

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Margaret Calder Pavilion, County Showground, Detling on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 11:50 am

Present: **President:** William Mundy, **Chairman:** Clive Watson, **Vice-Chairman:** David Wood, **County Treasurer:** James Cash, **General Secretary:** John Hendrie, Barry Adams, Simon Amans, Julian Audsley, Dennis Blakeley, Julie Coleman, Kit Erhardt, Lesley Fancote, Jim Grierson, Terry Hardy, Bob Jackman, Bob Smith, Peter Springall, Bill Thomas, Mike Wall, Nick Withers, Brian Wood,

1. **Apologies:** Fred Vincent, Brian Palmer, Sean New.
2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

Agreed and signed as a correct record.

There were no matters arising therefrom.

3. **To Elect a President**

The current President William Mundy has served for two years and was therefore eligible for re-election. It was proposed by David Wood, seconded by Barry Adams and carried unanimously that William Mundy be re-elected as President of Kent BKA.

4. **Adoption of the Annual Reports and Accounts**

The Accounts were explained by the Treasurer. He drew attention to the Education Fund and Calder Fund as designated funds and suggested it would simplify the accounts if these were consolidated into the General Fund. There were no objections and this would be considered by the Council.

The adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by Mike Wall, seconded by Bob Smith and approved unanimously. A vote of thanks was proposed to James Cash for all his work in the preparation of the accounts.

5. **To appoint an Independent Examiner for the Accounts in accordance with statutory requirements**

It was proposed by Clive Watson, seconded by Mike Wall and carried unanimously that C. J. Courtney of Shirelands, Rock Hill, Orpington is appointed as Independent Examiner.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 12:00 noon

## KENT BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of KBKA will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at the Margaret Calder Pavilion Detling at 11:30 am or when the Council meeting finishes if later. The formal notice and agenda is given below The meeting is purely a formality to comply with legal requirements, but anyone wishing to attend the AGM is welcome to sit in at the Council meeting as well.

### County Show at Detling

Plans are well advanced for this year's show. The schedule for the competition classes should be distributed with this newsletter with John Chapman as Show Secretary managing the entries. If you would like to help to steward the event please contact Bob Smith and let him know. For half a days stewarding you will be given a one day ticket allowing you half a day free to view the show. There will be a rota and normally stints are for two hours, but that will depend on which exhibit you are assisting. We are also arranging refreshments for stewards at nominal cost. We will also have a small display in the 'Why Farming Matters' tent so will need more stewards this year.

**Contact Bob Smith on 020 8300 1807 or bsmith12@ntlworld.com if you would like to steward.** Indicate your preferred day(s). Last year we were short of stewards on Saturday and Sunday. We will sell members honey to help defray costs. The county will take 10% commission on sales so you will receive £3.60 for one pound of honey as we sell for £4.00. Preference for sales will be given to stewards and those entering the competition classes. Honey should be brought to the Margaret Calder Pavilion between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm on set up day, Thursday or during the show.

### Moving House?

When you change your address or other details please advise your Branch Secretary or Membership Secretary. This information is then passed to me. Depending on your membership class BDI, BBKA and BeeCraft need advising. This is better than me being asked by BeeCraft whether the change of address supplied is correct. If my database is not updated then your incorrect details will be sent on the next update to these organisations.

*John Hendrie*

### Mike Harris

As you will see elsewhere Mike Harris is retiring as BBKA General Secretary after two years hard work. It is likely the BBKA will now transfer all the administration to the office at Stoneleigh and any new appointment will be someone able to work at the National Beekeeping Centre.

## CALENDAR June – August 2010

### Branch Events

#### Ashford

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> June, Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Sun 11<sup>th</sup> July, Sun 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Meetings at 2:30 pm at the South Stour Apiary, Cheeseman's Green Lane, Mersham.

#### Bromley

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> June 11:30 am Morning apiary meeting. Refreshments provided.

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June 3:00 pm Afternoon apiary meeting. Refreshments provided.

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> July 3:00 pm Afternoon apiary meeting. Refreshments provided.

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 3:00 pm Afternoon apiary meeting. Refreshments provided.

Meetings at the Branch Clubhouse, Kent House Road allotments.

#### Canterbury

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> June 2:30 pm. Apiary meeting at Chris' Apiary at Westwell near Ashford.

Ring Joan McAllister for directions: 01304 824660.

#### Dartford - No meetings notified.

#### Gravesend

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> June Visit to Orpington Branch Apiary at High Elms Country Park.

