

COMBINGS

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Members are reminded that their subscriptions fell due on 1 October, and, if not paid by 31 December, their membership will lapse.

Subscriptions for the coming year are for a Full Member £25.00. I enclose a Membership Renewal form with your "Combings".

We were told at the meeting on Wednesday 22 September that Member Jim Elliot had died at the age of 90 years. Rob Coleman, David Gray, Alan Johnston, Tom Robinson from the Association attended his funeral. Jim had been keeping bees for 50 years and was a regular winner of the Alf Race Memorial Cup at our Honey Show - so much so, that, when all the spaces for winners names were used up and a new cup had to be purchased – he was presented the cup in perpetuity.

Tom Robinson and Kate Wallace attended Yorkshire BKA's General Purposes Committee Meeting on Friday 22 September. Tom sent me an email with the salient points.

There are presently 1,223 members in Yorkshire with Leeds the largest with 162 members and York having 117 members being second.

You will already be aware of the foundation offer. It is early this year to avoid the increase in VAT due to be implemented on the 1 January – a good move on the part of Yorkshire.

Foulbrood has been found at Sheriff Hutton and south of Selby. Anyone with an email address and is registered with Bee Base will be advised of any outbreaks in their area.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting started with one minutes silence for Jim Elliot who died recently.

Ian Kibble was re elected as President and then Chaired the meeting.

John Acheson and Bill Bell were elected as Vice Presidents.

David Bough has been shadowing Tom Robinson as Secretary for the past few months has taken over the post

Minutes of the last AGM where read out.

Reports were heard from Chairman David Gray, Secretary Tom Robinson and Chris Robinson gave us a resume of the Association's finances. There is more in the kitty this year than last, with just over £9,000 in the bank.

Matt Atkinson who took over as Treasurer has had to stand down due to pressure of work. He is being replaced by John Thompson.

Ken Barran has stood down as Apiary Manager and groundsman. Alan Johnston has taken over as Apiary Manager and Mike Marshall as groundsman.

David Gray's stint as Chairman is up, so a new Chairman will be elected at the first Committee Meeting. David is not putting his name forward to be elected to the new Committee.

A new Committee was elected. Its members are:

Pete Allanson	Peter Crosby
Nigel Davies	Sue Hesp
Hugh MacPherson	Julia Mander
Tom Robinson	Paul Taylor

It was mentioned that we would probably hold a dinner in the New Year.

Secretary David Bough spoke at length about us rejoining the Bee Disease Insurance scheme.

We dropped out of the scheme some years ago – I forget the reasons. You have to declare how many hives you are likely to have during the course of the season. If you then make a claim and you have more hives than you declared then your claim would not be met - I think that was part of our reason for dropping out. York Beekeepers would pay your premiums for the first three of your hives and you pay an additional premium for any more than that. For instance, if you have ten colonies – the Association will pay for the first three and you will pay an extra £5.25 for the other seven. Further discussions will be held at our Half Yearly General Meeting on Wednesday 20 April 2011, where it is hoped to get a representative from BDI to speak to us.

Nigel Davies sent me this email regarding a suggestion from the floor at our AGM on the 20th October.

At last Wednesday's committee meeting we discussed arranging a free bus for members to go to the sale at Thorne's at Wragby on Saturday 20 November 2010, as was suggested at the AGM. Thorne's sell a wide range of bee keeping equipment. At their sale many of these items can be purchased at a discount. It is also possible to

take spare bees wax and trade it in for new foundation. The committee have agreed to use Association funds to pay for a bus for this trip as we have a healthy bank balance”.

Editor's comments: It is good that the Committee have taken up this idea. Bus trips have been organised in the past, but failed due to poor take up. (Mind you – they were not free trips!) I do hope it will be well patronised.

At the Honey Show, Madam Chairman Sue Hesp told us that only ten out of sixteen seats on the bus have been taken. I would have expected it to be full.

