Minutes of the 147th Annual General Meeting
06 December 2025 at 2.00pm
Held at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon CR0 7LB
Hosted by Croydon Beekeepers Association

Welcome from Bob Barnes, Chair of Croydon BKA and Tim Lovett, President of Surrey BKA.

The meeting was declared open by Tim Lovett, SBKA President.

Tim thanked Bob Barnes and Croydon for hosting the event.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received on behalf of the following: Sandra Rickwood, Martyn Milner, Helen Worwood, Andrew Gibb.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 7 December 2024 to be accepted. Accepted non com. Minutes signed off by Tim Lovett.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Reported from the Chair – Bob Maurer, provided a full report in advance of the meeting and confirmed all reports are available on the SBKA website.

Key Points:

- **2025 beekeeping season:** Better weather than 2024, with a good early honey flow but a less productive summer for the Chair's bees.
- **Council and governance:** Council met four times online, discussing Asian hornet support, capitation and BBKA voting. Safeguarding and Code of Conduct policies remain under development.
- **Divisional activity:** Highlights included successful winter courses, Weybridge's new training apiary and Education Centre, community projects, joint study groups and Reigate's support for beekeeping in Rwanda.
- **Bee health:** Epsom and Reigate responded to local European foulbrood notifications with biosecurity measures; no cases were reported in association apiaries. Reigate hosted a successful Bee Health Day.

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- **Education and recognition:** Surrey won the Surrey Shield for its 2024 Basic Assessment results—its third win. Marion and Geoff Cooper received BBKA certificates recognising 40 years of beekeeping.
- **Shows and future plans:** The Surrey Honey Show was held at Denbies, with more volunteers requested for 2026. Planning is beginning for the association's **150th anniversary in 2028**. The National Honey Show received the King's Award for Voluntary Service. (The attendees broke into applause).
- **Leadership changes:** Several divisions welcomed new chairs and representatives, new Trustee to be appointed for Epsom. Tim Lovett is due to become Surrey's BBKA ADM delegate in January 2026.
- **Chairman's farewell:** Bob Maurer is standing down after **15 years as chairman and 19 years as ADM representative**, thanking members, trustees, officers and volunteers for their support.

No questions.

TL vote to accept the report
Proposed by: Nick O'Toole (Croydon)
Seconded by: John Mayne (Croydon)
Accepted nem con

5. Treasurer's Report & Accounts

First report from new Treasurer, Vince Gallo. It was noted that approximately three times more funds raised from activities than from subscriptions. Surplus noted on Consolidated Accounts. However, VG noted the Central Fund not yet finalised – with approximately 25-30 transactions that require review. VG apologised for the delay and anticipated the information relating to the Central Fund will be available at the end of February. It was noted there have been losses for a number of years – this is a known factor, due to essential change required to deliver the Surrey Honey Show following the liquidation of the Surrey County Agricultural Show held at Stoke Park, Guildford.

Q. John Mayne – Gift Aid rebates 2024 accounts, will HMRC now accept VG as the authorised party for SBKA Gift Aid.
A. VG confirmed Gift Aid signatories to be finalised.

TL vote to accept the report
Proposed by: Helen Broughton (Guildford)
Seconded by: Richard Snelling (Croydon)
Accepted nem con

Post Meeting Note: The submission of the SBKA Annual Report & Accounts for year end 30 Sept 2025 delayed. The Charity Commission was informed of the delay. The Accounts were submitted on 24.10.2026.

TL thanked VG for his important work and appreciation given his first year in the role when matters can often take longer than anticipated.

6. Committee Reports

a) Surrey Show Committee – Mike Axford (Chief Steward)

Full report available on SBKA website. Key highlights:

- **Strong turnout:** The Double Blue Ribbon Event attracted 228 entries and over 1,000 visitors.

- **Winning association:** Reigate won the Vincent Challenge Cup with 190 points, ahead of Kingston (94) and Guildford (45).
- **Individual awards:** Jacqueline Tolley won Best in Show and the Colman Cup. Other trophy winners included Bob Barnes, Max Bavington and longstanding entrant Clive Mence.
- **Popular attractions:** Visitors enjoyed an observation hive and Vince Gallo's live tree-trunk beehive.
- **Sales and thanks:** Honey sales exceeded £1,000. Organisers thanked the associations, committee, volunteers, and Derek and Anne Jones.
- **Next event:** The report lists Denbies Wine Estate, Sunday 6 September 2026.

