



BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF THE ACT (Inc)

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD THURSDAY 17 MAY 2018
AT THE YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Attendees:

Dermot Asls Sha'Non – President
David Segal – Vice-President
Phil Andrews – Secretary
Justin Freeman – Treasurer
Frank Derwent – Member
Sarah Asis Sha'Non – Member
John Grubb – Training Manager (part meeting only)

Apologies

Juli Poole – Member

Introduction

1. The meeting was opened by the President at 1840.

Conflicts of Interest

2. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

3. The minutes from the last meeting (held 15 March 2018) were reviewed. The Secretary suggested the following amendments:

- a. The Sentinel Hive Program brief to the committee remain open

Action Items

4. The list of ongoing Action Items was reviewed. Updates are included in the minutes and on the list of Action Items.

5. The following Action Items were deemed complete:

- a. First Aid Training opportunity
- b. Audit of Association equipment
- c. Field Day preparations
- d. Support Positions descriptions
- e. World Bee Day preparations

6. First Aid. Frank Derwent advised that the first aid training was scheduled for 16 and 30 Jun 18 at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands. The training will be conducted by Paul Morris from Brindabella First Aid. The courses need to be advertised so that members can nominate. The Committee agreed to pay 50% of the cost for members attending.

Action: Frank Derwent
Webmaster

Correspondence

7. The Secretary advised that a letter had been received from Myles Knight alleging several decrepit hives at a residence in Duffy. The Secretary advised that the Association had no powers to intervene and the letter had been passed to the ACT Government (Environment and Planning Directorate) for necessary action. EPD have confirmed receipt and responsibility for the matter. As Mr Knight provided no return address, it has not been possible to advise him of the action we have taken. No further action is required.
8. The Secretary advised that a request for assistance had been received from the Canberra Adventurers seeking assistance with their (3-9-year-old) adventurers getting their Honey Award. Sarah Asis Sha'non has agreed to assist the Canberra Adventurers on Saturday 28 July (3.30 to 4.30pm).

Action: Sarah Asis Sha'Non

9. A request had been received from Cormac Farrell for the Association to donate honey to the World Bee Day (20 May 18). The Committee agreed to donate sufficient honey to meet the World Bee Day activities.

Action: Apiary Manager

10. The Secretary advised that a request had been received for the Association to hold a stall at the Autumn Revel to be held at Gorman House on Saturday 19 May. Due to insufficient resources and the short-notice, the request has been declined.

Finance

11. The acting Treasurer presented the finance report advising that work was continuing to transfer the financial information to Xero. Once done, routine finance reports (comprising Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements) should be available.
12. The acting Treasurer advised that only minimal funds remained in the CBA account and suggested that members be encouraged to pay their insurance to generate cash flow. The Term Deposit has not been reinvested but remain invested on a week-to-week basis. It was agreed that a minimal balance of \$5,000 be maintained in the main account.
13. The acting Treasurer advised that the Audit Report was nearing completion with the Auditor expected to provide the final report and audit certificate by 21 May 18. The Secretary advised that the Audit Report did need to be presented to the members, as well as being included in the Annual Report to the ACT Government. It was decided that the Audit Report was to be reviewed by the Committee (offline), following which it will be posted to the members via the Association website and made available at the next meeting of the Association on 21 Jun 18.

Appointment of Treasurer

14. The Committee ratified its earlier decision (taken out-of-session on 10 May 18) to appoint Justin Freeman as Association Treasurer. The appointment is made in accordance with Section 12(4) of the Association Rules (dated 01 Feb 18). The Committee welcomed Justin to the fold.

Financial Arrangements

15. The Committee discussed the ongoing financial arrangements for the Association. It reaffirmed the intention to establish an account with the Bendigo Bank. The account is to be able to undertake everyday transactions suitable for not-for-profit organisations (i.e. Not-for-Profit Everyday Account).
16. The following Committee members are the authorised signatories (with any two to sign):
 - Dermot Asls Sha'Non (President)
 - David Segal (Vice-President)
 - Phillip Andrews (Secretary)
 - Justin Freeman (Treasurer)
17. The Committee also agreed to obtain a debit MasterCard/Visa Card for use by committee and support members (Treasurer and Apiary Manager). The cards were to have a limit of \$1,000.