A further bus trip is planned to Stoneleigh in April. If this is poorly patronised, then at the next AGM, members will be asking why Association money is being wasted on such schemes yet it was the membership that asked for them in the first place!

HONEY SHOW

This was held at Murton on the evening of Wednesdays 17 November with 12 members putting 68 exhibits into the show compared with 17 members with 93 exhibits last year.

The results were:

Martin Ainsley came 3rd with 12 points

Jenny Smith was 2nd with 17 points

And the winner of the Honey Show Cup was Alan Johnston with 37 points

The “John Fuller Trophy” for a block of wax over 1lb in weight went to Jenny

Smith

The “Best Photographic Exhibit” went to Jenny Smith

The “Best Jar of Honey” went to Nigel Davies

Finally – The “Best Overall Exhibit in Show” was a “Frame suitable for Extraction” exhibited by Alan Johnston

Our Honey Judge was Ivor Flatman. One comment he made worth mentioning: a few exhibits were short measure. Ivor demonstrated this by holding a jar at eye level and stating that if you could see daylight between the bottom of the lid and the top of the honey the jar is under weight. He also said that the honey you sell should be of show standard. This is something I have maintained for years – you should be able to take a jar of your honey for sale and, with a minimal amount of work, it should be fit for show.

While the rest of us were having a natter, supping tea and eating sticky buns, Nigel Davies and his helpers were next door with the honey show.

Also going on at the same room in the sticky buns and tea room, was Pete Allanson with his microscope waiting for members to bring along samples of their bees to be tested for nosema. Sadly no one brought any, which was disappointing.

Also during the evening was a question and answer session. The panel was Rob Coleman, Alan Johnston and myself (in the past, we three were the Honey Show sub committee and the Auction sub committee. (meeting room – the Bay Horse) The format for the Honey Show and Auction – still broadly used today - were the result of our deliberations).

We fielded questions for an hour until the Honey Show results were announced by Nigel Davies. It is some years since we last had such a session – I thought it went well. Any comments?

We are unable to trace two of the Association's honey extractors. If you have one, please contact Rob Coleman (See minutes of the last Committee Meeting at the end of "Combings")

EDITORS MUSINGS

I conceived "Combings" in 2002. Since then I have been responsible for turning out all thirty six editions. Having edited it for so long, I have stagnated, with new ideas being thin on the ground. My computing skills are minimal consequently the format has not changed. I am not averse to updating my computer skills, but other things always take priority. I would like one of you to take over from me to breathe new life into "Combings", for I think it plays an important part in the running of York Beekeepers - mainly in getting Association matters to those who do not attend meetings regularly.

In your September's "Combings" I did a paragraph on perfect supercedure. In it I said how, in early August, Alan Johnston and I found an unmarked queen on one frame and a marked queen on the next, and , as I was doing a demonstration the following day, it was decided to mark the unmarked queen for the benefit of those attending the demonstration.

You will recall that after she had been marked and the press in cage taken away, she took wing. We left the hive open for a while but she did not return. She was a young queen and may not have been out of the hive to get her bearings.

A week later I was going through my hives checking for them being queen right prior to putting on the first dose of Apiguard. In the hive adjacent to the one we have been talking about, there was a marked queen in a hive that should have had an unmarked queen.

I reckon this was the marked queen that had taken flight, gone into the next hive and been accepted by the colony – killed off the incumbent queen and taken over. Had both queens been marked, I would have been none the wiser.

Something I noticed this year for the first time – wasps with the characteristic white splash of pollen on their thorax that we associate with bees working water balsam. You never think of wasps entering into flowers as bees do. Any nectar they collect will be for their immediate consumption, but leaving the balsam flower with the white splash on their thorax, they must do some pollination as well.

Swallows stayed with us until the 15 October, which seems rather late for them. No doubt there was plenty of food about to keep them here. It is always nice to see them.

BRANDING IRONS

Whenever bees get stolen, the subject of marking hives always comes up. Branding is good and permanent, but I have never been able to point you to a supplier.

