



Beekeepers Society of South Australia Inc.

Beekeepers' Society of South Australia Inc. (BSSA)

Agenda #87

General Meeting

Monday the 13th of December 2021

Burnside Community Hall

401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore

(Corner Greenhill Road and Portrush, look for car park along Portrush Road)

7.30pm – 9.30pm

Merry Christmas

Attendees are requested to please register their intent to attend at <https://bssa.wildapricot.org/> before the meeting.

- 1. 1930:** Meeting will open at **7.30pm** in person and will be available post the meeting, via a link on the BSSA website and Facebook. Our numbers will be limited to **258** persons in the hall.
- 2. Welcome and Apologies:** The BSSA Committee would like to invite all members and their partner/friend to the end of year Christmas dinner to celebrate a wonderful year of beekeeping and friendship.

Coast to Coast Golden Roasts are providing us with our Christmas fare... they will cater for all dietary needs. Dinner will be \$10.00 members, \$15.00 non-members. Members are asked to BYO drinks.

Please perform COVID check-in (scan the QR code) and remember social distancing and please wear a mask. (Some will be available if you do not have your own.)

Following dinner;

- 3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting**
 - **Minutes 8th November 2021**

Mover: _____ Second: _____ Carried _____

- 4. President's report:** Susan Lonie to present the President's report.
- 5. Secretary's report:** Trisha Blanks to present the Secretary's report.
- 6. Librarian's report:** Sue Speck to present Library updates.

7. Business Arising from Committee Meeting 22nd November 2021

1. Verbal update.

8. New Business: Proposal for Budget expenditure

Proposal One

With the WildApricot™ Database software being introduced at the start of the 21/22 financial year and proving to be of great value to the financial, communication and membership processes of the society it is therefore proposed that;

- A 2 year subscription be taken out for 2000 contacts at a cost of \$US3864 for the 2 years – currently equates to \$AUS5440.

Rationale:

- Subscription levels jump from 500 contacts to 2000 contacts where a contact is anyone, member and non-member, who contacts the society via the website. We currently have 305 members and 483 contacts registered on the database. Membership is growing at about 20% per year. The number of contacts will soon exceed the 500 barrier as non-members register for the Beginners and Intermediate courses and the field days plus other events.
- Currently Subscription costs \$US110/mth (\$US2640 for 2 years). Therefore there is only a subscription increase of \$US1224 for the 2 years (on current monetary values this equates to \$AUS1725)

Mover - Grant Gotley (Membership Officer of the BSSA)

Secunder -

Proposal Two

That the Education Committee be authorised to purchase equipment to the value of \$7000 for the implementation phase of BSSA training expansion.

Rationale:

- Our updated education plans will see us likely opening a training facility in the new year.
- This will allow us to have training outside of the times before general meetings and to be in a position to offer from short workshops, through 1 and 2 day courses up to accredited training in the future.
- To do this we will need to begin stocking the training facility with equipment.
- This was foreshadowed at the July General meeting where the budget was adopted and was agreed in principle.
- Attached is the Appendix A that accompanied the education proposal made at the June Committee meeting that outlined a proposed breakdown, though the outlined equipment may need to change, the figure should be approximately the same.

Mover – Trevor Greenfield

Secunder – Aphrodite Noikou

Proposal Three

That the Education Committee be authorised to enter a leasing agreement to secure the Ashton facilities as a training venue, with a value of up to \$2000 annually.

Rationale:

- The securing of the proposed training facilities will require an on-going financial commitment.
- This proposal is to separate the leasing costs from the implementation costs so that it can then be correctly budgeted for in the future.
- At this stage, the initial lease cost is likely to contain some elements needed to make the facility 'ready to use' for our purposes.

Mover – Trevor Greenfield

Secunder – Aphrodite Noikou

Speakers:

9. Strictly Beekeeping -

How to look after bees in hot weather, what to know for summer.

Upcoming Clovelly Park Field Days –

Dates for Field Days: 11 Dec and 15 Jan.

Upcoming Events –

Nil

Meeting Closed_____

Next Meeting: Monday the 14th February 2021