TL apologised for being unable to attend the event, and thanked MA for preparing the report.

b) Membership Secretary – Kathy O'Toole (Croydon) (source eR2)

KoT confirmed verbally 1,063 active members within the Association. A detailed report is available on the website. Screenshot provided below:

SBKA **Surrey Membership Report for AGM 2025 (as at 24th November)**

2025	SBKA	Croydon	Epsom	Farnham	Guildford	Kingston	Reigate	Weybridge	Wimbledon
Total Active Members	1063	112	113	150	178	99	191	122	98
Registered Members	842	87	91	119	154	55	151	101	84
Partner Members	71	5	7	11	13	8	14	6	7
School Members	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Country Members	15	0	8	0	0	6	0	0	1
Junior Members	17	7	0	1	2	4	1	0	2
Honorary Members	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Local Members	114	11	7	19	8	25	25	15	4
2024	**SBKA**	**Croydon**	**Epsom**	**Farnham**	**Guildford**	**Kingston**	**Reigate**	**Weybridge**	**Wimbledon**
Total Active Members	1015	111	114	153	163	106	170	121	77
Registered Members	800	82	86	120	144	61	139	97	71
Partner Members	67	6	4	11	9	12	15	7	3
School Members	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Country Members	16	0	12	0	0	0	2	0	2
Junior Members	11	3	0	1	0	5	1	0	1
Honorary Members	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Local Members	117	17	12	21	10	27	13	17	0

No questions.

TL thanked Kathy for all her hard work.

Acceptance of Membership Report
Proposed by: Rosalind Clague (Farnham)
Seconded by: Michael Main (Weybridge)
Accepted nem con

7. Delegates' Reports

a) BBKA ADM Delegate – Bob Maurer (Reigate)

Bob Maurer attended ADM 11 January 2025. Report available on the SBKA website.
(ADM papers available in the members area on the BBKA News website. Your 6-digit membership number and postcode is required to log in. Remember dots required between each pair of numbers.

Key highlights:

Annual Reports:
See page 31 onwards in ADM papers for the complete reports.

No questions on:
Asian Hornet Report
Communications Committee
E&H
Research
Shows committee
Website
Standing Orders and Governance
Spring Convention
eR2
Shows – comment that BBKA should attend more shows.
John Lauwerys Hampshire BBKA – Shows should rotate across the whole of England.
International Meeting of Young Beekeepers – no report available yet.
Vote to accept reports – For 65 Against 0

Exam Board
No questions
Stephen Barnes thanked Marin Anastasov as he is retiring from the Exam Board having been chair for many years.

Examination Results
Robert Hammond Award for the best intermediate candidate – Louisa Simpson-Brown Lancashire BKA
Wax Chandlers Award for best Master Beekeeper – Elaine Robinson, Yorkshire BKA.
George Knights Award - announced at meeting - Yorkshire BKA
Surrey Shield – announced at meeting – Surrey BKA
David Charles Award - announced at meeting - Tyneside BKA
Bee Health Assessment Award – announced at meeting - Nottinghamshire BKA

Written exams – 526 taken in 2024. 88% on line 12% written
43 intermediate theory certificates.
21 Advanced theory certificates.
9 new Master Beekeepers.

Post meeting note. No description of the criteria for these awards in the ADM papers, unable to confirm what the Bee Health Assessment Award is. Appears to a confusion, BM asked for clarification.
Vote to accept report For 65 Against 0

Finance Report
Mark Hunter chair of finance to 30th September 2024
Surplus of £22K. (In 2023 loss of £18K.) Improvement on £67K predicted loss in the budget.
£500K invested – BBKA received £43K dividend re the investments surplus which is why the accounts show a surplus.
Expenditure
£21K spent on Asian Hornet preparations.
BBKA has £1,300,000 in investments and cash at bank. A lot in cash as reserve for YLAH as it may be needed urgently.
Will spend money to make on-line exams more efficient.
No auditors issues.
Mark is happy BBKA is in a strong financial position.
Vote to accept finance report – For 62 Against 0 Abstain 2

Reappoint auditors Harrison Beale and Owen
Vote For 63 Against 0 Abstain 1

Acceptance of budget for 2024-25
Vote For 65 Against 0 Abstain 1

Proposition 2025/1- BBKA Board of Trustees

That with effect from 1st October 2025 the capitation fees be changed to:

