

CYMDEITHAS GWENYNWYR CYMRU/THE WELSH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 509929

Details

Other names	WBKA
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
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Activities

Objects: THE ENCOURAGEMENT, IMPROVEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OF BEEKEEPING THROUGHOUT THE PRINCIPALITY OF WALES. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION)

Activities: Overall body for the Beekeeping Associations in Wales

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Amateur Sport, Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PRINCIPILITY OF WALES
- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£33,568	£36,194	-	-
2023-12-31	£35,885	£40,926	-	-
2022-12-31	£37,103	£40,435	-	-
2021-12-31	£22,189	£25,316	-	-
2020-12-31	£24,001	£24,789	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ceri Alison Joyner		2024-10-20
DAVID JOHN BOWLES		2014-03-12
GRAHAM WHEELER		2014-03-12
Jennifer Mary Shaw		2020-03-07
Keith Davies		2017-06-24
Paul Pearce		2023-05-17
Selwyn John Runnett		2025-03-08
Wendy York		2025-04-08

Accounts



THE WELSH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

CYMDEITHAS GWENYNWYR CYMRU

Established/Sefydlwyd 1943 Registered Charity/Elusen Gofrestredig – No/Rhif 509929

Adroddiad Blynyddol

1 Ionawr 2024 i 31 Rhagfyr 2024

Ymddiriedolwyr:

Cadeirydd
Is-Gadeirydd
Trysorydd
Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol

Caroline Mullinex (etholwyd CCB 2022)
Karen Pratt (etholwyd CCB 2022 ymddiswyddodd CCB 2024)
Graham Wheeler (ailetholwyd CCB 2024)
Jenny Shaw (ailetholwyd CCB 2023)
Christopher Clarke (ailetholwyd CCB 2021 ymddeolodd CCB 2024)
David John Bowles (ailetholwyd yn Ymddiriedolwr CCB 2023)
Keith Davies (ailetholwyd CCB 2023)
David Grace (etholwyd CCB 2022)
Paul Pearce (etholwyd CCB 2024)
Alan Burford (etholwyd CCB 2024)
Selwyn Runnett (cyfetholwyd 15 Mai 2024))
Ceri Joyner (cyfetholwyd 11 Medi 2024)

Swyddogion:

Llywydd

Is-lywyddion
Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth
Ysgrifennydd Cofnodion
Ysgrifennydd Digwyddiadau
Ysgrifennydd Arholiadau
Rheolwr y Wefan

David John Bowles (etholwyd CCB 2021 ymddeolodd CCB 2024)
Jill Wheeler (etholwyd CCB 2024)
Fred Eckton
Trish Calderbank
swydd wag
Jill Wheeler
Liz Childerley
Alison Mason (ymddeolodd Ebrill 2024)
Roger Boyle (penodwyd Ebrill 2024)

Golygydd
Is-olygydd Cymraeg
Prawfddarlennydd
Swyddog Technegol
Swyddog Yswiriant

Basil Wolf
Elin Meek
Chris Clarke
Wally Shaw
John Bowles
Goresgynnol – John Bowles (creu'r swydd yn 2024)

Swyddog Rhywogaethau Estron
Swyddog Iechyd a Diogelwch
Archif CGC
Swyddog IMYB
Swyddog Ysgolion

John Pilgrim
Karen Pratt
Richard Pett
Sue Taylor (penodwyd Mawrth 2024)

Aelodau Arbenigol:

Gardd Fotaneg Genedlaethol Cymru
BIBBA (Cymdeithas Gwella Gwenyn a Magwyr Gwenyn)

Noddwyr:

Yr Athro Robert Pickard
Master Wax Chandler (CCB 2024)

Mae pob un o ymddiriedolwyr a swyddogion CGC yn rhoi ei amser yn wirfoddol heb dderbyn tâl neu fanteision eraill. Mae CGC yn ddyledus i'r gwirfoddolwyr hyn am eu hewyllys da a'u hymdrechion

parhaus ar ran y Gymdeithas.

