

Barnsley Beekeepers Association

7th February 2022 Minutes

Venue	Gilroyd Social Club & via Zoom
Meeting Started	7:35 start
No. Present	20 + 2 via Zoom
Apologies	Aimee Kite, Sally Howe, Gordon Maddan
Chair	Richard Senior

Chairman's Welcome – Richard opened the meeting at 7:35 and introduced this month's speaker

February Talk – Fascinating talk from Stuart Spinks from the Norfolk Honey Co with a Live pollen Microscopy

December Minutes - Minutes circulated 7th December Accepted by Gary Francis and Seconded by Sue Higham.

YBKA Virtual Delegates Meeting – held on Sat 12th of March at 10:30, Associations are permitted up to 3 attendees, Richard and Mike are happy to attend, if anyone else would like to join please contact Richard for details.

Association Apiary Update – treated at xmas, 6 colonies doing OK and to be checked this week if flying.

YBKA Anti Tamper Labels – Please register your interest by Monday 14th to Mike, payment details email to be sent out with a reminder.

Wakefield and Pontefract Apiary – Ivor has shared news that the association has agreement to set up an apiary at Thornes park, Ivor is to let us know when they will be setting up the apiary and volunteers would be appreciated to help, Barnsley have a strong affiliation with Wakefield and hold a joint Bee Keeper Training course which Ivor and Val are assisting with.

Next Meeting Programme

- March 7th – microscopy practical – bring a sample of bees, pollen etc!
- April 4th – Gerry Collins – What's going on in my hive?

AOB

- Module exam closing date is the 10th, so far 3 people are taking Module 1 in March.
- Closing date for bee Health is the end of February, currently 2 members have registered for the exam.
- BeeKeeper basic assessment practical's will be scheduled for July time
- Contact Val if you would like to register to take any exams.
- Charles is in discussion with Oakwell who are keen to offer beekeeping taster sessions to people who have fallen on hard times during the Covid Pandemic.