



**BBKA ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING
14TH JANUARY 2017
REPORT FOR THE SURREY BKA ADM 2ND DECEMBER 2017**

The BBKA Treasurer, Chris Lake resigned a few days before the meeting so BBKA had a bit of work to do to cope with this meeting.

Reserves stand at £670,000. The accounts show a £55,000 surplus but Charity Commission rules require investment gains to be included in the surplus. BBKA investments gained £35,000 so a 'true surplus' would be £20,000. Still good!

George Brown (no not that one) has been appointed as a professional fund raiser. BBKA is now registered for VAT. A new insurance broker, Buckland Harvester, has been appointed with a premium saving of £10,000 on the previous company.

There is no planned capitation increase for 2018-19.

BBKA aims for a balanced budget for 2016/17 of £972,000. The Spring Convention is aiming for break-even at £60,000.

International Meeting of Young Beekeepers. We were told the expected cost would be £80,000. Surrey BKA contributed £5,000. The event was a great success but the administration was contentious and unfortunately there will be a lot more about this from the 2018 ADM.

Nine new associations applied to become Area Association Members (AAM's) of BBKA. (Surrey BKA is an Area Association Member – we are the fourth largest association with around 1,000 members). Most of the applicants had memberships smaller than our bigger divisions! The applications were mostly the result of 'fallings out' within other large AAM's. The ADM is a huge meeting and adding 9 new delegates is frankly crazy. In the end seven were accepted.

A £10 initial joining fee to become a BBKA member was rejected.

Other propositions discussed BBKA management and expenses policy.

In 2016 it was agreed that ADM delegates expenses would not be paid by BBKA. This was overturned at the 2017 meeting so the 2018 meeting will cost in excess of £8,000. Because of the newly elected AAMs it is unlikely BBKA will be able to hold the 2018 meeting at the National Beekeeping Centre at Stoneleigh so there will be yet more expense renting a suitable venue.

A 6 page report was submitted to your association representative on the Surrey BKA Council in January and is available from your representative if you are a glutton for punishment!

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