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|          | <b>Meeting notes</b>                                    | For meeting 25/5/23  |
|          | <b>Welcome and intro</b>                                | Alison, Martin, David, Fiona   |
|          | <b>Apologies</b>  | John D, Wendy, John W  |
| <b>1</b> | <b>Minutes of previous meeting (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)</b> | As attached email – notes adopted and will be uploaded to the website  |
|          | <b>Matters arising</b>                                  | <p>Evaluation collation: Apologies- not yet done. I will do this as soon as possible and circulate to committee- FH</p> <p>Mentors: Still looking for mentors for 3 newbies David and Gaynor Coulthard and Laura Romanes form the Netherraw area near Lilliesleaf. Can anyone help please?</p> <p><b>Fiona to email Justin to ask if he can help at all.- Justin has agreed and Fiona has passed his details to the 3 newbees - Completed 28/5</b></p> <p><b>Justin has agreed to the three newbees attending his apiary for a short visit</b></p> <p>Bee buddy: Nicholas Yonge could benefit from a bee buddy near Kelso. Can anyone help please? Martin has agreed to buddy Nicholas. <b>Fiona will email Martin's details to Nicholas. Completed 28/5/23</b></p> <p><b>Nicholas will contact Martin</b></p> <p>New Kelso Bee course teacher: Gordon Dalziel is not a BBA member (therefore cannot be on the committee) and not sure if he is a beekeeper. Suggestion that Alison contact Gordon and invite for lunch to offer BBA advice, co-operation and assistance. <b>Alison will do this and report back</b></p> |
|          | <b>Treasurer report</b>                                 | <p>John D emailed the report below:<br/>Bank Balance £9369.78</p> <p>Monies paid out for Schools<br/>Day £177.81 Candle making, Table covers, I saw the Queen stickers etc<br/>Smailholm meeting £11.70 coffee/etc<br/>Income<br/>Membership £75.00<br/>Bee feed £44.00</p>  |
|          | <b>Schools Day - Feedback</b>                           | <p>Capture any learnings:<br/>A folding cart to carry the supplies would be useful<br/>A bee spray should be included in the list of items and included in the risk assessment</p>   |
|          | <b>Note – Future dates – follow on</b>                  | <b>APIARY VISITS –</b><br>Justin has offered an Autumn visit. <b>Fiona has asked for an approximate date</b>   |

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|  | <p><b>Kate A – Sunday 11/6/23 Fiona emailed Kate with risk assessment etc 28/5/23</b></p> <p><b>Fiona H will send out details on 4/6/23</b></p> <p><b>Findlay</b> – emailed no response yet</p> <p><b>Chainbridge Honey Farm Willie Robson</b> has agreed to a visit to Chainbridge. Fiona will liaise . <b>Contact form sent 28/5/23</b></p> <p><b>Contact from Will Robson. Early August would suit him. We have to choose a date and let him know</b></p> <p><b>Honey Show:</b> Smailhom Hall booked for 5<sup>th</sup> November (Association sale – consider this as part of the Honey Show) – deferred action 25/5</p> <p>Honey Judge decision needed <b>Fiona will contact EnidE (emailed 28/5/23)</b></p> <p><b>Enid has agreed to be the judge</b></p> <p>Kate was looking at revamp of winner ticket cards (FH to check on progress – <b>emailed 28/5/23</b>)</p> <p><b>Kate is on this and will have a draft to show the committee by July</b></p> |
| <b>Duns show</b>   | <p>5<sup>th</sup> August. Who can set up – etc</p> <p>Agreed to take a stand.</p> <p>John D paying fee</p> <p>John D offered gazebo after 2022 - <b>stored in the Bee shed</b></p> <p>Joanna can arrange for tables <b>Fiona will contact (emailed 28/5/23)</b></p> <p><b>Joanna has agreed to get the tables- How many?</b></p> <p>Alison, David and Ruth have agreed to person the stall.</p> <p>5 other offers of help -action for 25/5 – <b>Rota to be planned</b></p>   |
| <b>Projector</b>   | <p>Next meeting <b>Alison will speak with John W re laptop and projector</b></p>   |
| <b>Date to be agreed</b>   | <p>BBA as a charity – a separate meeting planned to discuss this- longer term action and discussion</p> <p><b>To be planned for a meeting with all committee members and few agenda items</b></p>  |
| <b>2 Varroa specific training package</b>                          | <p>As email. Feedback for Lorraine Johnston</p> <p><b>Fiona to contact Julie McDiarmid to ask if she would be on the advisory group. (Emailed 28/5/23)</b></p> <p><b>Julie has agreed and will contact Lorraine directly</b></p> <p>Fiona to contact Lorraine to suggest an annual update as part of the Winter meeting schedule. The thoughts are that this should include the current position on varroa in Scotland <b>(emailed 28/5/23)</b></p> <p><b>Lorraine has thanked us and will be back in touch after the working group meets</b></p>  |
| <b>Buzz Project style/<br/>Community apiary<br/>Louise Rawlins</b> |  |

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|          | <b>Fiona Laidlaw</b>                     | <p>Louise very keen to take this forward with NHSB and asked that her contact details be shared with NHSB</p> <p>Have asked for confirmation that she is in contact with Louise. <b>No reply as yet. Fiona to ask John W to speak with Fiona L when he does the talk to establish if NHSB wish to work with the council (Louise) on this (emailed John on 28/5/23)</b></p>   |
|          | <b>List of speakers:</b>                 | Talk for NHS Borders (John W) – more to be sought for winter programme – 23/24   |
|          | <b>Facebook members</b>                  | Not everyone is on F'Book – and also. Lots on F'book who are not members – are we ok with this. <b>Agreed and okay as it can be an educational tool</b>  |
|          | <b>Members list</b>                      | (Martin) 49 members are on the members list but have not paid. John D and Martin will phone these people to check if they wish to remain on the members list   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Newcastle area Honey show request</b> | <p>As email.</p> <p>Fiona to reply that BBA are prioritising local networking after Covid. Also Berwick is far from many members so would probably reduce the BBA participants <b>(emailed 28/5/23)</b></p>  |
| <b>4</b> | <b>AOB</b>                               | <p>Train the Trainers courses. Fiona to forward email to John W and Kate to see if any new trainers are interested in doing this course. <b>(forwarded 28/5/23)</b> Also new beekeepers should be encouraged to undertake basic beekeepers course</p> <p>TBD at next meeting</p> <p><b>Kate is very keen for this and asked that BBA would support the costs</b></p> <p>St Abbs science festival- 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> September. Alison will get more info. David and Martin are interested in supporting this. Alison is also keen and she will ask John D if he could also attend.</p> <p>Border Union show- No enthusiasm for participation at this show. Fiona to decline invitation <b>(emailed 28/5/23)</b></p> <p>Resilience for Observation hive. Alison is wondering if someone else would be able to take the observation hive to events if John D was not available</p> |
|          | <b>Date of Next meeting</b>              | TBC- Fiona to check with Alison  |