

**Aberdeen and District Beekeepers Association**

Minute of Annual General Meeting held on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 at Leys Hotel, Blackburn.

Members present: 31. Association members 196.

Item:	
1. Apologies	Hugh Donohoe. James Friend, Jock and Margaret McGregor, John Steel, Yvonne Taylor. Graham Torrie welcomed members of the Association to the AGM.
2. Minute of Previous meeting	Proposed by Gordon Stephen and seconded by Innes Simpson. Matters arising: - Confirmation that SBA membership is required to have apiary public liability insurance.
3. Chairman's report	The chairman thanked all Association members, committee members, office bearers and associates, and reported another successful year in the Association. The report covered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 member's events with record attendances</li> <li>• Turriff Show table was very popular with candle rolling, honey sales and a demonstration hive</li> <li>• Autumn Lecture series at Aberdeen Grammar School</li> <li>• 6 spring lectures in Inverurie, new members from both sets of classes</li> <li>• Apiary volunteers enjoying the Sunday morning group, excitement about their involvement</li> <li>• Attendees now benefitting from what the apiary can offer</li> <li>• New website,</li> <li>• Face book page 40 members actively communicate on face book</li> <li>• Notice Board at Apiary providing information for attendees</li> </ul> John Cooper acknowledged the succinct report and proposed a vote of thanks for Graham Torrie.
4. Annual Accounts	The account was available for inspection. Accounting period, 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 to December 2015. £4,425 from subscriptions, down £685 from previous year. Questions put to the treasurer regarding surplus and expenditure, and insurance of equipment held at sites other than the apiary. The format of the account will return to the 12-month cycle following this 14-month period. Eddie Keddie, the independent examiner for the Association had audited and verified the accounts.
5. Election of Office Bearers	President Robert Wood, will continue in his honorary role, unanimously agreed. The following positions were unanimously agreed:- Graham Torrie Chair, David Morland Vice Chair, Rosie Crighton, Secretary and Leona Lowe Treasurer. Nominations to the committee:- Olga Macaulay, Lindsey Macaulay, Malcolm Watson. All office bearers were voted for and agreed. The committee (trustees) consists of, Graham Stables, Gordon Stephen, Kirsty Sutherland, David Pert, Barbara Cruden, Naomi Adams, Joan Gilbert-Stevens, Olga and Lindsey Macaulay, Erling Watt. All changes were approved by the floor. Graham Torrie added his sincere thanks to all committee members
6. Presentation of Chair's quaich	Presented this year to Sandy and Lilian Gordon (shared), in recognition of their commitment and service to the Association.
7. AOCB	Presentation of Certificates for written module exams:- Ian Mackley, Malcolm Watson, David Morland, Rosie Crighton.