

Wednesday 28/9/22 7.30pm	Meeting notes
Welcome and introductions	Attendees: Alison, Kate, Wendy Fiona
Apologies	John W, Joanna, Martin, John D – David did not have joining instructions
Notes of previous meetings	Approved and will be uploaded onto the website
Matters arising	Action
7 th December social	Fh contacted Cobbles. They are uncertain if they can accommodate us. Only one chef so cannot accept bookings for big parties at the moment. Manager will contact soon to confirm if hopeful plans for a second chef by December are likely Emails circulated
January AGM date and talk	Louise Rawlins and Ryad from the Buzz Project will give a talk following the AGM on 18/1/23. Louise has asked for a donation to the Buzz Project charity. Fh will check with John D the usual fee payable. Fh contacted Louise 29/9 to confirm- Fee £100 (JD) Louise asks that this is paid to Ryad not herself. She will confirm his availability asap
Agenda Items	
Treasurer report	Bank balance is £7170 73 Income since last meeting Fondant and syrup £295.00 2 new members £30.00 5 beginners course £750.00 Expenditure British beefeeds £395.00 Speaker Matthew Richardson £100.00 Still to bank cash of £53.00 from Kelso meeting . This is the money from the raffle £49.00 +£20 for fondant less cost for Tea,coffee and biscuits £16.00, I also received a cheque for a new member £15.00. This money has not yet been banked and has not been included in the bank balance. I plan to get this done next week. We have enough coffee and tea for the next meeting I will get biscuits milk and sugar for our next meeting on the 26th Oct

	<p>I have not yet received the invoice from Kelso Rugby Club or another from Alison from the printer</p> <p>The price of Syrup needs to increase to £22.00 per Container Fondant should also increase to £21.00 per Box (This will increase further when we place our next order) We also need to contribute to Martins fuel costs (I suggest he receives a free Syrup / Fondant to assist his costs).</p>
February subject	Ann Chilcott has agreed to speak on – Observations at the Hive Entrance (zoom) Fee £60
Honey show schedule	<p>Julie McDairmid is not available for 6/11/22</p> <p>Volunteers required for Exhibits and recording along with fh (Kate volunteered to be the experienced voice of reason and experience here)</p> <p>Raffle/ Tea/coffee arrangements (Wendy has volunteered but another volunteer is needed)</p> <p>Cake recipe decision agreed after Joanna trialled and Alison sampled.</p> <p>Cake judging to be moved up the agenda to be followed by Tea break</p> <p>Schedule and updated notes to be agreed and put up on website- Fh will forward to John W (29/9)</p> <p>Confirm time for the Honey Show and when the room is open for set-up and entries. Fh will ask John D 29/9</p> <p>Doors open at 1pm for set up and entries. Entries to be in as close to 1.15pm as possible to allow for setting up the classes. Judging to begin at 2pm prompt. Room booked till 4pm</p> <p>Fh to contact Alan Riach with schedule and notes (29/9)</p> <p>Fh to contact Alan Riach to ask if he would like lunch prior to the show (with Kate and AN other from the committee) (29/9) Alan and wife (Cynthia) would appreciate a light lunch before the show</p> <p>Committee meeting on 2nd November to discuss Honey Show arrangements. JW to chair as AR on holiday</p>
Beginners courses	<p>Dates and arrangements attached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fh to forward dates to the St Boswells vets contact (29/9) • 7 beginners have signed up so far. (Fh to ask which course they wish to join) • Suggested that enquiries for courses to be an admin task and sent to Fh as secretary rather than training@ to reduce confusion and different

	<p>contact points. Fh can note course preference dates and forward to John/Kate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course evaluation forms should also become an admin task and Fh is happy to administer this to look at any areas that could improve the courses for beginners. • For the future course leaders it is important that the process for booking onto courses is transparent. Fh will record this <p>The current Course Handbook should be saved with Fh as a Word document to facilitate future modifications by course leaders</p> <p>For discussion at next committee meeting - November 30th</p>
A.O.B	<p>BBA funds are increasing and it is important that funds are seen to be used for the benefit of beekeepers and beekeeping in the Borders.</p> <p>As most of the surplus funds come from the Beginners courses, a suggestion of using some of the funds for subsidising the Basic Beekeepers Certificate exam fee for a number of members per year. This would continue the priority of education and training. This will be added to the full November committee meeting for discussion (30th November)</p> <p>The raffle at the face to face meetings is becoming unmanageable with everyone bringing a prize and everyone winning a prize - often their own prize. Suggestion that a set amount of BBA funds be used to buy a set number of prizes eg Bottle of whisky, 2 bottles of wine, 1 tin of biscuits, 2 boxes of chocolates and not to ask for members to bring prizes. It is probably too late for this to be in place for the Honey Show but will be discussed at the next full committee meeting (Nov 30th)</p> <p>John D will check with Martin re syrup/fondant in lieu of petrol costs. If this is not suitable alternative will be discussed at committee meeting 30th November</p> <p>Fh will send an agenda for AGM to Alison Alison will send out a Chairs update including the date for Lorraine's talk, the date of the Honey Show, the date of the AGM and the dates of the Beginners courses, now open for booking</p>
Date of Next meeting	October committee meeting- no meeting

	<p>October 26th Lorraine Johnstone – Kelso RC</p> <p>November committee meeting 2nd November- Honey Show arrangements</p> <p>November 6th – Honey show Kelso RC</p> <p>November 30th – committee meeting</p> <p>December 7th- Winter social</p> <p>January AGM 18/1/23 Louise Rawlins -The Buzz Project (zoom)</p> <p>February – 15/2/23 (zoom) Ann Chilcott – Observations at the Hive Entrance</p> <p>March – Preparing for the season ahead 15/3/23 John W ? Kelso RC</p>
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