

Bridgend and District Beekeepers Association

Charity Registration Number 1159663

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the B&DBKA held on 7th July 2022 Coytrahen Village Hall commencing at 19:30.

Present

John Gilbert - Chairman Board of Trustees

Graham Tierney – Treasurer

Ceri John - Secretary

Jonathan Griffiths – Trustee

Dafydd Pett – Website Manager

Greg Nuttgens – Education Officer

Apologies

Chris Jones – Trustee

Timothy Mathews

Paul Whatley

John Mosedale

Jeff Henshaw

Members present.

Alan Shears

David Israel

Mavis Tierny

Dave Johnston

Shirley Myall

Joe Morley

Ellie Harding

Andy Collins

Nan Gilbert

Karen Wood

Colin Hawkins

Julia Martin

Elain Kent

Welcome

John Gilbert Chairman of the Board of Trustees welcomed the members present to the first face to face meeting since 2019, due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Current Covid restrictions and risk management were acknowledged.

1. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 5th July 2021 were approved unanimously as being a true and accurate record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** Graham Tierney **Seconded** Shirley Mayall

2. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT

The acceptance of the 2021 report, which had been previously circulated to members was **proposed** by Dave Johnston **seconded** by Andy Collins. The report was accepted unanimously.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVE ACCOUNTS

The Annual Accounts and Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2023 had been previously circulated to members having been independently audited by Helen Embling ACIB. Income and expenditure breakdown were explained by Graham Tierney. He also reiterated that no profit was made by the Association shop, which operates for members' benefit. No risk has been identified. Acceptance **proposed** Dave Johnston **seconded** Ceri John. Acceptance was unanimous. There were no questions.

4. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Graham Tierney **proposed** appointment of Helen Embling as the Independent Examiner for the Association accounts in the coming year. **Seconded** Ceri John. Agreed unanimously.

5. CONFIRMATION OF NEW TRUSTEES

The members present were introduced by John Gilbert Chairman, to the new proposed Trustees Jonathan Griffiths and Ceri John, who's resumes had been previously circulated to members. Appointment **proposed** Shirley Myall, **seconded** Mavis Tierney. Both appointments agreed unanimously.

John Gilbert informed the members present that Gregg Nuttgens Paul Whatley and Shirley Myall were standing down for their role as Trustees and made acknowledgment of the work and time they had invested in the Association. Despite Chris Jones and Dafydd Pett joining

the Board of Trustees in 2021, and including the new appointees for 2022, this leaves the Board with only seven Trustees. John Gilbert appealed for additional members to come forward as Trustees, stressing that they did not need to be expert beekeepers and need only commit to attending once monthly meetings.

Going Forward to the Coming Year

John Gilbert Chairman of the Board of Trustees asked the members present how the Trustees could increase interaction with and between the association membership? The Social evening held in November 2021 was successful despite the limitation imposed by Covid 19, yet the last talk was poorly attended. Some present felt that previously held open monthly meetings were successful and should be the way forward. Greg Nuttgens suggested that the Association could hold open apiary sessions, whereby members could make prearranged visits to each other apiaries, or the training apiary.

Graham Tierney Treasurer informed the members present of membership changes coming from the Welsh Beekeepers Association which primarily affects family membership. Family membership previously only required a single name to be put forward for the purpose of family membership and associated insurance cover. However, going forward family members will not have insurance cover unless named on the policy. This means that family membership in future will need to include all the names of the persons handling the bees. The requirement remains that all named must be living at the same address. Graham Tierney explained that in January, when all membership is due for renewal, Family membership will require the names all the family intending to work with the bees, to validate the included insurance. This includes cover for the loss of hives due to disease and 3rd party public liability, should a member of the public be injured by your bees. The WBKA have stated that there is expected to be an additional cost.

John Gilbert Chairman informed the members present that there had been an issue with our members only Facebook pages being accessed by the public. In addition, our open Facebook page was getting inappropriate posts which are not moderated. For example, swarms are being posted on our open page and responded to by non-members, who potentially charge for a collection service, that we offer free. They may be assumed to be B&DBKA members by the public. Any poor service badly reflects upon the association. As our previous website administrator still has control over the Facebook sites this has been difficult to resolve, but we are working to regain administration rights and control. Shirley Myall suggested that the association make a final request for the administrator rights to be handed over and or if not shut the pages down.

The meeting was formerly closed. John Gilbert thanked those who had supported the association by attending the meeting.

Signed _____

Date _____