Mae'r ymddiriedolwyr wedi ystyried yr arweiniad a gyhoeddodd y Comisiwn Elusennau ynghylch lles y cyhoedd.

Ein Nodau a'n Hamcanion:

Annog, gwella a hyrwyddo cadw gwenyn ledled Cymru drwy:

- ddatblygu cydweithredu ymysg yr holl wenynwyr ledled Cymru a chyfnewid syniadau a phrofiadau,
- gwella safon cadw gwenyn drwy:
 - i. gyhoeddi llenyddiaeth,
 - ii. darparu a rhoi cymorth i ddarparu cymhorthion a deunyddiau addysgol am gadw gwenyn,
 - iii. hybu hyfforddi a chymhwyso gwenynwyr,
- trefnu arholiadau cenedlaethol ar lefelau amrywiol,
- annog y gymuned i gymryd rhan mewn arsylwi a dysgu am wenyn yn ddiogel, a dod i werthfawrogi gwerth gwenyn yn yr amgylchedd.

Gweinyddu

Mae'r Ymddiriedolwyr yn y rhestr uchod yn cwrdd fel Tîm Rheoli Cymdeithas Gwenynwyr Cymru. Ceir rhestr lawn o'r cyfarfodydd yn ystod y flwyddyn ar ddiwedd y rhan hon o'r adroddiad hwn.

Cyfarfu'r Ymddiriedolwyr â Chyngor CGC dair gwaith (ym misoedd Mawrth, Mehefin, a Thachwedd) i adrodd ar weithredu'r Tîm Rheoli ac i gael arweiniad gan yr aelodaeth. Cynhaliwyd pob un o'r cyfarfodydd ac eithrio un mis Mawrth yn rhithiol. Ym mhob un o'r cyfarfodydd hyn roedd o leiaf 63% (12) o'r Cymdeithasau sy'n Aelodau o CGC wedi'u cynrychioli ac at ei gilydd mynychodd 90% (17) Cymdeithas o leiaf un cyfarfod. Dosbarthwyd cofnodion pob un o gyfarfodydd y Cyngor drwy Ysgrifenyddion y Cymdeithasau. Cynhelir cyfarfodydd y Cyngor ar 8 Mawrth, 28 Mehefin ac 1 Tachwedd yn 2025. Er mwyn lleihau hyd cyfarfodydd y Cyngor, mae adroddiadau'r Swyddogion yn cael eu hysgrifennu a'u cylchredeg cyn y cyfarfod. Mae arweinwyr yr is-bwyllgorau'n cyfeirio at y rhain fel y bo angen yn ystod eu hadroddiadau cryno. Mae cyfle i Gynrychiolwyr y Cyngor i holi cwestiynau ac i roi sylwadau ar yr adroddiadau.

Cafodd y Tîm Rheoli gyfarfod naw gwaith yn ystod 2024 ac er mwyn lleihau'r teithio, roedd pob un o'r cyfarfodydd yn rhai rhithiol. Bydd y Tîm Rheoli'n cwrdd o leiaf bedair gwaith yn 2025, gyda'r cyfarfod cyntaf i fod ar 10 Ionawr. Mae dull a dyddiadau'r cyfarfodydd y Tîm Rheoli'n adlewyrchu argaeledd a chyfeiriadau cartref yr Ymddiriedolwyr er mwyn sicrhau bod cynifer ag sy'n bosibl yn gallu mynychu a bod cyn lleied o gostau teithio ag sy'n bosibl. Rhwng y cyfarfodydd y Tîm Rheoli sydd wedi'u hamserlennu, cytunwyd ar weithdrefnau er mwyn cael cytundeb yr ymddiriedolwyr ar gyfer unrhyw faterion brys. Cytunwyd ar fformat agenda safonol ac fe'i mabwysiadwyd. Dosbarthwyd cofnodion llawn pob cyfarfod y Tîm Rheoli drwy ysgrifenyddion y Cymdeithasau. Adnewyddwyd trwyddedau'r Gweminarau a'r cyfarfodydd rhithiol ym mis Hydref 2024 a bydd y rhan fwyaf o gyfarfodydd y Tîm Rheoli'n parhau i gael eu cynnal yn rhithiol fel bod llai o angen teithio. Mae'r trwyddedau ar gyfer cyfarfodydd rhithiol ar gael i Aelod-Gymdeithasau CGC i'w defnyddio ar gyfer eu cyfarfodydd nhw.