In the October 2010 edition of Bee Craft in the letters page there is a website www.eyreandbaxter.co.uk who do branding irons. I looked at their website. They do branding irons suitable for our needs. There was a picture showing some of their wares including a branding iron similar to the one I have which is heated using a blow torch. Their address is 229 Derbyshire Lane, Sheffield, S8 8SD, 'phone 0114 250 0153. If any of you get a branding iron from them, then please let me know and I will pass on your comments - particularly on price.

The same column also talks of National Bee Supplies who look to be about to supply branding irons. The price is steep – in fact I would go so far as to say - extortionate - "a little over £100 + VAT. Letters will be around £5 + VAT. Unless you have a lot of hives then they will not be worth buying.

BEE SYMPHONY

Dick Gardner sent me an email regarding an unusual concert to be held at York University's Rymer Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 17 December entitled **The Bee Symphony**. Fancy a bee-related performance with a difference? No, not Harry James and The Flight of the Bumblebee but **The Bee Symphony**.

This will include recordings of bees made by Andrew Harding (*Touch*) and Chris Watson (*The Life of Birds, The Life of Mammals, Life in the Undergrowth* and *Life in Cold Blood*) and a vocal score by Marcus Davidson (*Spire*) performed live by Chris and five singers from the University.

In addition the performance will feature other sound performances and talks by scientists on current research on bees and the perils they currently face.

Sounds fun - and no exams! Parking should be no problem out of term.

Box Office: Tel: 01904 432439 email boxoffice@york.ac.uk. Full details at www.touchmusic.org.uk/thebeesympphony

I later got this email from organiser Peter Boardman who gives a few more details. Tickets are £10.00, students £3.00 and under 16's free.

Please find attached a poster for a concert on 17 December which I hope will interest you and your members. The evening event will feature speakers from the National Bee Unit at Sand Hutton (Selwyn Wilkins), an entomologist from North Carolina State University and Chris Watson, who is best known as David Attenborough's sound recordist. In addition to the talks, Chris will use bee recordings alongside a vocal score which will be performed by singers from the University of York.

The Bee Unit will also be providing a poster exhibition. If you would like to display some information about your organisation, please let me know.

I would be grateful if you would let your members know about the concert.

Tom Robinson sent me this newspaper cutting. (From an article in The Press Sat 14 Aug 2010)

50 Years Ago

A swarm of bees in a lounge bar would not seem very friendly customers, but at the Horseshoe Inn, Levisham near Pickering they were given VIP treatment. For this must be the only pub where you could enjoy refreshment and at the same time watch bees making honey. Such a novelty never crossed the mind of the landlord Mr Harold Booth, on Whit Saturday when he found the bar buzzing with bees. His immediate reaction was to clear them out, but as quickly as he did so; reinforcements emerged through the wall.

It was then he realised a swarm had entered the two feet thick walls through a hole outside and from there they were crawling into a glass-fronted showcase in the lounge.

A local expert was called in and his advice was "*The bees are there, so keep them*". It was only a small job to clear the showcase of its whiskies, rums and gins, bore a hole in the wall, and put in frames and Mr Booth had a unique beehive. "It is quite a draw for the public and experts have been here from all over the district to see the bees Mr Booth said.

Do any of you know how long it stayed there?

SILENT ROBBING

This is something that I had never heard of until last July when I was doing a Basic Assessment at Leeds. We were talking about robbing, when the candidate mentioned silent robbing and quoted "*Guide to Bees and Honey*" by Ted Hooper. (This is a popular book for newcomers). Naturally I was curious so I looked it up. This is what Mr Hooper has to say on the subject on page 184 of his book.

