

Chairman's report AGM 2019

Thank you Nicola

Good afternoon a very warm welcome to everybody thank you for taking the time to come today.

I can hardly believe that it was 12 months ago we were all here for last years AGM.

It has been busy year and and as a committee we have met regularly and worked hard to achieve our objectives.

I will attempt to summarise most of what we have achieved but will not go into too much detail as last year I think I stole some thunder from the individual reports prepared by others. The benefit of this will be I shouldn't be talking for too long !

Essentially it is my privilege to share with you what has been achieved and to to thank those committee members and volunteers for their time and dedication which enables us as an association to function, develop and thrive in our common goals

NEW TRAINING APIARY & FUNDRAISING

Last year I told you about, how, after much hard work and dedication we received approval for our planning application to build our training and study centre on our newly acquired plot of land. This year, mainly for budgetary reasons, we decided to revise our ambitious build and have landed on a plan that slightly reduces the size of the building and uses a different building technique. These new plans are at the back of the hall for everybody to see when we take a break.

We have been busy in the field Janet will be discussing in more detail a little later, what has been going on this year the planned phased progress of the build and the budget.

Along with the hard work that has gone into revising these plans we have continued to fund raise in order for the work to be completed.

Special thanks go to John and Janet Bromley, Johnathan Knight, John Holden, Karen and Trevor Bailey, Vicky Martin, Matt Williams and Dave Barrell.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Education and training remains a significant part of our year, John Holden and Miriam Knight have lead a team of trainers to deliver this years beginners course.

Last years beginners have been busy in their second year of training and 9 people took and passed their basic exam this summer. Congratulations to all. Certificates will be presented later. In addition 5 of these individuals went on to sit their Module 1 last weekend - so fingers crossed for some great results for them.

John has also coordinated our ever popular taster sessions at the apiary to recruit next years beginners - we are potentially looking at an intake of 30 people and for the first time we have 4 juniors who are going to attend the course - Brilliant news.

Miriam continues to run study groups for general learning and preparation for exams. All are welcome so please do ask if you are interested.

Thanks to John and Miriam and all those who have volunteered and supported them and also thanks to Janet who coordinates the exam process, if you are interested in taking any of the BBKA modules or assessments please do speak to one of us about it.

In addition many volunteers have been into schools, guide and scout groups and WI meetings to teach and demonstrate many thanks to everybody who has been involved in working with education in this way

APIARIES

The apiaries at Ochran and Rhadyr have been managed and looked after by Miriam and Janet and a group of enthusiastic helpers, meetings have been well attended and our thanks go to all those who have helped out at the apiaries. This year we have continued our queen rearing project to encourage local breeding and raising of queens. We have had some great success with this which helped us raise many of the colonies for the beginners.

The Apiary report from Miriam will go into more detail on the year we have had in the apiaries and our plans going forward.

Managing the two sites, our association colonies and producing nucs of bees for our beginners is an enormous and time consuming task. We cannot thank Miriam enough for her work and dedication to the bees and the apiaries. Thanks go to Janet too for assisting with all aspects of apiary management.

TRADE SHOWS

Our main tool for communicating and liaising with the general public remains in the numerous trade shows and events that we attend and support throughout the year. This year the events programme has been coordinated by Dan Baxter and Peter Maloney our thanks go to them and to the many volunteers that have supported them and the association throughout the year. We appreciate that these events always fall on weekends and we could not attend so many of them without the hours that have been volunteered by so many of you in the room.

SWARM COLLECTION

Our swarm collectors were in high demand again this year, thank you to all who responded to the calls especially our coordinator Ken Key, thanks go to Chris Taylor who has had an increased workload this year as he has been involved in the south of the county too. Many of you help with swarm collection John Adams, Brinley Watkins, Andrew Knapp, Cyrene Graham, Miriam Knight to name but a few - thank you to all who help with such an important part of our support to the local community.