Lle mae'n briodol i'w rolau, gwahoddwyd swyddogion CGC nad ydyn nhw'n Ymddiriedolwyr i fynychu cyfarfodydd y Tîm Rheoli yn ystod 2024 er mwyn helpu gyda gwaith yr ymddiriedolwyr.

Mae polisïau CGC wedi'u diweddarau a'u diwygio lle roedd angen. Mae dogfennau cyfarwyddyd am lechyd a Diogelwch, Diogelu a DBS ar wefan CGC er mwyn rhoi arweiniad i aelod-gymdeithasau ac mae'r rhain yn cysylltu â'r ddeddfwriaeth a'r arweiniad cyfoes sy'n berthnasol yng Nghymru. Mae hyn

er mwyn helpu cymdeithasau i sicrhau bod eu gweithgareddau'n cydymffurfio. Hefyd, cytunwyd ar arweiniad i Swyddogion CGC sy'n rhoi cyflwyniadau neu adroddiadau am CGC i gyrff allanol.

Mynychodd un o Ymddiriedolwyr CGC Weminar Diogelu Data ar 4 Tachwedd wedi'i redeg gan Swyddfa Cymru y Comisiwn Gwybodaeth (ICO). Mae CGC yn parhau i archwilio i'r angen am gofrestru gyda'r ICO er mwyn prosesu data ac ynghylch y ffordd orau i newid ei Pholisi Diogelu Data er mwyn sicrhau ei bod yn cydymffurfio'n llawn. Rydyn ni'n edrych ar gyrff elusennol eraill er mwyn ceisio gweld beth yw'r arferion gorau ymarferol heb glymu CGC wrth faen melin fiwrocrataidd.

Mae CGC wedi gweithio gyda Anaphylaxis UK i helpu i godi ymwybyddiaeth o adwaith alergaidd difrifol i bigiadau gwenyn. Hefyd, mae'r Tîm Rheoli wedi ystyried sut mae'n bosibl annog perchnogion tir i roi gwybod i wenywyr am unrhyw blaleiddiaid y maen nhw'n bwriadu eu defnyddio ar eu tir. Dydy gwenwyno gwenyn mêl gan blaleiddiaid ddim yn ymddangos yn broblem arwyddocaol yng Nghymru. Bydd dogfen ganllawiau yn cael ei rhoi ar wefan CGC yn 2025.

Yn 2023 cafodd adolygiad o strwythur CGC ei gwblhau a'i weithredu. Mae cylch gorchwyl pob is-bwyllgor CGC wedi cael ei adolygu'n rhan o hyn. Nawr, mae'r rhan fwyaf o fusnes bob dydd CGC yn cael ei wneud gan bedwar is-bwyllgor a phob un wedi'i gadeirio gan un o Ymddiriedolwyr CGC ac yn adrodd i'r Tîm Rheoli. Mae rhestr o'r is-bwyllgorau hyn a'u haelodau isod: -

Gweinyddu a Chymorth: Cadeirydd – John Bowles (Ymddiriedolwr a Swyddog Yswiriant a Swyddog Rhywogaethau Estron Goresgynnol), Graham Wheeler (Ymddiriedolwr a Thrysorydd), Jenny Shaw (Ymddiriedolwr ac Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol), David Grace (Ymddiriedolwr a Swyddog Diogelu), Paul Pearce (Ymddiriedolwr), Trish Calderbank (Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth ac ysgrifennydd cofnodion i'r is-bwyllgor), John Pilgrim (Swyddog Iechyd a Diogelwch), Keith Davies (Ymddiriedolwr).

