



Beekeepers Society of South Australia Inc.

Beekeepers' Society of South Australia Inc. (BSSA)

Agenda #88

General Meeting

Monday the 14th of February 2022

Burnside Community Hall

401 Greenhill Rd, Tasmore

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

7.30pm – 9.30pm

'Beeginners' Session presented by **John Silverblade** et al, will commence at **6.30pm – 7.30pm.**

'Intermediate' Beekeeping presented by **Roy Frisby-Smith** et al, will commence at **6.30pm – 7.30pm.**

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 **135** persons in the hall.
- 2. Welcome and Apologies:** If you registered before the meeting, someone which check you otherwise please provide name and details for our sign in sheets. Apology -

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.)

- 3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting**
 - **Minutes 13th December 2021**

Mover: _____ Seconder: _____ 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 Planning Day 15th January 2022**

1. Verbal update.

8. New Business:

1. -

Speakers:

9. Guest Topic

Belinda Hanson-Kenny of Food. Labelling & Safety Pty Ltd

Honey comes under the *Food Act 2001*.

To sell honey, labels are required, also with standards.

Belinda Hanson-Kenny, of Food. Labelling & Safety Pty Ltd. will speak to the relevant legislation and how it applies for selling backyard honey and products.

10. Strictly Beekeeping -

Supering: hive strength, nectar flow. Environmental issues:

Fire prevention; smokers? Fire hazards such as dry grass, hot weather.

Fire prevention; what is beekeeper required to have on hand.

Mentoring groups; local areas; availability of experienced beekeepers.

Weather prospects for Summer to Winter.

Show & Tell Displays –

Protecting hives from sun and heat. (Roofs etc)

What methods people have.

What feed/feeding methods/devices.

*** Please bring anything you have (and are able to) to show – or photos.**

Upcoming Clovelly Park Field Days –

Dates for Field Days: 26th February, 16th March, 9th April, 27th April.

Upcoming Events –

Nil

Meeting Closed_____

Next Meeting: Monday the 14th March 2022

1: Acceptance of the AASA Terms of Reference December 2021 (Draft)

Rationale:

The Apiary Alliance of South Australia (AASA) is the body by which BSSA and SAAA can make direct representation to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. It is the body recognised by the Minister to represent the interests of the South Australian Beekeeping Industry.

The terms of reference attached are to be the basis of our engagement with the SAAA in the matter of the AASA. These terms are intended to revamp the AASA so that it better represents members' interests through more diligent consultation, accountability of delegates and transparency of process. The current process need improvement.

These engagement terms have been discussed both within our committee and with SAAA representatives, with SAAA Executive accepting them in principle. However, under the terms of reference these also need to be accepted by the members generally.

Motion: That BSSA accept the AASA Terms of Reference December 2021 (draft) as a working document.

Proposer: Trevor Greenfield

Secunder: Grant Gotley

Apiary Alliance of South Australia

Terms of reference
(Current at December 2021)

The Apiary Alliance of South Australia (AASA) represents the interests of the major aspects of the South Australian Beekeeping Industry, and replaces the South Australian Apiary Industry Advisory Group (SA AIAG).

Functions

The role of the AASA is to:

1. Provide advice to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development:
 - a. Either on its own initiative or at the request of the Minister on the operation of the *Livestock Act 1997* as it relates to the apiary industry and in particular:
 - i. The establishment, review and management of a Code of Practice for the apiary industry.
 - ii. The making of regulations relevant to the apiary industry.
 - b. At the request of the Minister, on other issues directly related to the apiary industry (in which case the AASA may be required to act as a consultative forum between industry and government).
2. Advise the Minister on the application of the Apiary Industry Fund (AIF).
3. Provide a steering committee for the SA Code of Practice and the related Bee Biosecurity Officer.

AASA Membership composition

The composition of the AASA shall be:

- Chair, to be nominated and elected from the representatives of the two industry associations.
 - In filling the role of Chair, the subsequent representative vacancy will be filled by another delegate of the respective industry association.
 - The Chair has the deciding vote in the case of equal votes.
- Two members from each of the industry associations.
These are currently:
 - South Australian Apiarists' Association
 - Beekeepers' Society of South Australia
- PIRSA may be invited to attend as an observer.
- A possible unaffiliated representative at the discretion of the AASA voting members.
 - This person is to represent people or groups not included in any of the industry associations. They can present proposals and speak, but have no voting rights. They may fulfil the role of "an expert advisor".

Eligibility

Members of the AASA:

- AASA members' hives must be registered with PIRSA.
- Must have paid AIF contributions, where applicable under the relevant regulations.
- Must currently be a financial member of the relevant association.
- The representative is nominated by the relevant association governing body.
 - Members are expected to attend meetings unless an apology to the chair is made.
 - Members can nominate a proxy to attend in lieu of their participation, provided notification is made by the relevant governing body.

Tenure

The maximum continuous tenure for any representative or chair is to be two (2) years.

- The intent is to ensure succession planning for representatives. For example, once a representative reaches the end of their term, then the other representative becomes the 'lead' representative, and a new delegate nominated. This would ensure continuity of representation, but also renewal of representatives.
- At the initial acceptance of this document, the longest serving representatives (if more than 2 years) should retire to allow a new delegate to begin.

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Selection

Each association to be represented by AASA will be asked to nominate suitable candidates for the Alliance.

Meetings

Meetings are to be held at least quarterly.

- These may be either physical or electronic.
- Meetings are to have a documented agenda, voting records and minutes kept.

Sitting Fees

The AASA will not offer any sitting fees or travelling fees.

Conflict of interests

It is expected that the AASA will be presented with AIF project proposals.

In line with actual or perceived conflict of interest any representative that would benefit financially, directly or indirectly, from a proposed project will be expected to refrain from voting on such conflicted proposals.

Consultation and Reporting

The Chair must:

- Consult with member associations' representatives in all matters.
- Report to member associations' representatives on any meeting attended.

The Representatives must:

Report back to the relevant governing body and the general membership of all matters discussed.

Review

This document is to be reviewed every two (2) years, in every odd year.

- Acceptance of this document, as reviewed, is to be by the membership of each association.