

Surrey Beekeepers Association - Extracts from Council Meetings

Meeting Date	Notable Events
16th November 1895	Inaugural meeting of New Beekeepers Association Provisional Committee, resolved that a new Beekeepers Association be formed for the County of Surrey. Cottagers membership fee set at not less than two shillings and six pence per annum. Circulars distributed to all beekeepers in the County and to neighbouring Counties.
21st December 1895	Provisional Committee renamed Provisional Council. Committees - Educational, Finance & GP. HQ and Offices to be at County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Definition of a 'Cottager' - a man earning less than twenty five shillings per week. Captain Campbell offered to make a free gift of the Bee Tent and other apparatus the property of the original Association.
15th February 1896	Provisional Council became Executive Council.
24th February 1896	Areas / Parishes in County designated for Experts. One visit and inspection per annum per member at a cost of one shilling.
11th March 1896	Affiliation of BBKA sought.
1st April 1896	Cranleigh Bee Club formed and affiliated to the Association
20th June 1896	Bee Van visits and dates discussed.
10th April 1897	Discussion of the 'Foul Brood Bill' and opposition by the Council.
5th April 1898	New Bee Van purchased for £35 including fittings from the Liberal Union Club of Frome.
13th June 1899	Bee Van visits to various horticulture shows discussed, and additional equipment. An additional allowance of five shillings per week for horse hire approved.
16th January 1900	Visiting Experts Report - 397 members visited, 1,745 frame hives and 415 skeps examined. 79 cases of diseased stock were destroyed.
21st March 1902	Proposal for an Annual Show to be held at Crystal Palace with Kent and Sussex Beekeepers.
8th June 1906	Disposal of Bee Van.
14th March 1920	Visiting Experts Report - 166 members visited, 577 frame hives and 30 skeps, 26 reported dead.
20th October 1920	President Sir Jeremiah Colman made a gift of three guineas to the Show Fund, also a very handsome Silver Rose Bowl as a challenge trophy Kent BKA to be approached to arrange joint production of BeeCraft. Guildford BKA to be merged with SBKA.
2nd November 1929	Discussion on the dis-affiliation from BBKA.
8th April 1930	Association Apiary moved from Clandon to Epsom.
16th January 1943	Discussion of the issue of 5 lbs of sugar per annum to be held with the Ministry of Food.
1st July 1943	Hon Secretary reported on meeting with the BBKA, where it was resolved to re-affiliate if Kent and Yorkshire Beekeepers did so.
27th November 1943	Affiliation with BBKA reported.

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12th February 1944	Croydon Division proposed that - 'the Council of BBKA be requested to invite the British Standards Institution to call a representative conference of all interested parties to consider the possibility of some degree of standardisation being introduced into the manufacture of Beehives and Beekeeping equipment with a view to receiving a reasonable degree of interchangeability.'
28th April 1949	It was reported that SBKA had been presented with 460 £1 shares in BeeCraft Ltd.
13th December 1950	Discussion on the ongoing problems with Dorking Division. It was decided to amalgamate Dorking with Reigate Division.
27th November 1951	Camberly Division has been closed down.
10th July 1952	Due to falling membership a 'Ways and Means' Committee has been formed.
18th April 1955	A suggested scheme for the collection of combs and foundation was explained. The British Wax Refining Co.Ltd. of Redhill was prepared to pay one shilling and three pence per lb for old comb and foundation in any condition.
28th February 1956	Reigate Division wrote to say they had lost about 30 members due to raised subscription.
4th September 1956	A most comprehensive leaflet on 'Beekeeping' had been issued by Surrey CC.
9th May 1961	Weybridge Division after an EGM has decided to close the Division.
26th March 1965	Letter received from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries divisional office in Guildford apolgising for not letting the Association know about the outbreak of Foul Brood in Croydon, and promising full cooperation in future.
19th March 1966	Report that the Ministry of Agriculture had apologised for not informing SBKA of several cases of Foul Brood, and promised to cooperate in future.