If you wish to be involved in swarm collection you can let us know on your membership application but please feel free to talk to Ken about your availability.

WINTER PROGRAMME

Our autumn and winter evening meetings were enjoyed by many members. We start our lectures again in January. Lynn Ingram a Master Beekeeper from Somerset starts us off in January with a talk about "The importance of Drones"

The timetable of speakers that has been agreed for the 2020 and this detail will be on the website very shortly.

GENERAL

Special thanks also go to Angela Thomas our very patient webmaster who this year steps down after working on the development of our website from conception. She has spent many many hours ensuring this site is managed and kept up to date including the updates required when we switched to CIO status.

Thanks also goes to Graham Bent for writing our monthly newsletter. He can't be here today but has asked if anybody has anything that he can use for the newsletter all articles will be greatly received.

Thanks too to Carol Jobling who is our association librarian.

We have some committee members who have decide to step down this year, Rhys Edwards, Rosemary and Mike Rossiter and Eric Long. All on the committee wish to thank them for their input, time and help in recent years. Russ steps down as Treasurer and Membership Secretary but remains a committee member - thank you Russ.

We give the new members of the committee elected here today, Andrew, Eva, Cyrene, Graham and Nicky a very warm welcome

Thanks to all who help with refreshments at our meetings and bake wonderful cakes for us to enjoy - Shaun's award wining Honey fudge has to be a winner for me in 2019.

There are so many people who give their time and volunteer for so many things throughout the year a big thanks to all.

That concludes my report - Im now going to hand over to Russ who will take you through the treasures report.

Gwent BeeKeepers CIO**1174746**

Income	£	2017-18	2018-19
Subscriptions		6393.05	6699.25
Training subscriptions		2640	3150
Bee Disease insurance		663.45	690.2
Bee Disease Research Donations		362.05	
Bee Craft and BKQ subscriptions		697.44	878.65
Honey sales/Equipment Hire		815	1036.64
Donations GBKA		120635.35	
Waitrose		12225.22	
Grants			10000
National Grid			5000
Prince of Wales Trust			2000
Tesco			1000
Western Power			516
Monmouthshire BS			
Monmouthshire Council subvention			1940
Gift aid/charitable benevolence		1877.79	1996.98
fundraising		125.54	92.36
Miscellaneous			
total		146434.89	35000.08
Expenditure			
BBKA capitation		3300.5	3021
Bee Disease insurance		663.45	690.2
Bee Disease Research Donation		362.05	0
Bee Craft and BKQ subscriptions		697.44	878.65
Apiary running expenses		2980.45	2481.36
Insurance		182.56	382.63
Room Hire		372	331
Speaker's travel expenses		382	351.05
Postage/stationary		95	
Show expenses		334.72	154.6
New Apiary project	professional fees etc	11483.47	7573.45
Miscellaneous		17.33	23.9
Total		20870.97	15887.84
Surplus/(deficit)		125563.92	19112.24

Bank reconciliation

cash at bank	72323.84	91939.22
less uncleared payments	-3115.84	-2670.05
plus uncleared receipts	1354.92	406
adjusted cash balance	70562.92	89675.17
land purchase	55001	55001
total	125563.92	144676.17
Increase/decrease in funds	125563.92	19112.25

Ring-fenced cash	received	spent	balance	balance
2018				
GBKA donation	120635.35	-66484.47	54150.88	
Waitrose	12225.22	0	12225.22	
ring-fenced cash	132860.57	-66484.47	66376.1	
free cash			4186.82	
total cash			70562.92	
2019				
GBKA donation	120635.35	-67679.47		52955.88
Waitrose	12225.22			12225.22
National Grid	10000	-3804.8		6195.2
Prince of Wales	5000	-1578.1		3421.9
Monmouth CC	1940			1940
Mon BC/Tesco/WP	3516	-995.55		2520.45
ring-fenced cash	153316.57	-74057.92		79258.65
free cash				10416.52
total cash				89675.17

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