

**Minutes of KBKA AGM  
held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 at Bishop's Cannings village hall.**

1. The Chairman welcomed everybody to the AGM, and commented on a very good turn out
2. **Apologies** received from – David Beaton, John Caldwell, Jackie Suman, Arthur Tavener, Ray Bullen, Boo Woolley, Sheila & Jeremy Swale, Margaret Nightingale, Steve Weighell, Ray & June Waygood, Chris Walton and Ben Seward.
3. Minutes from last years AGM were read & approved
4. No one raised any matters arising
5. **Reports**
  - Chairman – Terry said the Branch had gone from strength to strength, membership had grown, with good attendance at meetings. The branch had bought one new hive over the summer but really is in need of more equipment including a 2<sup>nd</sup> branch hive and more educational books to form a library.
  - Treasurer – Hank reported that there was a healthy balance of £710.99, but that this would be reduced by £105 after the meeting to pay for the hall for the last season. Over the last year the income was £199.59 and expenditure was £409.85 mainly made up from £204 for the hive and £191 for BBKA capitation.
  - Secretary – Amelia reported a huge increase in interest in bee keeping in general thanks to the media, this in turn has helped to increase the mailing list and membership as a whole. With a growing membership there comes a need for a more organised and committed committee. Amelia also reported that she had been given some books from a retired bee keeper which would be going to the library.
  - Website and Library – Chris Walton was unable to attend
  - Apiary – Nigel reported that both hives were doing well & going into winter having been treated and regularly fed. They seemed very happy with their new hive!
6. **Election of Officers** – Terry Cooke remains Chairman, Hank Slater stood aside as Treasurer and Rich Thornton took over, Amelia Trevethick remains Secretary, Jeremy Pack will takeover the Website, Margaret Nightingale as Librarian, Nigel Cross will remain Apiary manager with help from Fiona Robertson, and David Beaton will aide Amelia with membership duties. Ron Hoskins advised that a vice President should be elected and Hank Slater was duly elected to the position.
7. **Matters for the coming year**
  - Christmas meal – will be our Dec 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, at the Crown Inn in Bishop's Cannings, with a quick meeting before hand in the village hall.
  - New Branch Hive – voted to be bought in the spring
  - Tea & coffee will be charged at a nominal fee of 20p to cover the cost.
  - Amendments and suggestions for the programme for the coming year was completed. (see separate attachment)
  - A raffle was suggested but as no-one volunteered to run it, it was postponed.
8. **AOB** – none
9. **Date for next meeting** 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, John Whitford will talk on 'Over wintering your hive' and a discussion on the many ways to acquire bees, and the pros & cons.

**NB All monies for subs need to be sent to the new Treasurer.  
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