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1879	Feb 1880	Cottager Beekeeper will be induced to adopt a more humane treatment towards his bees. Transfer of old to new ideas - introduction of Bar Frame Hive. Affiliation to British Beekeepers Association and use of their BeeManipulating Tent.
1880	Feb 1881	Bee Tent constructed. Annual County Show held at Skating Rink Croydon on 11 th / 12 th August 1880.
1881	1882	Annual Show at Guildford - 14 th September. Bee Tent used at Exhibition at Croydon.
1882	Jan 1883	Annual show held at Godalming in conjunction with Charterhouse Cottagers Flower Show. Bee Tent used at May shows. New District opened at Wimbledon.
1883	1884	County Show held at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst 5 th / 6 th September 1883.
1884	2 nd Mar 1885	County Bee Show for 1885 to be held in Sutton. Annual County Show to be held in June. Bee Tent was in constant use during the year.
1885	13 th Mar 1886	County Bee Show to be held in Leatherhead. County Show 12 th August was held in Sutton.
1886	12 th Mar 1887	County Bee Show to be held in either Kingston or Surbiton.
1887	26 th May 1888	County Bee Show to be held at Weybridge. An exhibition was held in conjunction with the Horticultural Society at Old Deer Park Richmond.
1888	1889	? No details
1889	11 th April 1890	Report to Committee 1888 to 1890 - less encouraging year due to bad winter in 1888. Bee Tent still in great demand. Finances in unsatisfactory state, debatable whether Annual County Show can be held.
1890 - 1894		<i>No information - see November 1985 developments</i>
	15 th Nov 1895	Report to Members - A movement promoted by the Technical Department of the Surrey County Council, to resuscitate the failing cause of Bee-keeping in Surrey. A meeting of beekeepers for this object was convened at Guildford on 19 th October 1895, and presided over by the Chairmen of the County Council. After discussion, a Provisional Committee was formed to carry out this proposal, and elect a Standing Committee. In view of such a resuscitation, a Special General meeting of the Surrey Beekeepers Association was summoned for 15 th November 1895. Meeting at the County and Borough Halls Guildford, with A. Seth Smith Esq. In the chair, when it was unanimously agreed to dissolve this association in view of the new departure; suggesting to all Surrey Beekeepers the advisability of joining the above movement, starting under such auspicious circumstances. (Signed) C.D. Campbell - Secretary.
1895	15 th Feb 1896	First AGM of SBKA held 1st Feb 1896 at the Grand Jury Room, County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Mr E.C. Halsey Chairman Surrey CC presided over this meeting. Rules adopted.
1896	24 th April 1897	AGM held at the High School, Dorking Mr E.C. Halsey presided. Thanks to Surrey CC for their grant of £100 for the gratuitous use of rooms for General and Committee Meetings. Discussion of the Foul Brood Bill.

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1897	31 st April 1898	AGM held at Royal Grammar School, Guildford. Grant of £150 made by Surrey CC in aid of certain educational work carries out by the Association.
1898	29 th April 1899	AGM held at Epsom Technical Institute. Grant of £150 made by Surrey CC in aid of certain educational work carries out by the Association. Loan made by three members of Executive Committee for the purchase of the Bee Van and had now been paid off.
1899	28 th April 1900	AGM held at Royal Grammar School, Guildford. Annual Report mentioned the steps that had been taken in eradicating Foul Brood. Thanks to Surrey CC for grant of £150 made for the purpose of carrying out certain educational work.
1900	27 th April 1901	AGM held at the Technical Institute, Redhill. Members present included the Organising Secretary to the Council Technical Committee. The County Council had publically thanked the Association for the valuable work it had done in the County.
1901	26 th April 1902	AGM held at the County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Over the past year 120 new members had joined the Association. Annual grant of £150 received from the County Council.
1902	25 th Mar 1903	AGM held at the County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Another successful year. Annual Show held at Crystal Palace, with 2016 entries. Thanks to Surrey CC for annual grant of £150
1903	30 th April 1904	AGM held at the County Hall Kingston-upon-Thames. Reported an increase in membership. Annual grant of £150 received from Surrey CC for educational purposes.
1904	29 th April 1905	AGM held at the County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Annual grant of £150 received from the County Council.
1905	28 th April 1906	AGM held at the County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Vote of thanks for the Surrey CC grant and for the use of rooms for meetings at County Hall.
1906	27 th April 1907	AGM held at the County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Vote of thanks for the Surrey CC grant and for the use of rooms for meetings at County Hall. Increase of Annual Subscription to Six Shillings per annum - the extra amount to be applied to the Show Fund. This increase applied only to members above the status of Cottager.
1907	25 th April 1908	AGM held at the Technical Institute, Redhill. In support of a motion of thanks to the Surrey CC for the grant of £150, it was stated that the members of the Department Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture looked up;on the Association as a model Association and was highly impressed by the god work done in Surrey.
1908	24 th April 1909	AGM held at the County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Vote of thanks to Surrey CC for the grant of £150. Discussion on the mysterious diseases among bees.
1909	30 th April 1910	AGM held at the County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Annual Report was not as rosey as the committee would have liked due mainly the shocks that Beekeepers had sustained during the last three years. Vote of thanks to Surrey CC for the grant of £150. A Mr Reid an explanation of the BBKA re-organisation scheme under which it was suggested that the present council of the BBKA should be dissolved and that the Association should be made up of delegates from the County Associations. This proposal being that for every 200 members of a County Association there should be one member of the Council of the re-organised Association. Mr Archibald Seth-Smith then proposed the

