

Extraordinary General Meeting 6th February 2020

A G E N D A

- 1 Review for accuracy and signing the minutes of the AGM on 2/1/2020
- 2 Presentation of the 2019 Divisional Accounts
- 3 Confirmation of date of next AGM

Bulk Buys

The deadline for placing your requirements for Apiguard, Wax Foundation and National Brood and Super frames

Is Sunday 23rd February.
Prices for items were listed in last months newsletter.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Committee Meeting: Wednesday 18th March 7.30pm
Jim's Place,
Collier Row

March meeting: Thursday 5th at 8pm
Venue: Chadwick Hall Main Road, Gidea Park, RM2 5EL
Speaker: Ed Fairey (of the National Open Gardens Scheme)
Topic: The Scheme and Gardens in our Area.

Tribute to Arthur Huggins

It is with great sadness that I tell the members that one of our longest-standing members, Arthur Huggins, died on 10th January. Arthur served on the committee for many years, and was our Treasurer for some years in the 1990s. Many members will also know him as the Warden of The Chase Apiary until last year.



Helen Kingsford, a member who was our Show Secretary when Arthur used to hand-write the prize cards has a personal message: "Arthur's help setting up the honey show when I was show sec was invaluable. His calligraphy was wonderful. Arthur was also a talented artist and was able to draw caricatures with comic themes and jokes for the newsletter from time to time. We will miss his individuality."

For any members who wish to pay their respects, his funeral is on Wednesday 5th February at 10.20 am, East Chapel, at the South Essex Crematorium, Ockendon Road, Upminster, RM14 2UY.

Romford Division will be sending a floral tribute.

Pat Allen

AGM

About 26 members came to the AGM. Apologies for absence were noted and the minutes of the last AGM were approved. As there was no correspondence re the AGM, Jim McNeill moved on to the Officers Reports. Bob Manning explained that as he had been in hospital a few weeks ago, he had no accounts to show but they were done now and would be available at the February meeting. There is approximately £700 surplus from last year, even though we had spent quite a lot on the teaching apiary. He explained briefly that due to the new ER2 system on which all members have to be registered, it takes longer to do the accounts as we now have two systems, one for the membership data and one for divisional income and outgoings.

After the reports we moved on to electing the committee. As Paul Wiltshire has done his 4 years as DVM/EBKA Trustee he has to step down, Pat Allen nominated Jim McNeill to take over and Jim nominated Paul to be Chairman, both of these were seconded and elected unanimously. All other committee members were willing to stand again. Liz McNeill is the only Lay member and we need more but no volunteers as yet. Jim is taking over the Mailing Secretary job temporarily as Terry Watson is unable to do it for a couple of months.

Pat said Ann Cushion has agreed to print the EBKA magazine for us as we still want hard copies, not just online, but she would need the copy to print in time for our meetings. Jim said if members went to the EBKA AGM this could be discussed. Bob asked for details of any Divisional equipment held by members so we can keep track of it. The meeting was then closed. The next AGM will be on 7th January 2021.

Dawn Doyland

February Beekeeping Notes

It is too early to open the hives although you should see the bees flying on warmer sunny days, but this month is a good time to clean up your old combs ready for re-waxing if you wish to re-use them. The wax will be brittle as the temperature is low and it will be easy to scrape off or cut out. On super frames remove any comb that has mouldy pollen or holes, or wax moth damage, or is out of shape, but keep the wax to render down later. Old brood combs are probably best cut out and burnt as they will be full of cocoons and will not yield much wax on rendering.

Frames can be cleaned in a solution of washing soda, washing up liquid and boiling water, then rinsed and left to dry. Alternatively, after removing as much wax as possible, use a blow torch to clean them up. Do not put new foundation in yet, wait until the weather is warmer for that.

Pat Allen

Example of work by Arthur Huggins

