

# **THE WELSH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **CYMDEITHAS GWENYNWYR CYMRU**

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**Minutes of the AGM of the WBKA held at 11.00hrs on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019  
at the Plas Dolguog Hotel, Machynlleth, SY20 8UJ**

### **Present:**

John Bowles (Chair) Steven Cox (Secretary) Graham Wheeler (Treasurer) David Kennedy (membership secretary) Tony Shaw (out-going president) Wally Shaw (Technical Officer) Frank Gellatly ((APHA, Regional bee inspector) Lynda Christie (National Botanic Garden of Wales) Chris Clarke (Conwy BKA) Hilary Cox ((Brecknock and Radnor BKA) Kerry Cox (Anglesey BKA) Nigel Dailey ((Independent) Keith Davies (South Clwyd BKA) Lynfa Davies (Aberystwyth BKA) Les Dilloway (Lampeter BKA) Peter Elvis (Montgomeryshire BKA) Darren Hall (East Carmarthen BKA) Keith Hall ((East Carmarthen BKA) Jill Hill (Montgomeryshire BKA) Yvonne Johns (Conwy BKA) Robert Jones (Swansea and District BKS) Rachel Kellaway (Montgomeryshire BKA) Pat Law (Flint BKA) Gordon Lumby (Lampeter BKA) Paul Lyons (Swansea and District BKS) David Morris (Montgomeryshire BKA) Caroline Mullinex (South Clwyd BKA) Nicola Oulton (Swansea and District BKS) Richard Spencer (Aberystwyth BKA) Selwyn Runnett (Carmarthenshire BKA) Satya Schofield (Flint and District BKA) Jenny Shaw (Anglesey BKA) John Townsend (Meirionnydd BKA) Lee Vickers ((Cardiff Valleys BKA) Rose Vyman-Robins (Brecknock and Radnor BKA) Jill Wheeler (Flint and District BKA)

### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Alison Harwood, John Pilgrim, Pauline Miller

### **2. Appointment of tellers:**

Frank Gellatly, Keith Davies

### **3. Minutes of the AGM held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018:**

Copies of the minutes had been circulated before the meeting. The minutes were approved.

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes of the 2018 AGM:**

Tony Shaw requested the name of Jim Platt's wife be corrected to Kate (from Jill) and that she appreciated the Association's acknowledgment of Jim (not "would appreciate")

### **5. Annual report for 2018:**

The Annual report was accepted with minor changes. Proposed by Jill Hill and seconded by Chris Clarke. The changes suggested by John Townsend included the tidying of the bullet points in Aims and objectives, the correction of Clive Hudson's

surname and the removal of “Bloody-mindedness or laziness” from the BHAF section.

## **6. Annual Accounts for 2018:**

The Accounts had been circulated before the meeting and were accepted. Proposed by Keith Davies and seconded by Rachel Kellaway. John Bowles explained that the budget for the 75<sup>th</sup> WBKA Anniversary had been calculated by assuming 250 delegates would attend but as there were only 150 attendees, this resulted in a deficit.

Capitation for 2020 will remain unchanged, as agreed at the last Council meeting.

## **7. Elections:**

**President:** Tony Shaw has completed his 3-year tenure. John Bowles thanked him for being a particularly active president. No nominations had been received to replace him. Chris Clarke queried the qualifications required for this post. The WBKA Constitution does not list any. The position was left vacant.

John Bowles confirmed Fred Eckton is willing to continue as Vice-President but does not wish to become President.

**Vice-Chair:** No nominations had been received and the post remains vacant.

John Bowles is in his final year as Chair. Graham Wheeler continues as treasurer and Steve Cox as secretary. Jenny Shaw confirmed there was no time limit for these posts.

**Trustees:** Chris Clarke, Gordon Lumby, Peter Elvis, Keith Davies and Rachel Kellaway will continue as Trustees. No nominations had been received for the 6<sup>th</sup> vacancy. Tony Shaw nominated himself at the AGM but Chris Clarke confirmed that the Constitution states no-one can be appointed unless pre-arranged and agreed by 2 signatures from the standing Trustees.

## **8. Nomination of honorary members:**

Gordon Lumby explained why he had withdrawn from the proposal to confer honorary membership for himself. In the past, a member of Lampeter BKA had allegedly obtained honorary membership without the agreement of his local BKA. The President of Lampeter BKA had started to investigate this but died before the issue was resolved.

John Bowles summarised the submission for David and Jean Salkilld (Swansea and District BKS), describing the work they had done for their local area and wider for the good of bee-keeping. John proposed they should be considered for honorary membership, seconded by Graham Wheeler and accepted. The decision will be made at the next Management Committee meeting.

## **9. Consideration for Professor Robert Pickard to become WBKA Patron:**

There was some discussion about what was expected from a Patron. In some circumstances this would involve financial support but for WBKA, the contribution

from a Patron would be kudos. Jenny Shaw commented that many organisations now have a Patron rather than a President. The WBKA Constitution will need to be revised to include the role of Patron.

Lee Vickers confirmed Professor Pickard was President of Cardiff BKA and an active member. John Bowles proposed, seconded by Lee Vickers, that he should be approached about accepting this role, accepted by the AGM attendees.

The meeting concluded at 11.55hrs