



Beekeepers Society of South Australia Inc.

Beekeepers' Society of South Australia Inc. (BSSA)

Minutes #88

General Meeting

Monday the 14th of February 2021

On Karna Land

Burnside Community Hall

401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore

7.30pm – 9.30pm

'Beeginners' Session presented by John Silverblade et al, commenced at **6.30pm – 7.30pm.**
'Intermediate' Beekeeping presented by Roy Frisby-Smith et al, commenced at **6.30pm – 7.30pm.**

1. Meeting opened at **7.30pm**

Welcome and Apologies: Sandra Ulrich, Jim Pugh, Jill Lee, Shona Osborn, Kay & John Bills

2. **Acceptance of Previous Meeting**

- **Minutes 13th December 2021**

Mover: Davide Stella Seconder: Aphrodite Noikou Carried: Yes

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

A big thank you to Eugene for his long contribution to the Society and beekeeping world.

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

We will be seeking volunteers for Sophie's patch around Easter.

Times will be available closer to the date 16th-18th April.

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

There are a few new books available in the library.

6. **Business Arising from Committee Planning Day 15th January 2022**

- Verbal update.
- Acceptance of the AASA Terms of Reference December 2021 (Draft).
Trevor Greenfield explained the Importance of the Apiary Alliance and how it was the vehicle by which the BSSA and SAAA jointly could make representation to the Minister of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA).
Handouts of the updated terms of reference were distributed, and the meeting invitation had links to the draft document.

Motion - 'That BSSA accept the AASA Terms of Reference December 2021 (draft) as a working document.' **Proposed:** Trevor Greenfield **Seconded:** Grant Gotley

There was some discussion of the new terms, but the vote on the motion was held over until next meeting to allow suggestions to be made to Trevor and collated for Committee discussion. Held to next BSSA meeting.

7. **Guest Topic**

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

Belinda spoke about Food Labelling for SA and Food Safety, including the legislation that governs this.

A food that is sold as 'honey' must:

- be honey
- contain no less than 60% reducing sugars
- Contain no more than 21% moisture.
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See video for further information.

Honey labelling references

- FSANZ (Food Standards Australian New Zealand)
www.foodstandards.gov.au
- The Australian Food Composition database
Foodstandards.gov.au
- Country of origin labelling
Business.gov.au/products-and-services/product-labelling/country-of-origin-labelling-online-tool
Foodstandards.gov.au
- Measurement marking
Industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/guide-to-the-sale-of-pre-packaged-goods
Google: guide to the sale of pre-packaged goods

10. Strictly Beekeeping

Susan led discussion on various topics:

Environmental issues: Fire prevention and fire hazards such as dry grass, hot weather.

What are beekeepers required to have on hand?

Particularly in larger paddocks and farm areas;

Fire blankets and extinguishers

Keeping the grass cut low

Sugar water as a possibility instead of a smoker in hot weather

A call out for any experienced beekeepers that can be available to help out those in Eastern and Hills areas.

Show & Tell Displays –

Protecting hives from sun and heat. (Roofs etc)

What methods people have.

What feed/feeding methods/devices.

Upcoming Clovelly Park Field Days –

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

Upcoming Events –

Nil

Meeting Closed: 9:00pm

Next Meeting: Monday the 14th March 2022