Registered member and school member	£23
Partner member	£15
Country member	£11
Junior member	£ 5
Direct member	£40
Specialist member	£130

Vote For 65 Against 0 Abstain 1 Passed

Awards and Elections
Honorary Membership for Anne Rowberry – immediate past president.
Vote For 62. Against 0 Abstain 4

Nominations for Trustees
There are four vacancies for a 3-year term and 4 candidates – all elected.
Diane Drinkwater
Jane Medwell
Gary Clueit
Alan Rowse

Nominations for Exam Board Three 3 year vacancies one 1 year vacancy.
Jane Brook - three year term
Gary Brook - 1 year term
Keith Bartlem - 3 year term
Anne Rowberry - 3 year term

Proposition 2025/2 - Hampshire (seconded by Surrey)
This was amended to:
That the BBKA Trustees prepare a single document bringing together all of the Association's current policies as determined by ~~the~~ Annual Delegate Meetings
In successive years with a searchable index to facilitate easy reference to extant BBKA policy in different subject areas.
Vote to accept the amended proposition:
For 65 Against 0 Abstain 0 Passed

Proposition 2025/3 – Avon (seconded by Gloucestershire)
That the General Husbandry Certificate move to a partial modular format, whereby holding the Honey Bee Health Certificate and Honey Bee Breeding Certificate will exempt the candidate from those sections of the General Husbandry Certificate. In the course of time, this should become the route to achieve the General Husbandry Certificate.

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Vote to refer back to trustees
For 53 Against 9 Abstain 4 Referred back to the trustees.

Proposition 2025/4 – BBKA Board of Trustees
That clause 14.4 of the BBKA Constitution which reads: 'vacancies will be a single vote at the ADM with candidates ranked in order of the number of votes they receive. Subject to the candidates being eligible for the term the ranking indicates, this order will be used to fill the vacancies with the candidates with the highest number of votes filling the vacancies with the longest terms'.

Be amended to: In any round of voting delegates will have a number of votes equal to the number of remaining vacancies, or candidates, whichever is lower, and may cast only one vote for any one candidate. Vacancies will be filled initially by a single vote at the ADM with candidates being ranked in order of the number of votes they receive. Candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected to the longest term for which they are eligible provided they have received votes from over 50% of the delegates present at the ADM.

In circumstances where all vacancies are not filled by the initial vote subsequent rounds of voting may be necessary, with the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes in each previous vote having been eliminated. In each round the candidates remaining shall again be ranked in the order of the number of votes received and the remaining vacancies filled by those with the highest number of votes, to the longest term for which they are eligible, provided they have received votes from over 50% of the delegates present. This process will continue until such time as all vacancies are filled or it is clear that any remaining candidates cannot achieve support from over 50% of the delegates present.

An amendment was proposed.
At each round of voting the option to abstain will be available to the voting delegates.
Vote for the amendment
For 60 Against 3 Abstain 2

After some technical issues the amended proposition was passed.

Proposition 2025/5 – BBKA Board of Trustees
That all references to the 'Executive Committee' in the BBKA constitution be replaced by 'Board of Trustees'. The definition of Board of Trustees in Clause 31 of the constitution (Interpretation) to be: 'is responsible for the governance of the BBKA and must run it in a way that complies with the BBKA's governing document (the constitution) and the law'.
Vote For 66 Against 0 Abstain 0. Passed.

Proposition 2025/6 – BBKA Board of Trustees
That the Board of Trustees and the Examinations Board continue to work together to investigate the costs and benefits of external accreditation of the examinations and report back to the 2026 ADM with a recommendation as to whether to proceed or not.
For 58 Against 6 Abstain 2 Passed

Proposition 2025/7 – BBKA Trustees
That the work and actions outlined in Phase 2 of the report 'Follow-up to Proposition 2024/2 Cumbria' be implemented by the Board of Trustees. (Relates to combatting honey adulteration). See text of prop 2024/2 below.
Estimated Cost for phase 2: Maximum of £10,000 (£8,000 as indicated in the report plus any incidental costs)

Supporting notes: The Board of Trustees supports the continuation of the investigations outlined in the report. Here is the text of Proposition 2024/2:

The BBKA starts to take action on the matter of adulterated honey and does not rely on the actions of central Government. The BBKA should:

a) Establish a working relationship with the Honey Authenticity Network UK (HAN UK)
b) Consulting with commercial UK honey industry, vendors and relevant UK academic institutions to outline BBKA's intentions.
c) Developing a protocol for anonymous purchase of honey from shops

Identifying the suppliers of honey analysis from UK university programmes and from known analytical laboratories in the EU

d) Discussing the intentions with the central authorities for trading standards
e) Mapping out a programme of anonymous purchases, sampling and reporting as appropriate to the analysis findings.

