Mike Lees, Andrew Woolhouse
Chair	Richard Senior

Chairman's Welcome

Novembers Minutes - Minutes circulated 2nd November accepted by Gary Francis and Seconded by Paul Keys

2022 Training and Education – Val Francis

- No update on beginner's courses, Wakefield and Pontefract Association are hoping to set up an assoc. Apiary however it's a long process to gain a lease
- Modules dates – closing date to apply is Feb 10th, Module exam date is March 19th
- 7 interested in exams next year either Bee Health or Modules
- Zoom meetings to start in new year
- Whatsapp group created for Exam Support
- Anybody interested contact Val
- Bee Health and General Husbandry application date is 28th February
- Gordon presented with his Basic certification

Association Apiary update – Pauls Keys

6 Colonies doing really well, fondant fed when needed, new stand taken up with an increased height of 18 inches. Improvements to the stand footings being made.

Jobs in the Apiary

- Cross Fingers and hope for the best, Oxalic Acid trickle between now and xmas, or vaping
- Heft hives, add fondant to any feeling light, NOT syrup
- Mouse guards should be on now
- Woodpecker protection – chicken wire / damp proof course plastic
- Strapped down for storms and check after
- Cleaning and putting kit together ready for 2022,

- Good time to move hives if need to rearrange Apiaries at all

Next Meeting Programme

- January – NO MEETING
- February 7th - Stewart Spinks, The Norfolk Honey Co. Microscopy Live

AOB

- No update on Bank accounts or Portsmouth Asian Hornet
- Subs Reminder, please try and pay by BACS
- Foundation Order, orders to be placed and paid for by the 23rd of December
- Buckfast Abbey Beginners and Winter courses – link to be shared by mail in coming days
- BIBA webinars starting 7th Dec
- YBKA Winter Talks: The mind of the Honeybee of the 7th Dec

Quiz Night

The meeting and Quiz closed at approx. 8:40pm