

KENT BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Margaret Calder Pavilion,
County Showground, Detling on Saturday 30th June 2007 at 12:30 pm

Present: **Chairman:** Clive Watson, **Vice Chairman:** David Wood,
Gen. Secretary: John Hendrie, **County Treasurer:** James Cash
Lesley Fancote, Dennis Blakeley, William Mundy, Gladys Mundy, Julian
Audsley, Jim Grierson. Keith Salmons, Peter Springall, Kit Erhardt, Bill
Thomas, Bob Smith, Mike Wall, Terry Hardy, Nick Withers.

- 1. Apologies:**
Brian Palmer, Peter Hutton, Sean New, Richard Rose, Cheryl Crees.
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th June 2006**
Agreed and signed as a correct record.
There were no matters arising there from.
- 3. To Elect a President**
The current President Jim Weedon has served for the maximum period of four years and was not eligible for re-election. It was reported that Council had elected Jim Weedon to receive the Award of Merit and be made a life member of KBKA for services to beekeeping. It was proposed by Clive Watson, seconded by David Wood and carried unanimously that William Mundy be elected as President of Kent BKA.
- 4. Adoption of the Annual Reports and Accounts**
The Accounts were explained by the Treasurer. The adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by Lesley Fancote, seconded by Bob Smith and approved unanimously.
- 5. To appoint an Independent Examiner for the Accounts in accordance with statutory requirements**
Mr C.J. Courtney had been appointed during the year to examine the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2006 following the death of W. G. Wright It was proposed by Jim Grierson, seconded by Kit Erhardt and carried unanimously that C. J. Courtney of Shirelands, Rock Hill, Orpington is appointed as Independent Examiner.
- 6. Other Business**
The President, William Mundy, thanked the members for the honour bestowed on him.
There was a request that the time of the AGM be set at 11:30 am next year.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 12:35 pm

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County Show Detling 11th - 13th July

The schedules for the Kent Show can be downloaded from the KBKA website. Why not have a go and enter? You do not need to have honey as there are several other classes to enter. The honey in the confectionery classes does not have to be your own. You could do rolled foundation candles or where is that photo of your chairman being chased by a swarm? There is also a class for juniors so get your children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces doing something creative about bees. If you do not feel able to enter why not volunteer to be a steward? You get free entry to the Show for working half a morning and half an afternoon. The rest of the time is your own. We look forward to seeing you in some capacity at the Show. For more information contact: Mary Hill (Show Secretary 01227 730477) or Sally Hardy (Chief Steward 01797 222570)

Eggheads

Eggheads is a quiz held at 6:00 pm on BBC2. If you fancy a good laugh then watch the British Beekeepers team challenge the Eggheads on Wednesday 11th June! There is more information about the programme in the June edition of BeeCraft on page 11.

KBKA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at the Margaret Calder Pavilion, County Showground, Detling on Saturday 28th June, 2008 at 11:30 am (At conclusion of Council Meeting)

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 30th June 2007 (on back page)
3. To elect a President
4. To adopt the Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 30th September 2007
5. To appoint an Independent Examiner for the Accounts in accordance with statutory requirements
6. Any Other Business

William Mundy retires as President and having served one year is eligible for re-election and he has indicated his willingness to stand.

CALENDAR April - June 2008

Branch Events

Ashford

- Sat 7th June Outing to France. Visit to Musée de l'abeille d'Opale near Hesdin.
Sun 6th July 2:30 pm Annual Barbecue. At the Branch Apiary, Cheeseman's Green.
Sun 3rd Aug 2:30 pm Honey Harvest. At the Branch Apiary, Cheeseman's Green.

Bromley

- Sun 1st June 11:45 am Morning apiary meeting. Refreshments provided.
Meeting at the Branch Clubhouse, Kent House Road allotments.
Opposite Woodbastwick road, 91a, Kent House, Sydenham, Kent

Canterbury

- Sat 14th June 2:30 pm. Demonstration at Julian Audsley's apiary.
Sat 5th July 2:30 pm. Demonstration at Peter Oldreive's apiary.
Directions from: joan.mcallister@virgin.net or phone 01304-824660

Dartford - No meetings notified.

Gravesend

- Sat 14th June 3:00 pm Routine inspection and making increase at Brian, Lesley and Neil's apiary.
Sat 5th July 2:30 pm. Visit to Peter Allen's apiary at Sutton Valence, Springfield Nursery.
Sat 19th July 3:00 pm. Visit to Medway BKA Apiary, City Way, Rochester.
For directions contact Lesley Fancote 01474 702666.