SBKA view – reluctantly support

Amendment 1 proposed.
That the work and actions undertaken as a result of the Cumbria proposition 2024/2 are acknowledged and a new phase is developed to progress the issue of adulterated honey. The meeting authorises a budget not to exceed £25K and report back to the next ADM.
Vote on amendment
For 62 Against 3 Abstain 1
Second amendment proposed by INIB delegate.
Seconded Kent BKA

That the work and actions undertaken as a result of the Cumbria proposition 2024/2 are acknowledged and a new phase is developed to progress the issue of adulterated honey.
The meeting authorises an interim expenditure not to exceed £25K to develop a campaign urgently and report back to the membership.
Vote to accept second amendment.
For 64. Against 1 Abstain 1
Vote to accept final amended proposition.
For 66 Against 0 Abstain 0 Passed.

No questions.

TL thanked BM for preparing the report.

b) BDI Representative – Andrew Gibb

Andrew Gibb (AG) standing down from the role, unable to attend meeting. Job Description provided by AG for the volunteer role, copy available on Surrey BKA website.

SBKA – BDI Representative

Volunteer Role
Responsibilities include:
1. Keeping abreast of the current beekeeping pests and diseases that exist in UK from BeeBase and other sources

2. Draw up an annual report regarding pests and diseases in Surrey BKA area (this includes Surrey County Council area and those Greater London areas within Surrey BKA, ie, Croydon, Kingston and Wimbledon divisions)
3. Monitor Bee Disease Insurance Ltd (BDI) annual report - this is not always very informative to beekeepers and so I usually extend it to include all pests and diseases rather than just those diseases covered by BDI
4. Extract disease information trends from BeeBase data towards the end of the active beekeeping season and prior to the Surrey BKA AGM
5. Review possible forthcoming pests and diseases that could arrive in the UK, eg, Tropilaelaps, small hive beetle
6. Answer any questions about the report at the AGM meeting

Key Points of the 2025 BDI Report:

- Disease levels appear to be improving overall, with a continuing reduction in colonies diagnosed with both American Foulbrood (AFB) and European Foulbrood (EFB) in recent years.
- In the 2025 active season, the National Bee Unit (NBU) inspected:
    - 990 colonies in Surrey, with 26 found dead.
    - 516 colonies in Greater London, with 18 found dead.
- American Foulbrood (AFB) outbreaks were reported in:
    - Farnham (1)
    - Godalming (7)
    - Weybridge (10)
    - Staines (5)
    - Leatherhead (1)
    - Epsom & Sutton (1)
    - South-East London (2) in a neighbouring area.
- European Foulbrood (EFB) was more widespread, with notable outbreaks in:
    - Kingston & Esher (26)
    - Weybridge (11)
    - Godalming (7)
    - Staines (5)
    - Farnham (4)
    - Several other Surrey divisions.
- Varroa destructor remains established throughout the UK and is now considered indigenous. Beekeepers are encouraged to report sightings through BeeBase so its spread can continue to be monitored.
- Asian Hornet (Vespa velutina) continues to be a major concern:
    - Incursions increased significantly compared with previous years.
    - Most reports are in south-east England, though sightings are spreading northwards.
    - Surrey BKA continues active monitoring and reporting.
- Tropilaelaps mites and the Small Hive Beetle are not currently known to be present in the UK, but they are considered serious potential threats and any suspected sightings should be reported immediately to a local bee inspector.

Overall
The report presents a generally encouraging picture regarding foulbrood disease trends but highlights the growing threat from Asian hornets and the ongoing need for vigilance against both established and exotic bee pests.

TL commented standard of beekeeping is consistently improving.

c) BeeCraft Representative – Michael Main (Weybridge)

Report by Michal Main (MM) available on Surrey website.

- **Director changes:** Bob Maurer and Dale Gibson resigned at the AGM. David Cockburn resigned in November, with Chris Cornthwaite appointed in his place.
- **Subscription problems:** After Warners ceased managing subscriptions in March 2025, the move in-house lacked supporting systems. Most subscription changes remained unimplemented.
- **Impact on members:** Missing magazines led to refunds, while subscription secretaries and treasurers lacked clear updates. Resolution was still awaited.
- **Other operations:** Book sales also moved in-house. BeeCraft's event presence remained limited to the Spring Convention and National Honey Show.
- **2026 costs:** Subscription prices increased for 2026.

