

South Chilterns Beekeepers Association

31st Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 17th October 2012
Woodcote Village Hall, Woodcote

1. Apologies: Toby Price, Viola Crowe
2. Minutes of 30th AGM (2011) approved.
3. Nothing arising.
4. Chairman's Report: the chairman reported that generally 2012 had been a bad year for beekeeping. Nevertheless, the association had 114 members, with 309 hives accounted for, possibly more. The Summer Experience course had been hugely successful. Summer meetings had been well attended. The association apiary now had 10 hives and the association's finances were in good health. He thanked the committee for their drive and enthusiasm and urged other members to come forward and help spread the work load.
5. Treasurer's Report: a loss of £185 was reported. Currently, the association holds £3070 spread across deposit, current and petty cash accounts. £144 had been received in donations from members. We are still awaiting a response from M. Sheasby for a request for a grant for equipment. If the grant had been received, then loss would not have occurred. Significant expenditure was made on hive parts for apiary (£597). Summer experience brought in £380 (£410), honey sales made £704 (and increase of £279 over last year). Membership fees to be same as last year. Accounts to be audited immediately.
6. The accounts to be adopted at the next meeting after auditing.
7. The following officers were elected:
Chairman: Max Vine (proposed Dave Moss; seconded Reg Hook)
Vice Chair: Dave Moss (Max Vine; Joe Shanagher)
Treasurer: Max Stone (unopposed) (Membership: Caroline Bushell)
Secretary: Joanne Shanagher (unopposed)
Programme Secretary: Margaret Moore (Ron Crocker; Joe Shanagher)
Social Secretary: Jemima Hume-Humphreys (unopposed) (with help from Heidi)
Librarian: Tim Selwyn (unopposed)
8. Other Committee Members: Reg Hook; Kate Malenczuk and Linda Clarke to continue unopposed. Caroline Bushell (Ron Crocker; Joe Shanagher). Sue Remenyi (Ron Crocker; Max Vine).
9. 2012 Subscriptions: to remain as 2011. Online renewal form would be editable, but payment could only be accepted by cheque and cash. Reduced Beekraft subscription would only be available if membership was renewed by 31st December. Thereafter, no subscription would be available via the association.
10. The committee was still investigated a members only area on the association website page. Max Vine had been contacted by a group lobbying against neo-nics ('38 degrees'); would the membership wish to receive such emails? It was agreed that such information could be passed on.

Date of next committee meeting: 7th November 2012