

# South Chilterns Beekeepers Association

## 32nd Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 16th October 2013  
Woodcote Village Hall, Woodcote

1. Apologies: Ron Crocker, Sue Remenyi, Kate Malenczuk, Caroline Bushell
2. Minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> AGM (2012) were approved.
3. Nothing arising.
4. Chairman's Report: the chairman reported that 2013 had been a better year as it had progressed, with many beekeepers reported a good harvest. There had been 21 association meetings overall, including 7 apiary meetings, 6 winter meetings and 5 committee meetings. The association had 111 members with 295 registered hives between them. The accounts were healthy although still to be audited. The future of the federation has been a concern, with a motion put forward to close it in March. The vote was split and the deciding vote was cast in favour of saving it. However, to date no federation meetings had been arranged or AGM minutes circulated, although the monthly newsletter, now edited by Sue Remenyi, continued to be a success. Sue requested members to submit any interesting materials for inclusion. The website, built by Dave Moss, was launched on 1 May and provides improved access to information and a members only area, although take up for the latter was slow. An annual honey show is now on the calendar. He thanked all those who hosted summer meetings, and especially Peter Mikic who provides the site for the association apiary. Summer meetings were well attended by up to 40 people. Thanks also went to the Summer Experience team and particularly to Reg, Kate and Linda. He also thanked the committee on behalf of the members and presented books to Jemima, Dave and Joe. He finished by reiterating that the association was in good shape at the end of the year, and wishing the new committee well.
5. Treasurer's Report: a surplus income of £883 was reported. Subs and the Summer Experience brought in £350, honey sales made £164, nuc sales £80, plus donations of £252. A federation grant of £250 had been received. Apiary costs ran to £473, which is £347 less than last year. Overall there was a decrease in expenditure of £952, compared to last year. The overall cash position is £3956. The BBKA had increased fees by £2, and it was agreed that the association would put up its subs by £1 across the board and absorb the other £1. The draft accounts were waiting to be audited. Richard Bushell had agreed to do so by November. Audited accounts would be put on the website in the members only area.
6. The accounts to be adopted at the next committee meeting after auditing.
7. The following officers were elected:
  - Chairman: Max Vine (proposed Reg Hook; seconded Tim Selwyn)
  - Vice Chair: John White (Max Vine; Meryl Toomey)
  - Treasurer: Max Stone (Max Vine; Joe Shanagher)
  - Membership: Caroline Bushell (Max Stone; Margaret Moore)
  - Secretary: Meryl Toomey (Joe Shanagher; Linda Clarke)
  - Programme Secretary: Margaret Moore (Linda Clarke; Max Stone)
  - Librarian: Tim Selwyn (unopposed)
  - Apiary: Reg Hook (Max Stone; Jill Harris)
  - Education: Kate Malenczuk (Joe Shanagher; Reg Hook)
  - Newsletter: Sue Remenyi (Max Vine; Joe Shanagher).
8. Other Committee Members: Linda Clarke to continue unopposed. Social Secretary: Bev Woodford (Jemima H-H; Margaret M)
9. As discussed in 5., it was proposed and unanimously agreed that subs should increase across the board

by £1. The breakdown of £25 sub was: £15 to BBKA; 50p to Fed; £9.50 to SCBKA. Subs had not increased last year.

10. The members unanimously agreed to accept the changes proposed to the constitution.

11. AOB

Date of next committee meeting: 6th November 2013