No questions.

TL thanked MiM for preparing the report.

d) Exam Secretary Report – Celia Perry (Reigate)

Report by Celia Perry (CP) is available on Surrey BKA website.

Key Points from the Report (Nov 2024 – Oct 2025)

- 11 candidates from 3 Surrey divisions passed the Junior Assessment.
- 54 candidates passed the Basic Assessment, with participation from 7 of Surrey's 8 divisions.
- 14 candidates from 4 divisions passed the Honey Bee Health Practical Assessment.
- 1 candidate passed the General Husbandry Assessment.
- Candidates achieved a total of 21 written module passes across the November 2024 and March 2025 examination sessions.
- From 2026, the Junior Assessment will be renamed the Elementary Assessment.
- Due to a high number of late applications in 2025, the application deadline for the Elementary, Basic and Honey Bee Health assessments will be brought forward to 30 April 2026.
- All three practical assessments must be completed by 31 August.
- To encourage more candidates:
    - Module 3 examination fees will be reduced from £50 to £10.
    - The Honey Bee Health assessment fee will be reduced to £25.
    - Candidates passing the Advanced Husbandry Assessment in 2026 will receive a 50% refund of the £300 entry fee.
- The report concludes by thanking the volunteer assessors who conducted practical assessments throughout 2025.

Overall

Candidate participation and pass rates were strong, particularly for the Basic Assessment, and significant fee reductions and administrative changes are being introduced for 2026 to encourage greater involvement in BBKA examinations and assessments.

Thank you to assessors from Surrey and beyond, for their time taken in assessing candidates in all the practical exams.

No questions.

TL thanked CP for preparing the report.

e) Asian (Yellow Legged) Hornet Report – Helen Worwood (Epsom) County Co-ordinator

Full report available on Surrey BKA website.
Key Points from the 2025 Surrey Yellow-Legged (Asian) Hornet Report

- Four Yellow-Legged Hornet (Asian Hornet) nests were found and destroyed in Surrey during 2025, all traced from public sightings reported to the National Bee Unit (NBU).
- A fifth nest was also located and destroyed just outside Surrey in Bromley, near the county's northern border.
- DNA analysis is being carried out on all Surrey nests to determine whether they resulted from overwintering hornets or represent new arrivals.

Main Areas of Activity
The Surrey YLH team focused on:

1. Keeping beekeepers informed about the threat.
2. Raising public awareness of the hornet's environmental impact.
3. Investigating and monitoring reported sightings.

Highlights from 2025

- Spring: A suspected sighting at Painshill Park, Cobham, prompted monitoring, but no hornets were detected.
- Summer: Volunteers attended numerous county shows and public events, educating hundreds of people about hornet identification and reporting.
- The large Yellow-Legged Hornet model was displayed at 14 public events.
- On 15 August, the NBU confirmed and destroyed a nest at Holmbury St Mary.

Autumn Nest Discoveries
Three further nests were found and destroyed:

- 12 September – Godstone
- 12 September – Holmbury St Mary (second nest)
- 4 October – Coldharbour

Looking Ahead to 2026

- Mapping has identified many 1 km squares in Surrey without a designated hornet monitor.
- Recruiting additional beekeeper and public volunteers to fill these gaps is a key priority.
- Plans are underway for a larger programme of Asian Hornet Roadshows to increase public awareness.
- Members are encouraged to read and share the monthly Asian Hornet Action Team (AHAT) newsletter to stay informed.

Overall
The report highlights a successful year of surveillance and rapid response, with all known Surrey nests detected and destroyed quickly. However, the continued appearance of nests confirms that the Yellow-Legged Hornet remains a significant threat, requiring ongoing monitoring, volunteer engagement, and public education to prevent it becoming established in Surrey.

Q. Keith McMahon – is TL aware of upcoming dates reference planned YLAH Roadshow activities.
TL confirmed he had no diary dates he could share with members attending the meeting.

