

CESHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday March 25th 2023 at
Forest Hills Hotel, Overton Hill, Frodsham WA6 6HH at 11.30am.

1. Opening Remarks - President:

Hello everyone. As President, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our AGM and open the meeting, where the business of Cheshire Beekeepers Association is carried forward from one year to the next. A new season is ahead of us. It has been a long, cold winter in more ways than one, with many people struggling with the rising cost of living. But now, slowly, the days are lengthening and getting slightly warmer, and the bees are already flying. It's time to get those queen excluders on again, if you haven't already, and to get boxes prepared and frames made up. Another season is nearly here, and I wish you all a happy beekeeping season ahead. May all your supers be full ones!

I now hand over to our Chairman Pete Sutcliffe.

2. Apologies for Absence had been received from: Liz Brindle, Polly Smith, David Rounthwaite, Nichola Summerfield, David Fray, Peter Carefoot, Peter Woodhead.

3. Obituaries

The meeting paused for a few moments of silence to respect members who had died recently.

2022: Derek Lockett (Stockport), Jenni Joynt (Stockport), Chris Pownall (N. Cheshire), Ian Maclean (non-branch)

2023: Brian Sinfield (ex-member)

4. Appointment of Tellers

Viki Cuthbertson and Steve Purkis were appointed as Tellers.

5. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting on 5th March 2022.

The 2022 AGM minutes were accepted nem con and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the proceedings.

5a. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Adoption of Reports:

That the following reports, already circulated in the Year Book, should be accepted was proposed by Sydney Hollinshead and seconded by Lesley Jacques. This was agreed nem con.

The Committee Report

The Accounts and Treasurer's Report

The Education Report

The Examination Secretary's Report

The Bee Disease report

Show Report

The Branch Reports

The BBKA Annual Delegates' Meeting Report 2022

The ADM delegate, Lesley Jacques, gave a verbal report on the 2023 Annual Delegates Meeting

7. Election of President

Mrs Pamela Hatton was elected as President for the coming year, nem con.

8. Election of Officers

There being only one candidate for each office, it was proposed by Sydney Hollinshead and seconded by Isabel Large and agreed nem con that the Officers of the Association be elected en-bloc, vis.

Hon. General Secretary	E. Camm	Hon. Treasurer	S. K. Nuttall
Education Secretary	P. Sutcliffe	Examinations Secretary	S. Hatton
Disease Officer	G. Royle	Conventions Secretary	P. Hatton
County Archivist	P. Sutcliffe	Show Manager	S Johnson
Delegate to BBKA	L. Jacques	Website Manager	G. Royle
Hand Book and Newsletter Editor	S Donohoe		

Noted that the role of Social Media Manager is currently unfilled.

9. Election of other members of the Committee

Graham Platt and Nigel Brierley were retiring by rule. Graham Platt agreed to stand again. This was agreed nem con. There are unfilled vacancies on the committee, 2 places for 2 years to 2025 and 2 places for 4 years to 2027.

10. Election of Honorary Auditor

J. Sheeky was re-appointed to this office. Agreed nem con.

11. Propositions

There was 1 proposition to be considered:

The committee had proposed changes to the Cheshire BKA Rules. The details of the changes had been circulated prior to the meeting to all members. The Rules, showing the proposed changes in red, were displayed on the screen and the Chairperson explained the reasons behind the changes. Members asked some questions and it was clarified that Country members did not have voting rights.

After a show of hands, the changes were agreed. There were no objections or abstentions.

12. Presentation of the Edgar Mobbs Shield

This award is for the highest achieving student taking BBKA exams in the previous year and was presented to David Fray.

13. Presentation of the Canon Evans Cup for Services to beekeeping in Cheshire.

Cheshire BKA President, Pam Hatton presented this year's award to Isabel Large and gave the following citation.

The recipient this year is currently the Education Secretary at their branch and has worked tirelessly [a well-worn phrase, but apt in this case] in organising Beginners' Courses, Taster Days and is generally involved in everything the branch does. This person has been involved heavily in the move to the branch's new apiary site and is always a safe pair of hands in organising events. This person gives talks to schools and clubs and is generally someone who gets things done. A huge asset to the branch who deserves some recognition for the work that they do.

The meeting closed at 12.10 pm.