

Barnsley Beekeepers Association

Meeting 7th December 2020

Venue ... Wherever Home is
Meeting Started ... 7.00pm
No. Present ... 25 all via ZOOM
Apologies ... None received
Chairman ... Richard Senior

Chairman's Welcome

Previous minutes: - November 2020

These minutes were proposed accepted by Paul Kees, seconded by Ivor Flatman with no objections.

Matters Arising

Members were reminded that subs are now due.

Richard is still formulating bulk purchase of fondant, contact him if you will require some in the near future.

Thanks to Ivor, the association can offer current members wax foundation at a very competitive rate for our current members.

Initially orders will be limited to ten packs (of ten sheets) of each type of sheet. The deadline for ordering the foundation is December 31st.

Training and courses

BBKA are to re-introduce Module exams with online invigilation with members using their own computers. Val is our Education officer and advises that 31st January 2020 is the deadline date for applications for Module submissions. Examinations date will be 24th April 2020. Every effort will be made to stage practical examinations in April, but this date is liable to Covid changes

Both YKBA and BBKA are running various webinar sessions on all the various aspects of Bee-keeping. Barnsley members are being informed of the courses available direct via e2R system. All delivered by experts in their field, they appear to be a viable alternative to contact teaching.

Bee Breeding

A small sub- committee is to meet to discuss & support Bee-Breeding of a local strain for the benefit of members and our local Association.... Ongoing.

New Members

We have had several new members joining us, Welcome to all, we hope to meet you in person soon.

Jobs in the Apiary

Check stores and feed if necessary. Mouse guards.

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

Jan No Meeting

Feb 1st Celia Davis:- **NUC IT!** Use and production of nucleus hives.

Mar 1st To be confirmed. Proposed Jim Pearson 'Myths and Legends'

Apr 5th To be confirmed, we're not going too far ahead in the circumstances.

Any Other Business/ Quiz

The meeting closed at approx. 7:30pm to make way for the Quiz, which was held in a novel format, on ZOOM, with "breakout rooms" for each of the participating teams. It all worked very well !!!

Gary did his usual excellent job of Quiz master, even if he (and the rest of us) got lost on several occasions, and there were some questions asked about the illicit use of remote family members and phones !! Scoring was novel, inventive and self-regulated, but the Quiz was eventually won by ??????????????