Mid Kent

- Sun 29th June 2:30 pm. Queen Rearing inserting eggs into nuclei Brian Palmer at Branch apiary.
Sun 27th July 2:30 pm Finding the Queen at Simon Amans apiary.
Sun 31st Aug 2:30 pm Annual petanque challenge at petanque club.
Contact Barbara Harris for details and directions 01622 880440

Orpington

- Sat 14th June 2:00 pm Apiary AGM at High Elms apiary.
Sat 21st June 2:00 pm Demonstration at High Elms apiary.

Sevenoaks & Tunbridge Wells

- 14th June, 28th June, 12th July, 28th July, 9th August: Barrwood Apiary meetings.
3rd May, 7th June, 28th June, 19th July, 16th August: Hilbert Road apiary meetings.
Sun 3rd Aug. 2:00 pm Demonstration at Peter Hutton's apiary by Peter Springall.
All meetings start at 2:00 pm. See Branch newsletter for full details.

Sidcup

- Meetings every Saturday at 2:00 pm Ruxley Apiary. See Branch news to check details.
All meetings at Ruxley Apiary, Honeydale Farm, Maidstone Road, Sidcup, DA14 5AW

Weald

- Sat 14th-June 3:00 pm Uniting colonies and general beekeeping, Nick Mengham.
Sat 19th July 3:00 pm From extracting to bottling. Joyce Collins.
Sat 16th Aug 3:00 pm How to photograph your bees.
Ring Nick Mengham for details and directions 01233 840660.

Westerham

- Sun 8th June 2:30 pm. At Diana Pickard's apiary at The Quornden Wood Cottage, Emmetts Lane, Ide Hill. Demonstration and discussion led by Bob Smith from Rochester.

- Sun 24th Aug 2:30 pm. At Mark Dunn's out apiary on the heather at Ashdown Forest.
Demonstration and discussion led by Mark Dunn and Nick Withers.

Whitstable

No meetings notified.

County and Other Events

- 5th - 7th June South of England Show at Ardingly, Haywards Heath, Sussex.
Entry forms to: Mrs. A. Gill, 143, Smallfield Road, Horley, RH6 9LR
Forms are available from John Hendrie.
- 28th June Council Meeting at 10:00 am at Margaret Calder Pavilion, Detling.
28th June AGM at 11:30 am at Margaret Calder Pavilion, Detling.
11th - 13th July Kent County Show at Detling.
21st - 26th July Irish BKA Summer Conference at Gormanston near Dublin.
4th October BBKA Forum at Stoneleigh.
11th October Council Meeting, 10:00 am at Detling Village Hall.
30th Oct- 1st Nov National Honey Show at St Georges College, Weybridge, Surrey.
Sun 16th Nov 2:00 pm. At Lenham Community Centre Margaret Thomas NDB from Essex as guest lecturer will give two talks. Full details in next issue.
Topics: one on the Setting up and uses of a Nucleus and the other on Glands and Pheromones as the driving force in Honeybees. Entry £5 including tea.
- 13th December Council Meeting at 10:00 am at Margaret Calder Pavilion, Detling.
Sat 10th Jan 2009 BBKA Annual Delegates Meeting at Stoneleigh.
Sat 14th March Central Association Spring meeting and AGM at Vauxhall, London.
Sat 21st March BBKA written examinations.

Congratulations

Ian Stell of Sidcup Branch and Kay Wreford of Mid Kent Branch have both passed their Basic Assessment of the BBKA. We have also been advised that John Wilby of Gravesend Branch has passed his Module 1 (Honeybee management) with credit and that Ian Stell has passed Module 1 with distinction, Module 2 (Honeybee products) also Module 3 (Honeybee diseases & pests) with Credit. Bob Smith our SBO from Rochester has passed his written examination for the National Diploma in Beekeeping. Our congratulations to these beekeepers on these fine achievements.

National Honey Show

This year the NHS are again offering FREE full annual membership to all those who have joined the Kent Beekeepers' Association since 1st October 2007. This will entitle you to visit the National and attend the lectures for all three days of the show. You will also be able to enter in the competitive classes free of charge. If you think you qualify then advise John Hendrie not later than 31st July. The NHS will then send you tickets.

The NHS schedule will be available soon. If you would like a copy please advise John Hendrie, it is not too soon to think about what you will enter, particularly with the photographic classes.

Visit the Kent Beekeepers web site: www.kentbee.com

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@tiscali.co.uk or 01732 833894, by 20th July with items for inclusion in the next issue. Many thanks.