Robbing

This is the nightmare of all beekeepers, because once started it is so very difficult to bring to an end. Two types of robbing occur - that which is usually just termed 'robbing', and 'silent robbing' which is more unusual and more difficult to spot. Silent robbing is when the colony robbing and that being robbed are on completely friendly terms. There is no sign of fighting or unusual behaviour at the entrance; everything is peaceful, but flying will occur when other colonies are all indoors. If it is happening between two different colonies in the same apiary the flight path will be obvious. Often this will go on until the robbed colony is devoid of all stores, when they will starve or possibly all go home to the robber's hive. I always think that this must be the way in which what I call 'Marie Celeste' hives are produced - a hive which is completely empty of bees, stores and brood, but in which every cell is cleaned up and in perfect condition. (With ordinary robbing capping will be present, half torn down, and in the cells from which honey has been removed the coping, or thickening, on the top of the cell walls will be missing, the robbers never stopping to tidy the comb up before they leave.)

Silent robbing is difficult to terminate without taking one colony to another apiary. Changing colonies over by putting the robber in the robbed place and vice versa will often cause sufficient confusion to stop it, but not always. If a second apiary is available I would move the robbed stock away at a time when I could trap as many of the robbers in it as possible. In this way some of the losses can be made up and these bees should help defend the colony in its new apiary."

Silent robbing came up again when I read an article by Ivor Davis entitled "Pheromones" part three in October's BBKA News. The title tells what the article is about - covering various pheromones within and without the hive - a very complex subject - of which we only know a fraction.

One paragraph was on silent robbing:

Robbing is big nuisance at the end of the forage season and, if the robbers gain access to a hive, their own smell becomes masked by the strong odours in the hive and they then adopt the smell of the robbed hive. This will lead to "silent" robbing and, if not checked will deprive the robbed colony of its stores. The guard bees have a very important job to do to prevent this happening. When the robber bee

approaches its own hive, with a full load and in the manner of a bee that belongs, then the guard bees will let it enter – and robbing is perpetuated.

VARROA DROP AFTER USING OXALIC ACID

A member, Nick Coats, wrote to me at the end of August with some figures he had produced of mite drop after treating his hives with oxalic acid in January this year.

My hives have mesh floors, and I do a count every Sunday.

Last year (2009) everything went well, I had strong stocks, which looked after themselves very nicely.

In the Autumn the average varroa counts were 1 – 2 per hive per week, so I really didn't think I had a problem, but thought I had better be safe, so I applied oxalic acid during Christmas week, and the following was the result.

Sunday 3 January		Sunday 10 January		Sunday 17 January	
Hive No	count	Hive No	count	Hive No	count
1	30	1	162	1	6
2	36	2	34	2	1
3	15	3	123	3	0
4	131	4	65	4	0
5	93	5	147	5	7
6	36	6	114	6	7

That seemed to work!

I do hope the mites don't find a way round oxalic acid, but I suppose they will as it seems too good to be true. A useful tip to the less efficient beekeepers like me. When you put away your smoker - put your hive tool in it . That way you don't put the smoker away in a dangerous condition. Next time you need it, the lid will not be welded down with tar and you will have no trouble finding your hive tool.

This letter written by Peter Tomkins appeared in "The Beekeepers Quarterly" Number 94 in December 2008.

The acarine mite was blamed for large bee losses early last century. Modern research has discounted that and puts the blame on acute paralysis virus.

Acarine probably gave the virus a way into the bee the same as varroa does today.

ACARINE DISEASE

I think Noel Power should exercise some caution in his claim that "*the cause of death was Acarine*" as the reason for the loss of his colonies (BQ1/4ly No.93).

In the 1990's many beekeepers in the US were blaming Acarine for large scale losses merely because the colonies that died were if infested with Acarine. This caused Dr Leslie Bailey, once of Rothamsted Research and a bee disease expert, much consternation. So much so that he had an article on the subject published in the American Bee Journal.

In the 1960's Bailey showed that "*there are no specific outward signs of infestation by Acarapis Woodi and that symptoms like crawling bees unable to fly, swollen abdomens and dysentery are non specific and may indicate senility, almost any disease or excess water content after confinement to the hive*", and concluded that "*Heavily (Acarine) infested colonies appear quite normal*".

