

## CESHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 10am on Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at  
Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham WA6 7QN.

1. Opening remarks – President:

The President Pam Hatton welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented that although it had been a cold and wet winter the bees were producing worker brood, hopefully in anticipation of a good weather ahead. Pam then handed the meeting over to Chairperson, Pete Sutcliffe.

2. Apologies for Absence had been received from Mike North, Alan Smith, Ian Turley, Jane Turley, Polly Smith, Helen Parkinson, John Goodwin.

3. Obituaries.

The meeting paused for a few moments to respect members who had died recently. Christine Lightfoot (North Cheshire), John Igoe (Stockport), Barbara Bryant (Wirral).

4. Appointment of Tellers.

Tellers were not required.

5. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The 2024 AGM minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings, nem con.

5(a) Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

6. Adoption of Reports.

The reports had been previously circulated in the Year Book.

- Committee Report
- Accounts and Treasurer's Report
- Convention Report
- Show Manager's Report
- Education Report
- Examination Secretary's Report
- Branch Reports
- Annual Delegates' Meeting Report 2024

The ADM Delegate, Lesley Jacques, was unable to give a verbal report on the 2025 Annual Delegates Meeting.

That the reports should be accepted was proposed by David Fray, seconded Stuart Hatton and agreed nem con.

Sydney Hollinshead queried whether all eligible members should automatically receive a printed magazine in the post and asked if we knew how many people actually read the on-line copy. Graham Royle (website manager) said that there was no way of knowing how many people read the on-line copy and pointed out that similarly there was no way of ascertaining who read a hard copy if they received it in the post either. Postage costs are very high now. Simon Nuttall, the Treasurer said that giving people the option of choosing on-line only had saved the Association about £2,500 in 2024. It was pointed out that anyone who wanted a printed copy of the magazine could have one.

7. Election of President

Mrs Pamela Hatton was elected as President for the coming year, nem con.

8. Election of Officers:

Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Education Secretary, Exam Secretary, Show Manager, Handbook and Newsletter Secretary, Archivist, Delegate to BBKA, Website Manager, Social Media Manager, Disease Officer.

Stuart Hatton had retired from the Exam Secretary role. Julia Young had been nominated to the role by Peter Woodhead and seconded by Sarah Johnson, agreed nem con.

Pete Sutcliffe had retired from the Education Secretary role. Lesley Jacques had agreed to take over the Education Secretary role, agreed nem con.

Damson Tregaskis had agreed to take over the vacant Disease Officer role, nominated by Graham Royle, seconded by

Michael Dale, agreed nem con.

It was agreed nem con to elect the remaining Officers en-bloc.

Hon. General Secretary	E. Camm	Hon. Treasurer	S. K. Nuttall
Education Secretary	L. Jacques	Examinations Secretary	J. Young
Disease Officer	D. Tregaskis	Social Media Manager	L. Brindle
County Archivist	P. Sutcliffe	Show Manager	S Johnson
Delegate to BBKA	L. Jacques	Website Manager	G. Royle
Hand Book and Newsletter Editor	D. Fray		

9. Election of other members of the Committee:

The Committee members retiring by Rule and available for re-election, Julia Young. Julia did not stand again as she has been previously appointed to the Exam Secretary role on the committee. There are therefore 3 vacancies to 2029; also 2 vacancies for 2 years to 2027 and, as Sydney Hollinshead has now retired from the committee, 1 vacancy for 3 years to 2028.

Chris Cornwell-Lee had agreed to stand for the committee and was nominated by Pete Sutcliffe, seconded by Lesley Jacques and agreed nem con. The Chairperson, Pete Sutcliffe, commented that Chris Cornwell-Lee was taking on the role of Yellow Legged Hornet Team Co-ordinator.

Stuart Hatton had also agreed to stand for the committee and had been nominated by Peter Woodhead, seconded by Julia Young and agreed nem con.

10. Election of Honorary Auditor

John Sheeky was re-appointed to this office, proposed by Simon Nutall, seconded by Pete Sutcliffe and agreed nem con.

11. Propositions

There were no propositions to be considered.

12. Presentation of the Edgar Mobbs Shield for the best Student of the year taking BBKA examinations in 2024.

The Edgar Mobbs Shield was awarded to Chris Cornwell-Lee.

13. Presentation of the Canon Evans Cup for Services to Beekeeping in Cheshire.

The President said that the award this year goes to a couple who are very involved with bees and education in Cheshire giving many hours of support to other beekeepers as well as education to the public. The worthy recipients are Mark and Andrea Philipson.

The President also presented Sydney Hollinshead with a cutglass honey jar and a bouquet of flowers in recognition and appreciation of a lifetime of service to Cheshire Beekeepers.

After Exam certificates had been awarded the meeting closed at 10.27.