

**Apologies for Absence:** David McCorkindale

**Previous AGM Meeting Minutes 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

- Previous minutes considered & agreed as a true representation by membership.

**Pauline Tidmas put Points arising:**

- Page 1: Confirmed correction to layout – Action column added.
- Page 5: Confirmed increase to 4 Hives at Div. Apiary. Reports & inspection dates not added to the Div. Website
- Page 5: Purchased racking & Plastic boxes for the storage container now in full use.

**Reports:** Pauline Tidmas explained Accounts were not agreed at AGM hence the EGM.

**Secretary - Nick Holmes:** We have had a year of good talks

Spring prep & winter prep talks that are annually provided by Danny or David have ensured we were advised of the seasonal aspects of keeping bees, in case we hadn't looked at our folder full of course notes in a while.

We had a talk about the BBKA Basic with David McCorkindale, & we are hoping to hear more of the training plans soon.

Early in the year we had Planting for Pollinators with Darren Lerigo, where we somewhat pinched him early before he did his Ted Hooper talk. Still it was a two way street, we got him early and then he used our feedback to give them a better talk as a result.

We had Bee Space with Robert Smith; an intriguing talk about why hives and frames are made with the exacting standards. For me I learned why it is maybe worth the little extra money to buy SN5's when getting super frames rather than SN4's - if you forgot it helps to prevent brace comb between top bars. He also had a funky soundtrack with his presentation if you recall.

We had a talk on Propolis with Richard Ridler, going through how around the world in less developed areas propolis is used as medication, seemingly with good effect; although the variation in the variety of makeup it can't be medically proven.

We had the Harlow Honey Show with Jim McNeil, once again sharing his advice on how to make our honey fit for presentation.

We then had Beekeeping in Africa & the relief of poverty with Richard Ridler - where we learnt about the difference in keeping bees near the Equator.

All in all we have learnt a lot around beekeeping this year and we hope for more this year.

### Treasurer – Pauline Tidmas:

- A stable year with the bank account just a net profit of £1.89 but bank shows slightly more but I have not been able to identify where it come from. Essex Treasurer & Harlow Auditor agreed to a small correct on the accounts sheets.
- We had similar number of members as 2016 so income was about the same from subscriptions.
- We spent around £80 less on speakers.
- Our postage has not increased from 2016.
- As the Div. Apiary is now fully running our expenditure there has reduced.
- We had an increase of members taking up the BeeCraft Subscriptions.
- Both Receipts & Payments are inflated by £180 due to an error by paying out a payment & then reclaiming it.
- During the year we purchased various bits of Div. Equipment: racking, containers, library books, binders, clipboard, laptop security and other minor items.
- Membership agreed the accounts were a true representation for the Division

### Election of Officers - Outstanding Posts to Elect:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINATED</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
Vice Chairman	Mike Barke	Pauline Tidmas	Nick Holmes
Divisional Trustee	Nick Holmes	Mike Barke	Danny Nicoll

### Any Other Business:

**Div. Newsletter:** As Nick Holmes has taken on the role of Divisional Trustee he will not be able to do the Newsletter as well. We hope someone will come forward and take on the role and prepare the newsletter.

**Management of Parndon Wood Apiary:** Due to Danny Nicoll & Pauline Tidmas's ill health a new team is needed to maintain the hives. Last year Val Jepps and Eddie Smith helped with inspections. We asked for volunteers to set up new team – Val Jepps, Sue Fraser & Carol Sissons put their names forward. Pauline Tidmas stated that John Cappalonga had suggested he & his brother could possibly help she will check.

**Meeting closed at 22.00**

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