Acceptance of all reports (a-e):
Proposed by: Kathy O'Toole (Croydon)
Seconded by: Malcolm Clark (Guildford)
Accepted nem con

8. Election of Officers
President – Bob Maurer (Reigate)
Proposed BM will finish TL's term as President – re-election will be 2026
Proposed by: Malcolm Clark (Guildford)

Seconded by: Clive Mence (Kingston)
Accepted nem con

Chair – Rosalind Clague (Farnham)
Proposed by: Bob Maurer (Reigate)
Seconded by: Michael Main (Weybridge)
Proposed RC will finish BM's term as Chair – re-election will be 2027

c-h) TL proposed that election of Officers elected 'en bloc'.
Treasurer: Vince Gallo
Secretary: Julie Hogarth
Membership Secretary: Kathy O'Toole
Exam Secretary: Celia Perry
Independent Examiner: Alison Clement
Webmaster: Alex de Salis
Archivist: Penny McMahon
Proposed by: Richard Snelling (Croydon)
Seconded by: Paul Kearney (Wimbledon)
Accepted nem con

9. Election of Trustees

Tim Lovett asked that election of the Trustees a) to h) excl 'b' be elected 'en bloc'.

Croydon	John Mayne
Epsom	tbc
Farnham	John Fail
Guildford	Malcolm Clarke
Kingston	Martyn Milner
Reigate	Sue Scates
Weybridge	Jane Hunter
Wimbledon	Steve Derry

Proposed by: Marion Cooper (Weybridge)
Seconded by: Rosalind Clague (Farnham)
Accepted nem con

10. Election of Representatives

Tim Lovett asked that election of the Representatives a) to d) be elected 'en bloc'.

The candidates for the Surrey BKA Representatives proposed were:

BBKA ADM	Tom Lovett (Kingston)
BDI	Vacancy
BeeCraft	Michael Main
National Honey Show	Andrew Gibb (Croydon), *Richard Bradfield (Reigate) - tbc*

Accepted nem con

11. Any Other Business

Beecraft

VG requested time to read his prepared statement on Beecraft – TL commented that no proposals can be made at the AGM, however, VG requested SBKA take action to resolve the ongoing issues with Beecraft given SBKA status as a shareholder. TL reconfirmed the appropriate action, if needed, would be to raise this issue in advance for inclusion in the 2026 AGM. BM recognised the communication difficulties experienced with the BeeCraft administration team and confirmed that he is confident the issues can be fixed. He stated that, as a significant shareholder in BeeCraft, SBKA did not wish to use its position in a way that could lead to the publication's failure within the year. He appealed for greater trust and confirmed that he would use his influence to support the relevant parties within BeeCraft.

Malcolm Clark (Guildford) confirmed BeeCraft is an essential educational tool for all beekeepers. Simon Ford (Reigate) would like BeeCraft issues to be resolved by 13 January 2026 and that the BeeCraft website is no longer available. Michael Main (Weybridge) confirmed the website was fixed but within 24 hours was down again. There was a call for an urgent BeeCraft Directors' meeting. John Mayne (Croydon) commented it would be necessary to go in bold and show strength. Further discussion on various actions members wanted to take. Helen Brougton (Guildford) confirmed she had made suggestions to BeeCraft to help them but she had not received a response.

TL commented that whatever it takes the ill-feeling and practical solutions are needed and noted that BeeCraft pays for itself, whilst BBKA News is paid for by subscriptions.

Keith McMahon (Kingston) requested action within 7 days and from there on weekly updates from the BeeCraft team with SBKA membership secretaries and treasurers.

TL confirmed there has been an ongoing and growing concern relating to the governance of BeeCraft – there appears to be a misalignment of dates with regard to actions and there is now a great deal of ill-feeling. Practical action is required as a matter of urgency, there should also be an acknowledgement that BeeCraft pays for itself, whilst BBKA News is paid by subscriptions. Actions need to be taken beyond the meeting and agreed by all of the parties involved.

TL thanked everyone for joining the AGM and wished all a very Happy Christmas.

A presentation followed and a gift of thanks to Bob Maurer for his role as Chairman. It had previously been agreed by all divisions that a new trophy – The Bob Maurer Challenge Cup would be a new award in the Surrey Honey Show - First Place in the Class for 2 jars of Light honey and 2 jars of Medium honey.

The formal meeting closed at approximately 4pm followed by afternoon tea, and a presentation by an online talk by Dr Lars Chitka on 'The Mind of a Bee'

Post Meeting Note: SBKA AGM 2pm on Sunday 06.12.2025 to be hosted by Epsom.

Approved by: ……..

Signature: ……..

Date: ……..

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