Apiary Report

18. The Apiary Manager provided a report which was circulated ahead of the meeting. No issues were raised.

Training Report

19. The Training Manager (John Grubb) advised that he would review the recommendations regarding training previously provided to the Committee. John will identify training dates for the 2018 Spring Season.

Action: Training Manager

20. The President will commence discussions with several providers of advanced and specialist beekeeping courses in preparation for their potential delivery during the 2018 Spring Season.

Action: President

Sentinel Hive Program

21. Due to time constraints, the Sentinel Hive Program will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Secretary

Planning Day

22. The Committee discussed the date for the planning day, which will be held on Sunday 03 Jun 18 at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands.

Action: Committee


Meeting with the ACT Government

23. The Secretary advised that President, Vice-President, Secretary together with Alan Wade met with ACT Government representatives on 03 May 18 to discuss formalising the Association arrangements at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands. The ACT Government representatives acknowledged the Association's concerns and agreed that they would support a proposal to:
- a. Review the current arrangements with City Farms and hold discussions with Canberra City Farms as to whether the arrangements could better accommodate the Association's longer terms plans.
 - b. Champion an application from the Association to formalise the arrangements at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands, including a submission to potentially build/locate a building on or near the Wetlands facility.

Action: Secretary

Meeting Close

24. The President closed the meeting at 1925.



Dermot Asis Sha'Non
President

21 May 2018



Phil Andrews, JP
Secretary

21 May 2018



Treasurer Report BAACTI

April 2018 Prepared by Dave Segal/Justin Freeman on 16th April 2018

Summary

The Beekeepers Association of the ACT has current assets totalling \$34933.57

We have:

- \$336.39 in our cheque account
- \$356.17 in our Paypal Account
- \$30451.38 in out term deposit (needs to be reinvested)

No upcoming expenditure in May or June however July we will need to cover accommodation, fuel & meals for our visiting academic.

Actions

1. New bank account setup required or lodge the paperwork to link the cheque account to Xero and Add Justin Freeman to the system.



Apiary report for May 2018 committee meeting

The apiary is now fully closed for business till early spring 2018. Frank (or Cormac) and I will sneak over as close as possible to World Bee Day, mischievously termed Weapons of Bee Destruction, to load up our new Ulster Observation Hive that Frank is currently souping up for carting around to events on the 20th of May.



Anxious Ultimate Ultra Ulster awaiting colony transfer from Nuc N04

The final 'final' apiary season session on Sunday the 30th of April was more picnic than heavy lifting. Cormac pulled pesticide strips on the sentinel hives S01 and S02 and

magically replaced fly-wire tugging top super Warre screens with real McCoy spelt-flour treated mats. That should make Warre J11 and J12 a whole lot much easier to manage. Under Michael McMahons expert tutelage, Cormac also led the charge on euthanasing nuc N01, a weak chalk and sac brood ridden colony headed by a clapped out queen.

Apart from the lively picnic under a sunny sky, Michael also sorted packing seven boxes of gear for irradiation. Peter McKeahnie picks them up for despatch to Steritech this coming Friday 11th of March. Popping any of that clean gear back on hives next spring will give any recipient colony a boost free of wax moth, *Nosema* and chalkbrood spores and sac brood virus particles.

Then, under gathering storm clouds, and with Jill Robilliard wielding a butterfly net, a few hardy souls headed down to the wetlands to check on late flowering plants – clover, fennel, turnip weed and skeleton weed - now at the end of their nectar producing tether and largely abandoned by bees or by exotic wasps. A classic case of bee season Amen and Amen.

A reminder for World Bee Day on Sunday the 20th of May. Call Cormac to offer your generous support of time to explain the merits of keeping bees to an adoring public.

Alan Wade Frank Derwent Jill Robilliard Andrew Dell Michael McMahon Cormac Farrell