What upset Bailey most was, I think, that some authors were referring' to the symptoms as signs of 'Isle of Wight disease' (many still do of course) and in his article he wrote:

By 1963 we had isolated and identified unequivocally the essential cause of the signs that had become known as the 'Isle of Wight or Acarine disease'. It is a virus, now known as chronic paralysis virus; the disease it causes is indistinguishable from that known since Victorian times in Britain as 'paralysis'.

Paralysis virus is completely independent of acarine, but both can occur in the same colony and even in the same individual bees but it is the virus alone that causes the death of the colony.

Although paralysis virus occurs though out the world it does not often multiply sufficiently in most colonies in Britain to cause disease visible beekeepers and requires additional factors for the symptoms of mass crawling and severe dwindling to become manifest.

Bailey concluded his article by asking whether anyone in America had looked for the virus in crawling bees from mite (Acarine) infested colonies. Perhaps the question should be repeated today and should include all absconding colonies that can provide a sample

PAST EVENTS

Wednesday 22 September

A well attended first winter meeting was held in the library at Murton to listen to Tony Jefferson of Whitby speak to us on "The preparation of honey and wax for Show".

Firstly – read the schedule – what it says goes. Any exhibit that does not conform will be automatically eliminated. Picking a winner starts by sorting out exhibits that do not conform to schedule or have obvious defects.

Local shows such as ours where standards are lower are to encourage you to start exhibiting – bigger shows such as Yorkshire and the National are for those who have won at local level and are prepared to spend a lot of time and effort to perfect their techniques to enter such shows where standards are much higher.

Tony mentioned one criteria used when the finish is close in a multi jar class – the judge will up end the jars to see if the jar batch numbers match!

One of the problems with entering shows that are some distance away from where you live is getting your exhibit to the show - Thorne's will take your exhibits to the show for you providing you get them to Thorne's.

When exhibiting my honey in our Honey Show I would always put a clean lid on liquid honey to be told by Tony that it does not matter – by doing so you let out the aroma of the honey, and the judge uses that aroma to help him in selecting a winner.

Other points mentioned:

- Do not heat your honey above 38° C to avoid spoil age.
- When filtering use a nylon filter – using cotton filters can leave minute bits of cotton in your exhibit.
- If you are uncertain about what class – light, medium or dark to enter your exhibit in, then use grading glasses – at our Honey Show such glasses are there for you to use.
- Your jar should have the correct weight in it.
- Frosting of set honey – providing it is only small will not be penalised.
- Remove any air bubbles from the top of you honey.
- It is important that the thread on the jar is kept clean to avoid sticky fingers.

Tony only very briefly mentioned wax - a pale colour is the first parameter. Candles are lit to see if the wick is the right size for the diameter of candle. Mead was mentioned in passing.

***Editors Note:** When warming honey in a cabinet using light bulbs, you have to keep a close eye on it as light bulbs generate a lot of heat giving rise to hot spots directly above the bulb, which could lead to distortion of the bottom of the honey tub above, or if you are unlucky to melting the tub bottom and honey leaking all over. Putting a baffle plate over the top of the bulb will prevent this and distribute the heat more evenly.*

Wednesday 20 October

Our Annual general meeting was held at Murton.

Wednesday 17 November

Our Honey Show was held at Murton.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 4 December.

Yorkshire BKA's Annual General Meeting will be at the Normanby Pavilion, Great Yorkshire Show Ground, Harrogate. Start time 10.00.

Friday 17 December

York University, Rymer Hall. Fancy a bee-related performance with a difference? No, not Harry James and The Flight of the Bumblebee but **The Bee Symphony**, to be presented at York University's Rymer Hall at 7.30 pm on Friday 17 December. This will include recordings of bees made by Andrew Harding (*Touch*) and Chris Watson (*The Life of Birds, The Life of Mammals, Life in the Undergrowth* and *Life in Cold Blood*) and a vocal score by Marcus Davidson (*Spire*) performed live by Chris and five singers from the University. In addition the performance will feature other sound performances and talks by scientists on current research on bees and the perils they currently face. Sounds fun - and no exams! Parking should be no problem out of term. Box Office: 01904 432439 email: boxoffice@york.ac.uk. Full details at www.touchmusic.org.uk/thebeesympphony

Wednesday 19 January (Murton 1930 hrs)

Claire Waring - Big Bees. Claire Waring has travelled the world studying bees. Among other things Claire writes for "Beecraft"

Wednesday 16 February (Murton 1930 hrs)

David Allen - Queen Selection.

