

CHESHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
The Annual General Meeting of Stockport Beekeepers at Woodford
Community Centre on February 14, 2024, starting at 7.30 p.m.

MINUTES of the MEETING

Present from the committee

David Lilley, Sue Payge, Alistair Taylor, Alan Towse, Dermot Carty, Liz Sparkes

1. Opening remarks from the Chair.

Peter welcomed everyone, including Pete Sutcliffe, Chair of Cheshire Beekeepers, who was visiting. Peter mentioned the highlights of 2023, specifically the excellent Beginners Course and the upgrade of the SBKA website and supporting software, which is now fully functional. On the downside, staging events was becoming more complex, and fewer members were prepared to volunteer their time.

Peter thanked Brian Gee, Tricia Watkins, who have stepped down from the committee, and Stephen Donohoe for his technical support.

2. Apologies for absence.

Mark Davies, Tricia Watkins, Brian Gee, Paul Wheeldon

3. Minutes of the last AGM on February 8, 2023, circulated to members via email.

These were circulated to members by email and postage before the meeting. Members accepted these as an accurate record of the events.

Proposed by Malcolm Haynes

Seconded by Alan Towse

4. Matters arising from these minutes.

Investigations were made into where the stocks of fondant and syrup sit within the end-of-year accounts. The Cheshire Beekeepers treasurer decided these would sit in the branch assets account.

5. Adoption of Branch reports.

These were circulated by email and postage to members before the meeting and were accepted as an accurate record of events.

6. Adoption of the Branch accounts and the treasurer's report.

These were circulated to members before the meeting. Alistair presented the accounts in detail, and they were accepted as accurate records of the financial situation.

Proposed by Brian Shields

Seconded by David Owen

7. Election of Branch Officers.

Apiary Manager - David Lilley, Librarian - Paul Wheeldon, Treasurer - Alistair Taylor, and Chairperson - Peter Carefoot were all elected en bloc for 2024.

Proposed by Graham Royle

Seconded by Colin Booth

The roles of Honey Show Manager, Events Secretary, Education Secretary and Branch Secretary - are vacant.

8. Election of other members of the Committee.

Liz Sparkes, Mark Davis, Dermot Carty, Alan Towse and Sue Payge were re-elected for 2024.

Proposed by Malcolm Haynes

Seconded by Roy Brocklehurst

Brian Gee and Patricia Watkins have retired from the committee. Peter thanked them for their outstanding contributions over many years.

Tony Shields has agreed to join the committee.

Proposed by Brian Gee

Seconded by Peter Carefoot.

Francesca Pilkington has agreed to join the committee

Proposed by Peter Carefoot

Seconded by Sue Payge.

9. Election of Auditor for 2024

Liz Hudson has audited the accounts for many years. She has moved house and retired. She has decided to step down as the honorary branch accounts examiner. The search for a replacement will begin immediately.

10. Propositions and questions

No propositions or questions have been made in advance to the Chairman.

11. Presentation of Jim Tucker Salver for services to Stockport Beekeepers.

This was made to Tricia Watkins for her outstanding work as the Events Manager.

12. Closing remarks from the Chair.

Peter thanked all for attending and hoped all had a safe journey home.

The meeting closed at 8.02 p.m.

