

Barnsley Beekeepers Association

1st November 2021 Minutes

Venue	Gilroyd Social Club & via Zoom
Meeting Started	7:15 for 7:30pm start
No. Present	24 + 1 via Zoom
Apologies	Sally Howe, Ivan Tibble, Sue Higham
Chair	Richard Senior

Chairman's Welcome

Speaker

A last-minute change to the running order so as to accommodate the Speaker, the business part of the meeting followed the talk.

Speaker tonight was Luke from the Northumberland Honey Co (NHCo) with an interesting talk about Mead production called 'From Bees to Bottle' with attendees being able to sample 3 types of sparking mead, NHCo have been kind enough to provide discount codes for members to order online which will be shared by Aimee.

Club Bank Account update– Aimee Kite

Progress has been made with Virgin money, with more than 10 BACS a month our account was automatically classed as a business account, however as not a profit generating business we are back on a non-fee account for 12 months, giving us time to investigate alternatives, Natwest is an option and is being investigated, please pay outstanding subs to the existing bank details.

BBKA Insurance – Richard Senior

Anyone on the swarm list or handles bees at the association or on the swarm list must be full members (not social or country).

We are currently not covered for equipment at the Assoc apiary, Aimee is looking into options and will come back to the members including options for our own equipment.

Jobs in the Apiary

Varoa treatments should now be coming off, check stores (hefting the hive) and feed if necessary, insulate now if you plan to and fit mouse guards.

Next Meeting Programme

Monday 6th December – Quiz night

AOB

Asian Hornet update – A report of Asian hornet in the Portsmouth area was received via the Asian Hornet Watch App on 29th October. National Bee Unit inspectors followed up the sighting quickly. The nest was located in a tree on Saturday 30th October and was killed on Sunday 31st October. The nest will be sent to Fera for analysis.

Assoc Apiary - 6 colonies, well fed with syrup, now all on a fondant block with mouseguards and quilts, all in a good shape going into winter.

The meeting closed at approx. 9:40pm