



KENT BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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Results of voting on propositions

- 2015/1 Proposed by the Executive:**
Increase BBKA capitation by £1.00
Vote: For
- 2015/2 Proposed by Cornwall with Northumberland:**
BBKA install a whistle blowing policy
Vote: For
- 2015/3 Proposed by West Sussex:**
Grade Basic Assessment feedback
Vote: For
- 2015/4 Proposed by the Executive:**
Meeting on BBKA policy about neonicotinoids in 2015/2016
Vote: For
- 2015/5 Proposed by Yorkshire:**
BBKA polls all members on the neonicotinoid moratorium
Vote: Against
- 2015/6 Proposed by Wiltshire:**
BBKA adopt 'precautionary principle' regarding neonicotinoids
Vote: Against
- 2015/7 Proposed by Wiltshire:**
BBKA supports continuation of EU neonic moratorium
Vote: For
- 2015/8 Proposed by Yorkshire:**
BBKA polls members about compulsory registration
Vote: Against
- 2015/9 Proposed by Yorkshire:**
Map BBKA qualifications to national qualifications
No seconder: no vote
- 2015/10 Proposed by Yorkshire:**
Investigate regulations to control sugar waste disposal
Vote: For
- 2015/11 Proposed by Kent:**
Detailed costs of producing BBKA News to be published
Withdrawn

- 2015/12 Proposed by North Staffordshire:**
Reduced fee for members taking BBKA News by e-mail
No seconder: no vote
- 2015/13 Proposed by North Staffordshire:**
Country members to be included in delegate record of vote
Referred to Executive
- 2015/14 Proposed by Kent:**
Tasks undertaken by recipients of honoraria to be identified together with sums paid
Withdrawn
- 2015/15 Proposed by Shropshire:**
BBKA Executive and sub-committee minutes made available
Referred to Executive
- 2015/16 Proposed by West Sussex:**
BBKA to seek ban on import of bees due to small hive beetle
Vote: For
- 2015/17 Proposed by Avon:**
BBKA to implement centralised members record system
Referred to Executive
- 2015/18 Proposed by Lancashire:**
Oldham BKA to join BBKA
Vote: For
- 2015/18 Proposed by Northumberland**
BBKA Trustees drawn from all regions of England and Northern Ireland
Referred to Executive

You will note from the above that Kent's two propositions were withdrawn. 2015/11 was answered in the Executive Committee's response to this proposition. 2015/14 was withdrawn as honoraria payments were significantly down on the preceding year.

COUNTY AND OTHER EVENTS

KENT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION Two day General Husbandry Course Sunday, 1st March and Sunday, 7th June 2015

Venue: Dorset Road Allotments, Dorset Road, Beckenham BR3 4EA

Cost: £50.00 (£15.00 of which will be reimbursed by Kent)

Tutors: John Hendrie and Bob Smith

Refreshments will be provided

Booking via the BBKA website at <http://www.bbka.org.uk/shop/product/general-husbandry-initiative/> You will need your membership number when booking

BEETRADEX

Saturday, 7th March 2015

Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LG
www.beetradex.co.uk

BBKA SPRING CONVENTION

Friday, 17th April to Sunday, 19th April 2015

Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire TF10 8NB
Lectures Courses Workshops Trade show
Accommodation Dinners
Enquiries to: tim.lovett@bbka.org.uk

KENT COUNTY SHOW

County Showground, Detling
Friday, 10th to Sunday, 12th July

Stewards are always needed

E-mail Bob Smith bsmith12@ntlworld.com

NATIONAL HONEY SHOW

St George's College, Weybridge
Thursday, 29th October to Saturday, 31st October
Beekeeping lectures and workshops
Show Schedule and entry forms will be available
nearer the time

SITUATIONS VACANT

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Our Treasurer, James Cash, is hoping to retire in the not too distant future. In order to facilitate a handover, we are creating the post of Assistant Treasurer who can learn the ropes prior to taking over the post of Treasurer. Anyone interested in taking on this very important role please contact James at jocsrc@hotmail.co.uk

BEE TOGS: Martin Major is a beekeeper in Surrey and a member of the Weybridge branch. He has recently started selling apiary clothing. His products are branded as Bee Togs and details can be found on his website at www.beetogs.co.uk

IMPORTED BEES

Members are reminded of the BBKA's policy to discourage the importation of queen bees and colonies from outside the UK. Prospective purchasers should satisfy themselves of the origin of bees offered for sale.

If you have any branch information or articles you would like included, please e-mail Jennifer@spon-smith.com