



Beekeepers Society of South Australia Inc.

**Beekeepers' Society of South Australia Inc. (BSSA)**

**Minutes #83**

**General Meeting**

**Monday the 9th of August 2021**

**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 **Len Turner and Ulrich Schade**, with **Adrian Makarowsky**, will commenced at **6.30pm – 7.30pm.**

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

1. **1930:** Meeting commenced with the **Annual General Meeting.**
2. Meeting then followed, in person and available post the meeting, via a link on the BSSA website and Facebook. Our numbers were limited to **90** persons in the hall.
3. **Welcome and Apologies:** Reminder to please provide name and details for our sign in sheets, please scan the QR code and remember social distancing.
4. **Acceptance of Previous Meeting - Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**Mover:** Grant Gotley      **Seconder:** Josh D'Ambrosio      **Carried**
5. **President's report:** Susan Lonie presented the President's report, in part at the AGM.
  - Royal Show approaching.
  - Watch for swarming, warmish weather.
6. **Treasurer's report:** Phil de Courcey presented the Treasurer's report, as part of the AGM.
7. **Secretary's report:** Trisha Blanks presented the Secretary's report, in part at the AGM.
8. **Librarian's report:** Members were reminded of Library.
9. **Business Arising from Committee Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021**
  1. Membership and Insurance (open!), renewals.
  2. Almonds. Commercial beekeepers working with the Almond Industry.

## 10. Speakers:

### 1. Strictly Beekeeping – Bob Beer

#### First inspection of hives coming out of winter and into spring

An increase in daylight hours, increase temperatures and increase in pollen and nectar resources motivate queen to increase laying.

#### Is the hive 'Queen' right?

Are there:

Eggs?

Sealed and unsealed brood?

Sealed and unsealed honey?

Is it freshly capped off, is it uncapped?

How much is left over from autumn 2021?

How much pollen is available?

#### Disease management

Start observing what is normal and healthy.

Information and plenty of images about honey bee pests and diseases are available on BeeAware

<https://beeaware.org.au/pests/>

#### When do I put on honey supers?

Not before the end of September.

#### Providing room for the queen to lay eggs

Place three new frames with comb or sheets of foundation into the brood box. This should be done one at a time in readiness for September. One frame every ten days. This also does not create unnecessary space in the brood box whilst the temperatures are still cooler.

#### What frame do I remove to make room for my new frame?

Remove frame 1 and frame 10.

#### How do I re Queen my hive

Requeen by using a frame from another hive that has some queen cells on it and without any bees.

#### How do you euthanise a Queen?

Place her in a container and into the freezer. This euthanises the queen by causing her to fall asleep.

#### I want to split my hive, when should I do this?

End of Spring Early summer.

### 2. Speakers

#### **Noel McPharlin**

Different sizes and types of boxes.

Smoker box made from an army surplus aluminium ammunition box.

#### **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**

BSSA Special Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September (with General Meeting)

Country Shows

Royal Adelaide Show - 4 – 12 September 2021

Adelaide Animal Expo - 16 & 17 October 2021

**Meeting Closed 9:30pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 + Special Meeting**