Wednesday 16 March (Murton 1930 hrs)

Dave Cushman – Bee behaviour + nest Integrity.

Friday 25 March

Our Annual Dinner. More details to follow.

Saturday 9 April

Yorkshire BKA's Annual Bishop Burton Conference.

Friday 15, Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 April

British BKA's 34th spring Convention at Stoneleigh. It is planned that York BKA will run a free bus to the convention.

Wednesday 20 April (Murton 1930 hrs)

York BKA Half Yearly General Meeting then Wendy Maslin from Beverley BKA will talk on the BBKA's Exam Process and David Aston will speak on Bee Health.

Saturday 14 May

12th Annual Auction. Organised by Nigel Davies – 01904 468 001. Items accepted from 0900 hrs. Viewing from 1100 hrs. Auctioning will commence at noon. **Bees for**

sale will be accepted the previous evening MUST BE EXAMINED by the Seasonal Bee Inspector prior to arrival.

Saturday 21 May

Bee husbandry day.

Saturday 4 June

Apiary meeting.

Sunday 3 July

Craft of Beekeeping open day at Murton.

Saturday 9 July

Our Summer Barbeque.

Tuesday 12 – Thursday 14 July

The 153rd Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate.

Wednesday 20 July

Driffield Show.

Saturday 6 August

Tockwith Show.

Saturday 13 August

Heather meeting

Saturday 27 to Monday 29 August (Bank holiday weekend)

Cawood Craft Festival.

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 September

Harrogate Autumn Flower Show.

Wednesday 21 September

Bees for Development

Wednesday 19 October

Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday 16 November

Annual Honey Show.

Finally - How does Santa like his pizza? Deep an crisp an even!

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FOR SALE

Ambrosia Fondant

Boxes of Ambrosia fondant are available at £15.50 each as opposed to Thorne's price of £25.85 for the same item so it quite a considerable saving. The fondant is packed in 12.5kg boxes with five 2.5kg packets of sealed fondant in each box.



If you are interested please contact David Bough email:
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YORK & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Charity Number: 507960



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3 November 2010.

1. Attendance: Peter Allanson, David Bough, Peter Crosby, Nigel Davies, David Gray, Sue Hesp, Hugh MacPherson, Tom Robinson, Paul Taylor, John Thompson.
2. Apologies: Julia Mander.
3. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 6th October 2010: The minutes were approved as a true record.
4. Matters arising: There were no matters arising.
5. Appointment of Chairman: There was one nomination for the role of Chairman, Sue Hesp proposed by David Bough seconded by Peter Allanson and carried unanimously. Sue Hesp gave a brief vote of thanks to David Gray acknowledging his hard work over the past 2 years.
6. Appointment of Vice Chairman: There was one nomination for the role of Vice Chairman, Hugh MacPherson proposed by David Bough seconded by Tom Robinson and carried unanimously. It was proposed by the Chairman and carried unanimously that Nigel Davies and Julia Maner would carry on their respective roles of Membership Secretary and Publicity Secretary and that Peter Allanson and Peter Crosby would take over the roles of Spray Liaison and Equipment Officer.
7. Correspondence: There were 3 pieces of correspondence; a letter from David Gray offering his services to help organise the Open Day in July 2011; an email from BBKA asking York + DBKA to put forward names of any Members who have achieved in excess of 50 years beekeeping, it was noted by Tom Robinson that all of our 50 year Members have already been recognised; a letter from Mike Marshall requesting a more powerful mower and a strimmer. It was proposed by Tom Robinson seconded by Nigel Davies and carried unanimously that a strimmer would be purchased suitable for the job and that we would be guided by Mike Marshall as to the type of strimmer. Action David Bough.
8. Treasurer's Matters: John Thompson thanked Tom Robinson for collecting the accounts from Matt Atkinson and reported that Garbutt's had now audited and approved the accounts. John Thompson is not comfortable with the Audit and has found some anomalies that require further investigation. John Thompson will re-draft the accounts and arrange a meeting with Garbutt's in order for the accounts to be re-audited. Action John Thompson.

