

# Minutes

## SBKA Committee meeting 6 March 2024

### All Saints Halls Ringinglow Road, S11 7PP

Item		Actions
1.	<b>Present</b> Sarah Romanowski Chair Dorothy Birks Savitri Boon Chris Chapple Jeff Dale Paul Durkin Karen Hyde Robert Jemilianowicz	
	<b>Apologies</b> Elinor Turner	
2.	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2024 were approved as a correct record.	
3.	<b>Matters arising</b> – none not already on the agenda.	
4.	<b>Report and Recommendations of the Asian Hornet Working group</b> I. The committee confirmed the priorities for SBKA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member education</li><li>• Encouraging members to load Asian hornet app on their smart phone.</li><li>• Establishing a scheme for detection across the city.</li></ul> The presentation by the Regional Bee Inspector at the February meeting of SBKA identified how close Sheffield is to the front line for introduced AH because of the volume of EU imports coming up the Humber and being distributed round the motorway network. Two nests in Hull in 2023 were 85km from Sheffield and a mated queen can fly up to 80km to find a nest site. He encouraged selective trapping from mid-February; also that beekeepers talk about AH to others.	
	II. AH content of the website is being generated by CC and a member of the Working Group, with PD.	CC, PD
	III. The Committee confirmed that there is a continuing role for the Working Group and that a written remit would be produced and sent to Dillon Butters.  Action in Sheffield should be part of activity across South Yorkshire and coordinated with action in Yorkshire more widely. DB to be asked to establish links with the AH co-ordinators in Yorkshire	DVB  DVB
	IV. The Committee approved in principle funding a dedicated phone for the AH Co-ordinator. DB to be asked to produce a costed proposal.	RJ

- V. The Committee decided that lobbying for more resources would best be done together with other organisations. DB to be asked to contact the recently appointed AH outreach worker at BBKA. **SR**
- VI. It was agreed that DB would be asked to do a presentation on AH at the 8 May 2024 SBKA monthly meeting. **RJ**
- VII. It was agreed that a donation of £200 would be made to Dover BKA, as they requested, to help fund the cost of bait, to support their efforts detecting AH.
5. **Rivelin Apiary**  
SB tabled detailed costs of 2 quotes for the landscaping work at the apiary, and for two sheds.
- After thorough discussion it was **agreed** to select the quote for gabions and sleepers (Option 1).
  - Choice of shed providers to be decided after further discussion between SB and PD. **SB, PD**
- The committee confirmed that an Association apiary was essential; and that investment in Rivelin apiary now was the desired course of action.
- A budget of up to £11,000 for the landscaping and purchase of 2 sheds for Rivelin apiary was **agreed**.  
SB to liaise with RJ on payment of the deposit for them. **SB, RJ**
  - It was agreed that the donation from Woodseats Allotment Association would be used to part fund the purchase of one of the sheds for Rivelin apiary.
6. **Treasurer's Report**  
RJ presented the 6-month monitoring report to 29 February 2024 on the budget approved at AGM November 2023, which he had emailed to Trustees 6 March 2024. The current position is a healthy £1250 excess of income over expenditure.
7. **SBKA Shop**
- The garage is now empty.
  - The stocktake has been completed.
  - The work to complete insulating the half container at JG Graves WDC is stalled by ill health currently.
  - JD's advice is that it is too early to recruit a volunteer team.
  - It was confirmed that it is the intention to stop accepting cash and use bank transfer or the card reader for payment at JG Graves WDC collection point.
8. **SBKA Monthly Meetings**  
It was confirmed that Wesley Hall, Crookes will no longer be used for SBKA meetings. SR to return the keys 11 March 2024. **SR**  
Hallamshire Golf Club, Sandygate, S10 4LA will be the venue from now on.  
13 March – Heather Honey  
10 April – Thermoregulation  
8 May – Asian Hornet WG.
9. **Beginners' Course**  
Cost of printing for the course at £540 was approved. **CC**  
Course starts 11 March 2024.  
Sharron Henderson was sent the dates and she passed them on to Roger Lyons.  
**Post-meeting note:** Cost of printing was £572.
10. **Bee Health Day 21 April 2024 1.00-4.30, Hallamshire Golf Club, Sandy gate, S10 4LA**  
SR needs to confirm the number of microscopes to be used on the day. This will dictate the numbers of volunteers needed to process the samples in preparation for examination by the microscopists.

11. **Library** SR  
KH to investigate the potential for storing books at Hallamshire Golf Club before deciding how best to operate lending members books from the library. KH
12. **Code of Conduct**  
The consultation period ends 3 April which is the same date as the Committee's next meeting. An amended version of the Code of Conduct will be produced as promptly as possible for the Committee to discuss. DB
13. **Website**  
PD reported that he could not upload the latest set of minutes because of storage capacity, so has asked Chris Brown for help.  
**Post-meeting note-** More capacity has been released.
14. **Any other business**  
  - PD has been given a manual honey extractor. It was agreed to accept it as a donation. PD
  - It was agreed that RJ request half year reports from the 2 apiary managers and Peter Minchin as lead for equipment loan. RJ
15. **Date of Next meeting**  
Wednesday 3 April 2024 at 7.30 at All Saints Halls, Ringinglow Road, S11 7PP.