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> July Visit to Peter Allen's Apiary at Sutton Valence.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Aug Inspection of hives and Barbecue at Hartley Bottom out apiary.

Contact Lesley Fancote 01474 702666 for details and locations.

#### Mid Kent

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> June 2:30 pm Meeting at The Branch Apiary, The White House PH, Hunton.

Contact Barbara Harris for details 01622 880440

#### Orpington

Saturday afternoons 2:30 pm Demonstrations at Beeche Centre, High Elms Country Park

Shire Lane, Farnborough, BR6 7JH. See Branch newsletter for details.

#### Sevenoaks & Tunbridge Wells

12<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2:00 pm Meetings at Barrwood Apiary.

5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2:00 pm Meetings at Hilbert Road Apiary.

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> July Demonstration by Peter Hutton at John Edwards-Winser's Apiary.

See Branch newsletter for details.

#### Sidcup

All Saturdays Afternoon meetings at Ruxley Apiary, Honeydale Farm or Baldwyn's Apiary.

Please see Branch website for details.

#### Weald

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> June 3:00 pm Queen Rearing part 2.

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> July 3:00 pm Alan Byham RBO will demonstrate at Ronnie Eagle's apiary.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 3:00 pm Disease Treatments.

For directions contact Nick Mengham 01233 840660 or 07884 231514

#### Westerham

Sat 26<sup>th</sup>-June 2:30 pm. Demonstration by David Rudland at Lynn & Chris Read's apiary

At Spencer's Grove, Birdhouse Lane, Downe.

Please see Branch newsletter for details and directions.

**Whitstable** - No meetings notified.

### County and Other Events

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 am Council Meeting. Margaret Calder Pavilion.  
11:30 am Annual General Meeting (at conclusion of Council Meeting).

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June South of England Show at Ardingly.

16 - 18 July Kent Show at Detling.

19 - 21 July Weald Branch visit to beekeepers in Holland.

26 - 31 July Irish Summer School at Gormanston near Dublin.

3 - 5 Sept BIBBA Conference at Cahir in Republic of Ireland.

#### **The Practicalities of Breeding Local Honeybees.**

Details from John Hendrie or Terry Clare.

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 10:00 am Council Meeting at Margaret Calder Pavilion, Detling.

28 - 30 Oct National Honey Show at St. Georges College, Weybridge.

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Lecture day at Lenham. Speakers: Pam Hunter and Clive de Bruyn.

26 - 28 Nov Central Association of Beekeepers weekend course at Stratford on Avon.

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 10:00 am Council Meeting at Margaret Calder Pavilion, Detling.

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 10:00 am BBKA ADM at Stoneleigh.

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Mar BBKA Module Examinations.

### Congratulations

The results of the BBKA Module Examinations held in March this year are now available and we have success in Kent. The following beekeepers passed the modules as listed:

#### **Module 1: Honeybee Management.**

Bob Jackman (Bromley) Credit, Mary Slater (Bromley) Credit.

#### **Module 2: Honeybee Products and Forage.**

Adrian Davis (Canterbury), Kay Wreford (Medway) Distinction.

#### **Module 3: Honeybee Pests, Poisoning and Pests.**

John Wilby (Gravesend).

#### **Module 4: Intermediate Honeybee Biology.**

Julian Audsley (Canterbury) Credit.

#### **Module 6: Honeybee Behaviour.**

Ian Stell (Sidcup).

#### **Module 8: Honeybee Management and History.**

Ian Stell (Sidcup) Distinction.

Julian Audsley also receives his BBKA Intermediate Theory Certificate with Distinction.

Ian Stell also receives his BBKA Advanced Theory Certificate with Credit.

There are several people taking the BBKA Basic Assessment this summer. The results from the first group from Mid Kent Branch have now been received and the following have been successful:

Barbara Harris            David Burnikell            Dick Cullen            Roger Edmonston

James Daly            Pete Sargent            Michelle Fountain            David May

Congratulation to these beekeepers on these excellent successes. We must also thank David Wood for invigilating the written papers in March.

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***Meetings in the next issue of the Calendar will cover August - October and please note that all details should be sent to John Hendrie, KBKA General Secretary, 26 Coldharbour Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9JT or email: [bibba26@talktalk.net](mailto:bibba26@talktalk.net) or 01732 833894, by 20<sup>th</sup> July with items for inclusion in the next issue. Many thanks.***