John Thompson advised the meeting of the current situation regarding the correspondence addresses and signatories of the current account and the two CAF Bank accounts. John Thompson proposed seconded by Tom Robinson that the new signatories on the Association Bank Accounts should be John Thompson, Sue Hesp, Nigel Davies and David Bough and the John Thompson's home address would be the new correspondence address for each of the Bank Accounts. The proposal was carried unanimously. Action John Thompson.

John Thompson put the following resolution to the meeting:

1. That a bank account or accounts be opened/continued with HSBC Bank Plc (the 'Bank') and the Bank is authorised to:
 - a. pay all cheques and other instructions for payment or accept instructions to stop such payments signed on behalf of the Society/Club/Association by: (the 'Signatory') whether any account of the Society/Club/Association is in debt or credit;
 - b. deliver any item held on behalf of the Society/Club/Association by the Bank in safe keeping against the written receipt of the 'Signatory'; and
 - c. accept the 'Signatory' as fully empowered to act on behalf of the Society/Club/Association in any other transaction with the Bank (including closing the Account(s)); and
2. That any debt incurred to the Bank under this mandate shall, in the absence of written agreement by the Bank to the contrary, be repayable on demand.
3. That the Secretary from time to time is authorised to supply the Bank as and when necessary with lists of persons who are authorised to sign, give receipts and act on behalf of the Society/Club/Association and that the Bank may rely upon such lists.
4. That these resolutions remain in force until cancelled by notice in writing to the Bank, signed by the Chairperson or Secretary from time to time acting or claiming to act on behalf of the Society/Club/Association, and the Bank shall be entitled to act on such notice whether the resolutions have been validly cancelled or not.
5. That the Society/Club/Association accepts the account(s) and banking relationship with the Bank will be governed by and subject to the Business Banking Terms and Conditions (a copy of which has been provided) as amended from time to time together with any Terms and Conditions in respect of specific products and services requested by the Society/Club/Association from time to time.

The resolution was proposed by John Thompson seconded by Nigel Davies and carried unanimously.

John Thompson advised the meeting that he was looking into the possibility of using telephone and internet banking. Action John Thompson.

John Thompson proposes to advise the Committee of any expenses paid out between Committee meetings at each Committee meeting. Action John Thompson.

A donation cheque of £139.63 has been received from Fulford Primary School following their fund raising event to 'save the bees'. It was agreed that we would arrange for the children's class to visit our apiary at the Yorkshire Museum of Farming after the beginners practical sessions had been completed. Action Sue Hesp & David Gray.

9. Matters arising from the AGM: It was proposed by David Bough seconded by Tom Robinson and carried unanimously that the Association would fund a bus trip to Thorne's new shop on Saturday 20th November 2010. All Association Members are to be contacted by either email or telephone and a bus would be provided to cater for the number of Members requesting a seat. Action Nigel Davies.

A similar suggested trip to Stoneleigh in 2011 would be considered once the response to the trip to Thorne's had been reviewed.

It was proposed by Nigel Davies seconded by Tom Robinson and carried unanimously that from 2011 we would include a clause in the Honey Show stating that only products from the apiary during the current season and from the exhibitors own hives would be allowed to be exhibited. Action Nigel Davies.

It was proposed by Nigel Davies seconded by Tom Robinson that we would invite a representative from the Bee Disease Insurance to give a presentation at the Half Yearly Meeting followed by a vote on re-entry into the Bee Disease Insurance Scheme. Action David Bough .

