

Dunblane & Stirling Beekeepers' Association (SCIO)

AGM Minutes held online via Zoom on Tuesday, 3rd November 2020 at 7.30pm

Apologies: Avril Robertson, Les Slater, Mel Robertson, Jackie Robinson, John Coyle and Andy Lafferty

The meeting started with a welcome from Christine Craig

Minutes of previous meeting

No corrections. 28 Accepted, 3 abstentions

Matters Arising

None

Chair's Report

- No questions
- Christine described how the mentoring system, which had been set up for the beginners, was rolled out to the whole membership. This has been very successful.
- Thanks to all the Trustees.

Treasurer's Report

- No questions
- Included this year's figures and expected budget for next year. Assuming there will be face to face meetings in 2021.

Apiary

- No questions.
- One question about the inventory raised by John Coyle before the meeting was why the bees were not included in the apiary report. Ewen pointed out that these had never been in the apiary report due to fluctuation in numbers.
- The other pre-meeting question raised by John Coyle was what has happened to the IBCs. Kenneth responded by saying there was only one IBC left and this was sited at John Coyle's. All the others had been donated to worthy causes as the cost of repatriation to suppliers was too extortionate.

Proposed changes to the Constitution

Christine asked if there was anyone present at the meeting who had not seen the proposed changes. She then went on to explain the reasons why these changes were being proposed. On the first proposed change (clause 12) the meeting voted as follows:

For	36
Against	1
Abstained	1

On the second proposed change (clause 17), the meeting voted as follows:

For	37
Against	1
Abstain	1

Submission of Questions

Kenneth reported on the Doune Windfarm grant application. He told the meeting that we had been granted £750 (half the requested amount) and this would be going towards video equipment and/or doors at the apiary cabin.

Awards

Val Johns Trophy (Honey Show) – This could not be presented because there had not been a honey show this year. Richard Haseltine asked to hold on to the trophy for the year.

Mary Jenkins Trophy (for exceptional services given over the preceding 12 months) – for the first time ever, this was awarded to two people: Morag Fraser and Ian Mackie for outstanding work on the new website

Election of Trustees

Firstly, thanks to Magnus Peterson and Ian Fraser who are both standing down from the Board; Magnus, in particular, after many years' service. The following have been put forward to stand:

Christine Craig (Chair)
Maggie Duncan (Secretary)
Leila Scobie (Treasurer)
Ewen Cunningham (Apiary Manager)
Peter Hunt (Membership Secretary)
Andy Laverty
Morag Fraser
Ewan McGeer (Beginners Rep)
Kenneth Holden
Victoria Patterson-Mackie

No one from the floor put themselves forward.

For	36
Against	0
Abstain	1

Questions and Answers

- Rob McGowan asked if a better place could be found on the website for the placement of meeting papers. He, along with a few others, was not able to find them before the meeting.
- Rona asked if the bank details could be put on the website. She expressed concern that she had to wait for an invoice before paying her dues. Leila explained that it was a lot easier to keep tabs on payments/non-payments by using the new format as often if someone paid, she was not able to marry up the sum with what the payment was for.
- Gift Aid – this will be claimed and will help considerably.
- Beginners' survey – are we still using Magnus' notes. Victoria responded that yes, we were still using them, but they are annually added to by the respective lecturers. Morag pointed out that they are available on the website.
- Beginners' course – fewer numbers for 2021 (25) and these will be melded with the 2020 beginners for the hands-on section
- John Hoskins asked what would be happening in 2021 regarding members meetings. This is an ongoing matter and would be addressed as soon as possible. The Association is looking into buying a Zoom package or similar so meetings can take place virtually.

Date of next AGM

Tuesday, 2nd November 2021 at 7.30pm

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- P Cartwright posted that this had been the best AGM every. Many thanks!!
- Rona said she has the honey press. She's not passed it back to John Coyle yet. She also pointed out that if people borrow equipment from the Association, they should take the proper care and return the equipment in a clean, tidy and working condition. Christine agreed and thanked her for her comments.
- Catherine Chaffin asked if the sum in the budget for the library was for the report of the rare book. Answer, no. It is for the purchase of new books.
- Dino Jaroszynski commented on the welcome he received from John Coyle when he joined the Association.
- Antje thanked everyone for their help during their first year as beekeepers.
- Best wishes from down-under from Fiona Fernie.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm