

**Directors present:**

Bob Maurer (Chair); Steve Clarkson; David Cockburn; Dale Gibson; John Hendrie

**Shareholders (representatives) present:**

Buckinghamshire BKA	(Sue Carter)
Central Association	(Sue Carter)
Essex BKA	(Pat Allen)
Herefordshire BKA	(Roger Gill)
Surrey BKA	(Michael Main)

**Proxies held by the Chair from:**

Hertfordshire BKA	(John Palombo)
Lancashire & Northwest BKA	(Jan Blanthorn-Hazell)
Yorkshire BKA	(Norbert Cooper)

**Others present:**

Stephen Fleming; Jenny O'Dea; Lucy Parkinson; Claire Waring

**The meeting was opened at 13:20.**

**1. Apologies**

Felicity Brown; Hexham & District Beekeepers' Association; Mike O'Neill; Richard Rickitt

**2. Conflicts of interest**

Steve Clarkson – Director of Kent Beekeepers Association  
David Cockburn – Director of Kent Beekeepers Association  
John Hendrie – Director of National Honey Show  
Bob Maurer – Director of National Honey Show

**3. Draft Minutes of 74<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

Sue Carter and Pat Allen queried who had seconded items 5 & 6 in the Minutes, as they were recorded as being absent from the meeting. Steve Clarkson said he would investigate after the meeting, when he can consult his notes from the meeting. Bob Maurer noted that they may have been proxies held by the Chair.

After the meeting, Steve confirmed that they were indeed proxies held by the Chair, and so were valid. Assuming this point was resolved, which it has been, the meeting was happy to approve the Draft Minutes.

#### 4. Matters arising from last meeting

None.

#### 5. Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

Steve Clarkson read a summary note received from Mike O'Neill presenting the accounts to the meeting, and invited questions from attendees.

Stephen Fleming asked if the accounts included the move to Warners. Jenny O'Dea confirmed that they did. She also noted that because of this move, and teething troubles, book sales were impacted at the start of the year.

Michael Main asked if the Directors and Finance Report could be included in the accounts in future.

#### 6. Special Resolutions (75% majority required)

##### **a. To amend clause 27(b) of the Articles of Association, regarding BBKA membership status of shareholders**

Steve Clarkson explained, as per the document circulated with the Agenda that the AofA currently requires that shareholders are members of the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA).

He explained that this likely harked back to a time when BeeCraft was the official journal of the BBKA. This is no longer the case – Bee Craft has no special affiliation with BBKA, and therefore this restriction on who may be a shareholder is unnecessary.

The resolution seeks to remove this restriction.

Vote	For	Against	Abstain	Result
To amend clause 27(b) of the Articles of Association, regarding BBKA membership status of shareholders <i>Proposed: Surrey BKA                      Seconded: Herefordshire BKA</i>	7	0	0	CARRIED

#### 7. Ordinary Resolutions (simple majority required)

##### **a. To declare what is a fair value of a share as required by clause 27(f) of the Articles of Association**

Steve Clarkson proposed that the fair value of a share continue to be £1.00.

##### **b. To elect Bob Maurer as Chair for a period of 1 year**

John Hendrie explained that the Articles of Association require the re-appointment of the Chair at each AGM.

Bob explained that he was happy to continue as Chair for another year, but that he thought he would step down at the end of the new term.

##### **c. To elect Mike O'Neill as a Director**

Bob Maurer explained that Mike had resigned his position, but returned to Bee Craft since the last AGM.

##### **d. To re-elect Dale Gibson as a Director**

Bob Maurer explained that the Articles of Association require the reappointment of one third of the longest-serving Directors at the AGM. Mike and Dale combined constituted the required number.

