

Barnsley Beekeepers Association

Meeting 5th October 2020

Venue ... Wherever Home is
Meeting Started ... 7.15pm
No. Present ... 27 via ZOOM
Apologies ... William Wilson; Pat Foster; Phil Askham
Chairman ... Richard Senior

Chairman's Welcome

Richard warmly welcomed all members to this, our first, fully ZOOM meeting. He Thanked Val Francis for her years of service to the club and trusted that her association with Barnsley BKA would continue for many years.

Previous minutes: - AGM September 2020

These minutes were proposed accepted by Aimee Kite, seconded by Val Francis with no objections.

Matters Arising

Thanks from Aimee for all those who have already paid their subs, with a reminder that subs are now due (£30 for a full member). Payment by BACS is preferred. Richard has some Apilife Var available.
Both Richard and Sally Howe have tamper proof jar labels available.
Contact Colin for supplies of Ambrosia liquid @ £16 per 12.5Kg jerry can.
Pat Foster has approx.. 30 empty plastic jerry cans F.O.C. (previously only contained Ambrosia liquid) available for either collection or delivery within a short distance of Hoyland.

Training and courses

The next series of webinar's from BIBBA will be on the subject of bee breeding. Details of the passwords etc will be on our web site and Richard has promised to issue a reminder nearer the time of transmission.
The committee are discussing further ZOOM sessions following on from the extremely successful Covid meets during the summer. The suggestion is to hold meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month (keeping an even spacing with normal meets), subjects initially to look at education and possibly examinations. Member views on the actual subject matter will be warmly received.

Members Questionnaire

Thanks to members who have already completed the questionnaire. Some of the comments received have been very complementary

Apiary at Wentworth Castle

The 3 Colonies at Wentworth are all doing well and seem to be well stocked with supplies for the winter. The next scheduled visit for Eric and Colin will be in mid-October when all Varroa strips will be removed and the colonies settled down for winter (mouse guards fitted, stores checked etc)

There is also a Nucleus, currently looked after at home by Colin with a very shy Queen who appears to have gone off lay, but the bees all seem very contented with lots of nectar in the frames.

Jobs in the Apiary

Remove any remaining Varroa strips. Check stores and feed if necessary.

This period of the year is time to do all the general maintenance of hives and hive parts, cleaning, repair & re-painting and storage in sheds etc. It's also a good time to make up any new boxes frames and so on, but don't put any fresh wax into frames, it tends to deteriorate over time, leave that until time of use.

Next Meeting Programme

The next meeting always was planned to be a ZOOM presentation by Buckfast Abbey, but the original intention was to meet in the Club, as per the AGM. With the current rising incidence (second wave) of Covid, it is a good job that we're all ZOOM savvy now as I believe that the safest option for us all will be to join the meeting at HOME. Watch this space for confirmation, and yet again deep thanks to Aimee for enabling the use of ZOOM on her account.

Nov 2 nd	Buckfast Abbey:- 'A History of Bee-keeping at Buckfast Abbey'
Dec 7 th	Christmas Bash and quiz
Jan	No Meeting
Feb 1 st	Celia Davis:- 'Nuc It'.
Mar 1 st	To be confirmed. Proposed Jim Pearson 'Myths and Legends'
Apr 5 th	To be confirmed, we're not going too far ahead in the circumstances.

Any Other Business

The meeting closed at approx. 8:00pm to make way for our speakers

Speaker

Charles Austin is well known to us all and gave a very interesting talk on the vagaries of Large scale bee keeping and his journey so far.