It was proposed by Nigel Davies seconded by Tom Robinson that we would distribute a letter to each Member of the Association to give notice of an EGM at the Half Yearly Meeting to approve the accounts and to vote on re-entry into the Bee Disease Insurance Scheme. Action David Bough.

10. Beginners Theory and Practical Courses: Tom Robinson advised that 34 people had already lodged their interest in attending a beginner's beekeeping course in 2011.

Sue Hesp proposed that we run a similar beginner's programme in 2011 to our programme in 2010 with the proviso that we have a specific practical topic for each of the practical sessions. Action Sue Hesp.

Tom Robinson proposed that the cost of the 7 theory sessions remain at £35 per person, seconded by Nigel Davies and carried unanimously. Action Sue Hesp.

Hugh MacPherson proposed that the cost of the practical sessions remain at £10 per person, seconded by John Thompson and carried unanimously. Action Sue Hesp.

Paul Taylor offered his services to help to run the education programme with Sue Hesp, the offer was gratefully accepted. Action Sue Hesp & Paul Taylor.

- 11.2011 Programme: David Bough advised that the programme was just about complete, Tom Robinson offered to host the Heather Apiary Meeting on Saturday 13 August 2011.
- 12.Inventory of Equipment: David Bough advised that despite requests it would now appear that 2 of the 3 manual extractors owned by the Association have gone missing and it was agreed that they are not replaced.
- 13.Website: David Bough advised that the website had been changed quite considerably and now included a page providing advice to the public about swarms including contact details for beekeepers willing to collect swarms. The most up-to-date program for 2011 is on the website and it was suggested that the website could be used more proactively with monthly apiary advice, a gallery page showing York Beekeepers activities, their bees, flowers and pollen images. DB requested some additional help to organise this along with some possible video footage of events so that Members who could not attend could still see what took place. Action David Bough and Paul Taylor.
- 14.AOB: Tom Robinson advised that the next Murton Management Meeting was going to be held on Tuesday 16 November 2010 at 5.30 pm, it was agreed that Sue Hesp and David Bough would attend.

It was discussed and agreed that at the honey show whilst judging took place:

1. A panel of experienced beekeepers would be available so that any Member could ask the panel a beekeeping question that they would like answering.
2. Peter Allanson would bring along microscopes and slides so that Members could check their bees for Nosema.
3. Nigel Davies would also provide backup entertainment in the form of beekeeping DVD's. Action Sue Hesp, Peter Allanson and Nigel Davies.

- 15.Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1 December in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom starting at 7.30pm.

YORK + DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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Membership Application/Renewal

Registered Member £25 Partner Member £20
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Please complete one form per applicant, and return the form with a cheque for the appropriate amount to **Nigel Davies, YDBKA Membership Secretary, Balnakeil, Claxton, York, YO60 7SD**

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Here are some of the advantages of membership:

- Advice and assistance when beginning to keep your bees
- Classes in beekeeping for beginners and the more knowledgeable
- Winter meetings with speakers on a wide variety of beekeeping subjects
- Free advice and hands-on help from experienced beekeepers
- Combings - the Association's quarterly newsletter
- Outdoor meetings and demonstrations
- Visits to Members' apiaries
- Annual Barbeque
- Free entry to Annual Honey Show hosted by YDBKA
- Email updates for purchasing bee keeping equipment/supplies.
- Social and family events and visits to places of interest

and last, but by no means least, the convivial company of fellow beekeepers offering an opportunity to swap experiences, ideas and the inevitable tall story!

Contact our Membership Secretary, Nigel Davies for further information.
membership@yorkbeekeepers.co.uk

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Full member: Annual Subscription provides the full range of benefits of Membership. Member of BBKA, Yorkshire BKA, YDBKA. Entitled to vote at all meetings of same, Insured for Third Party Liability. Receives newsletters from BBKA, YBKA, YDBKA.,

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