



Beekeepers Society of South Australia Inc.

Beekeepers' Society of South Australia Inc. (BSSA)

Minutes #87

General Meeting

Monday the 13th of December 2021

On Kurna Land

Burnside Community Hall

401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore

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

7.30pm – 9.30pm

1. Meeting opened at **7.30pm**

Welcome and Apologies: Adrian Egel, Adrian Makarowsky, John Silverblade, Noel McPharlin, Phil De Courcey, Richard Martin, Sandra Ulrich, Trevor Schinnick

Thank you all for a wonderful year of beekeeping and friendship.

2. **Acceptance of Previous Meeting**

- **Minutes 8th November 2021**

Mover: Mark Horwood Seconder: Ulrich Schade Carried: Yes

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

4. **Secretary's report:** Trisha Blanks presented the Secretary's report.

5. **Librarian's report:** Sue Speck presented the Library updates.

6. **Business Arising from Committee Meeting 22nd November 2021**

- Verbal update.

7. **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 Seconder – Trevor Greenfield

Motion was carried

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

Seconder – Aphrodite Noikou

There was an interjection to adjourn this motion by **John Nairn**

Motion was carried

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.*

Bob Beer questioned the motion. *Trevor Greenfield answered*

- Do we want certificated training? *Certificated - 49 members have indicated they would like that in basic skills or cert 3.*
- What will our syllabus be/what are the courses offered? *Accredited principles*
- Who are the trainers? *Peter Mew – cert 3. Another cert 3 who is not an accredited trainer. Another member has indicated they would like to become a trainer who is a cert 4.*
- What are the terms of the lease? *Premises is held by council – much cheaper than commercial premises. \$200 a week are indicative commercial rents.*
- Are we getting it for 365 days of the year or only a few hours of the months? *Unlimited use a week. Kitchen included.*

Bob Beer suggested rent for the first month/three months

Trevor Greenfield suggested it might take more than three months to set up.

Bob Beer moved an amendment that the Education committee come back to this in March.

Mover: Bob Beer Seconder: Jim Dunning

- **John Nairn** Spoke against it questioning postponing and how it would affect the plans.
- **Trevor Greenfield** stated it will put training back by six months
- **Ulrich Schade** stated the issue of needing 4-5 months to set up
- **Mark Horwood** Spoke against postponing and said every encouragement should be given to getting the facility up and running

Motion for amendment was lost.

Going back to the thread for the original Proposal three

Final motion for proposal three

Mover – Trevor Greenfield Seconder – Aphrodite Noikou

Motion was carried

Members enjoyed Christmas dinner.

Speakers:

8. Strictly Beekeeping -

Bob Beer spoke about looking after bees over the hottest period of the year.

Upcoming Clovelly Park Field Days –

Dates for Field Days: 11 Dec and 15 Jan up on the website.

Upcoming Events –

Nil

Meeting Closed: 9:50pm

Next Meeting: Monday the 14th February 2021