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	30 th April 1910	following resolution "That this meeting empowers and authorise the Executive Committee of SBKA as may be necessary, in the event of the BBKA announcing their intention of carrying out any steps that affect the SBKA. The mysterious disease that had developed amongst bees in Surrey was discussed - know as 'Isle of Wight' disease. It was suggested that poisonous substances such as Arsenic and Nicotine etc. which were used for spraying were greatly responsible for epidemic.
1910	29 th April 1911	AGM held at the County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Small decrease in members due to unfavourable bee season and Isle of Wight disease.
1911	27 th April 1912	AGM held at the County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Annual Report showed an increase in membership of 57 members. Vote of thanks to Surrey CC for grant of £150.
1912	26 th April 1913	AGM held at the Technical Institute, Redhill. Discussion on 'Bee Disease Bill.
1913	25 th April 1914	AGM held at Marden House, London Road, Redhill. Vote of thanks to Surrey CC for their continued support.
1914	30 th April 1915	AGM held at the Technical Institute Redhill. Due to World War the grant from the Surrey CC has been reduced.
1915		Due to the World War the AGM for the 1 st June 1916 was postponed.
1916 - 1918		<i>No information</i>
1919	24 th April 1920	AGM held at the County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Vote of thanks to Surrey CC for use of the rooms for meetings. Tactful question of renewal of Surrey CC grant was raised. Proposal to re-organise SBKA - proposed that the Executive Committee be directed to draft a new set of rules and submit for approval to an EGM to be held in May.
	19 th June 1920	EGM held at the Guildhall, Guildford. Amended rules were confirmed. Testimonial and Gift of money proposed for Mr White following 25 years of service to the Association.
1920	19 th Mar 1921	AGM held at the Guildhall, Guildford. Vote of thanks to the Surrey Education Committee for the gratuitous provision of Lectures and the use of rooms. Demonstration of frame building and section folding given by one of the members - Miss Knowles.
	17 th Dec 1921	A General Meeting was held at Wimbledon Town Hall. Amendment on drafting new rules.
1921	8 th April 1922	AGM held at Stanleys, 237 Lavender Hill, SW. Vote of thanks to Surrey CC for free Lectures and Demonstrations. Lantern lecture on the 'Anatomy of the Honey Bee' by Mr Arnold Richards.
1922	10 th Mar 1923	AGM held at the Public Library, Kingston-upon-Thames. Mr Reid - Chairman of BBKA spoke about the useful work that SBKA did. Duke of Connaught and Lord Onslow became Patrons of the Association. Criticism of Beecraft voiced by several members. Show fund needs more funds - the Association needs over £30 to run the show. Lantern lecture on 'Pollination of Blossom by Mr A. Richards.
1923	23 rd Feb 1924	AGM was held at Wimbledon Town Hall. Vote of thanks to Surrey CC for free Lectures and Demonstrations. A proposal was adopted that a Silver Cup be presented to BBKA in commemoration of its Jubilee, to be competed for at the show held by the BBKA. Lantern lecture 'Enemies of Bees by Mr Herrod Hempell.

