



Beekeepers Society of South Australia Inc.

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Minutes #84

General Meeting

Monday the 13th September 2021

Burnside Community Hall

401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore

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

7.30pm – 9.30pm

'Beginners' Session presented by **John Silverblade and Ulrich Schade**, with **Adrian Makarowsky**, will commence at **6.30pm – 7.30pm**.

'Intermediate' Beekeeping presented by **Roy Frisby-Smith and Grant Gotley**, with **Phil De Coursey**, will commence at **6.30pm – 7.30pm**.

- 1. 1930: Welcome and Apologies:** Reminder to please provide name and details for our sign in sheets, please scan the QR code and remember social distancing.
- 2. Meeting commenced with Guest Speaker: Professor Chris Daniels.**

Professor Daniels, Professor of Biology at the University of South Australia, spoke to;
The impact of urban infill on biodiversity;

- The importance of engaging urban communities with nature
- Spoke about 'Benefits of biodiversity' particularly genetic species and the importance of ecosystems.
- Increases resilience and increases stability
- Adelaide mount lofty ranges area has a great deal of biodiversity
- Adelaide's climate and variable rain fall affecting biodiversity
- The rise in human population affecting individual species left on the planet; increasing in domestic and decreasing in wild, and therefore affecting the biodiversity of ecosystems.
- Affects capacity to bounce back from fires, droughts etc.
- The impact of introduced species
- Sense of place and the disconnection of "Placelessness"
- Connectedness from Traditional Custodians
- Environment as driver for social change

- 3. Meeting then resumed with Special Meeting.** Susan Lonie presented Special Meeting regarding changes to the BSSA Constitution.

4. **General Meeting** then followed, in person and available post the meeting, via a link on the BSSA website and Facebook. Our numbers were limited to **135** persons in the hall.

5. **Acceptance of Previous Meeting - Minutes 9th August 2021**

Mover: Mark Horwood **Seconder:** Trevor Greenfield **Carried**

6. **President's report:** Susan Lonie presented the President's report.

Condolences to families of members who have passed on recently.

- Uraidla and Mount Barker show honey section.
- Country Shows
- Adelaide Animal Expo - 16 & 17 October 2021 – Cancelled.

7. **Treasurer's report:** John Thomas AM presented the Treasurer's report.

- Audit has not been finalised but so far, no evidence of fraud, inaccuracies or error have been found. Last 3 years are accurate.
- Recommends we should have a membership register as he was unable to clarify the all subscriptions paid for years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020
- Auditor suggested disclaimer report for these years and any inaccuracies with a letter regarding recommendations for the next few financial reports.
- Provide more examples to do with membership reconciliation.
- Still more work to do on audit.
- Management Committee to liaise with Auditor.
- Committee to come back with a report to this at the next meeting.

Motion: That the BSSA appoint Lindsay Davis as the BSSA's auditor for last financial and the current year, together with an honorarium of \$300.00.

Mover: John Rawson **Seconder:** Adrian Makaroswky **Carried**

8. **Secretary's report:** Trisha Blanks was not present.

9. **Librarian's report:** Sue Speck was not present.

10. **Business Arising from Committee Meeting 16th August 2021**

Spoke re Committee's activities

11. **Strictly Beekeeping – Susan Lonie**

- Bees have begun swarming since July. It was suggested that not all honey should be taken out of the hive due to the constant changes in the weather. Ensure hives have space for brood to expand into over this period.
- Space for honey and space for brood: an important part of swarm prevention.

There was a discussion of why Manley supers are a more popular option; mostly due to the lighter weight. Suggested manly fills quicker; full depth is sometimes half capped so slower to fill. Also, less empty cold space from manly over full depth.

Other recommendations for this time of year;

- Spring is a good time to clean out a bottom board
- Replacing brood frame more often than honey frames to avoid smaller bees and disease.

Upcoming Clovelly Park Field Days

Dates for Field Days. – Dates have been posted on Website. Please register. \$10 for Members, \$20 for non-members. Non-members limited to maximum 2 field days.

Upcoming Events

Country Shows

Meeting Closed 9:40pm

Next Meeting: Monday the 11th of October 2021