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1924	3 rd July 1925	AGM held at Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. References made to the activities of SBKA by Mr Reid Chairman of BBKA - especially the Crystal Palace Show. Lanter lecture 'Honey as Food' by Miss M. Whyte-Johnstone .
1925	20 th Mar 1926	AGM held at the Public Library, Kingston-upon-Thames. Vote of thanks to Surrey CC, but a request for more assistance to be given to SBKA. Reported that BBKA had a set a standard for Hives and blueprints would be available shortly.
1926	26 th Mar 1927	AGM held at Colman Institute, Redhill. Vote of thanks to Surrey CC for free Lectures and Demonstrations. It was hinted that these would not be continued unless the policy of the Surrey Agricultural Committee was changed. A petition was sent to Surrey CC members, local MPs and BBKA. The Chairman was on the Surrey Agricultural Committee and promised to assist. Mr Reid was congratulated on being made President of BBKA. Lecture on 'Queen Rearing' by Dr Lord.
1927	17 th Mar 1928	AGM held at the Institute, Leatherhead. Request to the BBKA to take more of a practical interest in Beekeeping in the country. To urge County Councils to assist this branch of agriculture.
1928	23 rd Mar 1929	AGM held at the Co-operative Hall, East Street, Epsom. Vote of thanks to Surrey CC for an Apiary grant. Alteration to Rule 3 approved. Mr Archibald Seth-Smith read a letter from Mr Herrod Hemsell - Secretary of BBKA. Vote of confidence in Mr Hamlin SBKA Hon. Secretary/Treasurer following certain allegations outlined in the above letter. The meeting was assured that no such allegations had been made. SBKA celebrates the 50 th anniversary of its foundation.
1929	22 nd Mar 1930	AGM held at the Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road, Wimbledon. Disaffiliation from the BBKA was discussed.
1930	21 st Mar 1931	AGM held at the Victory Tea Rooms, South Street, Dorking. Criticism of the Council and lack of enthusiasm of some of the Divisions. Suggestion of Dorking and Reigate Division amalgamating.
1931	12 th Mar 1932	AGM held at the Guildhall, Guildford. Formation of the South East Counties Federation.
1932	11 th Mar 1933	AGM held at the Public Library, Kingston-upon-Thames. Legislation regarding Bee Diseases and Government Bee Inspection discussed. Request to Surrey CC for finance to enable more expert work to be done.
1933	17 th Mar 1934	AGM held at the Colman Institute, Redhill. Chairman said he expected an invitation to sit on the Surrey Agriculture Education Committee.
1934	23 rd Mar 1935	AGM held at the Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road, Wimbledon. Proposal that a recommendation be sent to the Ministry of Health that necessary steps should be taken to prevent the word 'Honey' being used on labels of substances that are not pure honey.
1935	28 th Mar 1936	AGM held at the Public Hall, Croydon. Proposal for the Ministry of Agriculture to consider the possibility of providing research into the marketable quality of honey. Proposal for a Foul Brood Insurance Scheme.
	19 th Dec 1936	Special General Meeting held at the Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road, Wimbledon. To discuss increase in subscription rate to Six Shillings to enable the Insurance Premium to be paid to Bee Disease Insurance against Foul Brood Disease.

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1936	10 th April 1937	AGM held at the Institute, Guildford. Re-election of the President and Vice Presidents.
1937	26 th Mar 1938	AGM held at Myers Hall, Epsom. Election of the President and Vice Presidents.
1938	29 th April 1939	AGM held at the YMCA Hall, Woking. Concern at lack of support from Surrey CC, although letters had been sent. Proposed to request a grant from Ministry of Agriculture with copies to Surrey CC for assistance. Request from the National Honey Show urging SBKA to become members of the National Honey Show because a larger loss was made in 1938 owing to the threatening war crisis.
1939	20 th April 1940	AGM held at the Lecture Hall, Wimbledon. Donation of £6 made to the National Honey Show. Foul Brood legislation was discussed.
1940	17 th May 1941	AGM held at the Church Hall. Lower Kingswood. Suggestion that the Association Rules be revised.
1941		<i>No record of an AGM</i>
1942	17 th April 1943	AGM held at the Town Hall, Wimbledon. Minimum subscription increased to Seven Shillings & Six Pence.
1943	22 nd April 1944	AGM held at the Town Hall, Wimbledon. Office of President was left vacant, but the Vice Presidents were re-elected en bloc.
1944	28 th April 1945	AGM held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Wimbledon. Reference was made to the death of Dr Thompson.
1945	4 th June 1946	AGM held in the Committee Rooms at the Town Hall, Wimbledon. Sir John Jarvis was election President of the Association. New set of Rules were circulated and adopted.
1946	3 rd May 1947	AGM held at the Town Hall, Wimbledon. Discussion on Bee Disease. Mr Le Maistre was re-elected Chairman.
1947	10 th April 1948	AGM held at the Town Hall, Wimbledon. Councillor W.E. Hamlin JP elected President. Dr s. Gooding elected chairman. Mr F. H Lawrence elected Hon Secretary & Treasurer. Formal vote of thanks accorded to Mr Hamlin for carrying out the Secretarial duties for 27 years.
1948	20 th May 1949	AGM held at Town Hall, Wimbledon. Proposal to increase sunscriptions from seven shillings and six pence to ten shillings deferred to later in the year.
1949	16 th May 1950	AGM held at the Council Chamber, Surbiton Borough Council. New list of Vice Presidents.
1950	31 st Mar 1951	AGM held at Trinity Hall, Guildford. Vice Presidents list presented. Liason between SBKA and Surrey CC referred to Council.
1951	29 th March 1952	AGM held at Oddfellows Hall, Dorking. Reported that there was excellent liason between SBKA abs Surrey CC.
1952	28 th March 1953	AGM held at Linton Lane School, Epsom.
1953	20 th March 1954	AGM held at Pelham Road School, Wimbledon. Mr J.F. Stanley became chairman of BBKA.
1954	12 th March 1955	AGM held in the Council Chamber, Croydon Town Hall. Subscription increase from ten shillings to 12 shillings and six pence approved.
1955	14 th April 1956	AGM held at Congregational Hall, Farnham.
1956	4 th May 1957	AGM held at the Council Chamber, Surbiton Borough Council. Minutes of EGM held 3 rd November 1956 and rule changes read.

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1957	10 th May 1958	AGM held at the Council Chamber, Surbiton Borough Council.
1958	4 th April 1959	AGM held at the Council Chamber, Surbiton Borough Council.
1959	26 th March 1960	AGM held at Dorking County School, Ashcombe Road. Various County events were discussed.
1960	25 th March 1961	AGM held at St Andrews Hall Pump Pail, Croydon. Mr M.C. Bond was appointed chairman. A lecture was given by Mr G.E.J. Nixon of Guildford.
1961	31 st March 1962	AGM held at Christ Church Hall, Woking. Sir John Wenham , President referred to the approaching 83 rd birthday of SBKA. Mrs Hamlin presented the Association the Gold Medal which was presented to her late husband W.E. Hamlin by the Association in 1929. She suggested that the medal be used as the Badge of Office of the present Secretary Mr Lawrence and his successors.
1962	30 th March 1963	AGM held at Lintons School, Epsom. Election of Officers. At the end of the meeting a lecture on 'Colony Development and Management' was given by Mr A. Worth late CBI Dorset.
1963	4 th April 1964	AGM held at St Marks Hall, Wimbledon. Notice given of Council's recommendation to amend the rules. A lecture was given by Commander Dixon, General Secretary BBKA entitled ' Some Problems of Modern Beekeeping.'
1964	24 th April 1965	AGM held at the Technical Institute, Redhill. Mr Muddiman of Epsom Division was appointed chairman of the Council. Mr G.E.J. Nixon of Guildford Division gave a lecture entitled 'Beekeeping without Tears'.
1965	23 rd April 1966	AGM held at the Unitarian Hall, Friends Road, Croydon. Mr Muddiman resigned as chairman as he had moved from the County. Mr J.F. Stanley was elected chairman for 1966. A talk on the new Beekeeping Centre at Stoneleigh Park was given by Mr F.W. Drake President of BBKA and Mrs R.E. Clark County Bee Advisor.
1966	23 rd April 1967	AGM held at St Joan of Arc's Hall, Farnham. The chairman suggested that to cover the deficit of £16 shown in the accounts, the increased cost of BeeCraft from four shillings and six pence to seven shillings, and the imminent increase in the BBKA fees from one pound and six pence to two shillings, it would be necessary to increase the capitation fee from nine shillings to fourteen shillings. This was agreed, as was the retention of BeeCraft as a benefit for all members.
1967	27 th April 1968	AGM held at Heathside School, Brooklands Lane, Weybridge. Mr J. Scruby was nominated by the Council for chairman a post vacated by Mr J.F. Stanley. Sir John Wenham resigned the Presidency after eleven years. After a ballot Mr J.F. Stanley was elected President.
1968	26 th April 1969	AGM held at the Village Hall, Chobham. Mr J. Scruby was presented with the Lecturers Certificate issued by BBKA.
1969	25 th April 1970	AGM held at the Epsom Girls School. Mr N.J. Atkinson of Guildford Division was elected chairman of the Council. Mr J.T. Scruby and Dr A.L. Gregg were elected Vice Presidents.
1970	24 th April 1971	AGM held at the Epsom Girls School. Mr A. Sutherland was appointed Hon. General Secretary, Mrs Sutherland was appointed Hon. Treasurer. Mr Lawrence who resigned after 27 years as Hon General Secretary and Treasurer was thanked for all his work and presented with the book ' The Dictionary of Garden Plants' and a very handsome cheque.

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1971	22 nd April 1972	AGM held at Merrist Wood Agricultural College. Mr M.F.H. Coward was elected chairman of the Council, as Mr Bond was moving away from Surrey.
1972	7 th April 1973	AGM held at St Paul's Church Hall, Reigate. Mrs Mence was appointed Hon. General Secretary, and Mr Mence as Hon. Treasurer. Mrs R.E. Clark was appointed President following the retirement of Mr J. Stanley who accepted the appointment of Vice President.