Dysgu a Datblygiad: Cadeirydd – Paul Pearce (Ymddiriedolwr) (Caroline Mullinex (Ymddiriedolwr tan fis Mehefin), Jenny Shaw (Ymddiriedolwr ac ysgrifennydd dros dro i'r is-bwyllgor), Ceri Joyner (Ymddiriedolwr), Liz Childerley (Ysgrifennydd Arholiadau), Sue Taylor (Swyddog Ysgolion), Wally Shaw (Swyddog Technegol), Roger Boyle (Gwefeistr), Lynfa Davies, Trisha Marlow.

Digwyddiadau: Cadeirydd – Alan Burford (Ymddiriedolwr), Graham Wheeler (Ymddiriedolwr a Thrysorydd), Keith Davies (Ymddiriedolwr), Jill Wheeler (Ysgrifennydd Digwyddiadau), Vicky Davies, Martin Anderson, Steve Bromwich.

Golygyddol: Cadeirydd – Jenny Shaw (Ymddiriedolwr), Caroline Mullinex (Ymddiriedolwr), Selwyn Runnett (Ymddiriedolwr) Chris Clarke (prawf ddarlennydd), Basil Wolf (Golygydd), Sue Taylor (Swyddog Ysgolion), Elin Meek (Golygydd Cymraeg), Wally Shaw (Swyddog Technegol), Jill Hill (ysgrifennydd i'r is-bwyllgor), Jill Wheeler.

Ceir rhagor o wybodaeth am waith pob is-bwyllgor yn ddiweddarach yn yr adroddiad hwn ac mae eu cylch gorchwyl ar wefan CGC.

Yswiriant: Mae sicrwydd Yswiriant CGC yn seiliedig ar sawl amod, gan gynnwys yr angen am dalu ffioedd y pen yn brydlon a bod y rhai sy'n dod o dan y polisi yn cael eu cofnodi'n unigol ar system aelodaeth eR2. Mae'r Cymdeithasau i fod i dalu ffioedd y pen erbyn 1 Ionawr bob blwyddyn, ond rhoddir lwfans, dim ond i'r holl arian dyledus gael ei dderbyn erbyn 31 Mawrth yn y flwyddyn honno. Atgoffir Aelod-Gymdeithasau fod angen i'r taliad gael ei wneud yn brydlon. Ceir rhagor o wybodaeth yn yr Adroddiad Yswiriant ac Iechyd a Diogelwch yn nes ymlaen yn y ddogfen hon.

Yn dilyn cais gan Gyngor CGC, adolygwyd a diwygiwyd categorïau aelodaeth CGC yn 2022 er mwyn sicrhau bod pob un o Aelodau Anuniongyrchol CGC wedi'u cynnwys o dan ein polisi yswiriant. Mae'n bleser gennym adrodd bod ein hyswiriant bellach yn cynnwys gwenynwyr o dan 18 oed.

Cronfeydd wrth Gefn: Mae'r polisi Cronfeydd Wrth Gefn yn dweud y bydd yr Elusen (CGC) yn cadw cronfa wrth gefn o £10,000 i £13,000. Mae angen y gronfa wrth gefn hon yn ôl y Gyfraith Elusennau i dalu am gostau gweithredol a chytundebol petai'r angen yn codi. Caiff y polisi hwn ei fonitro a'i ddiweddarau'n flynyddol.

Defnyddir yr arian yng nghyfrif cyfredol HSBC nid yn unig i dalu am gostau rhedeg y Gymdeithas ond i ariannu amryw o brosiectau fel rhedeg gweithdai/cyrsiau a lledaenu gwybodaeth, drwy amryw o ddulliau fel y wefan, llyfrynau a chyhoeddiadau eraill. Mae adroddiad ariannol manwl yn cyd-fynd â'r ddogfen hon.

Llywodraethiant: Yng Nghyfarfod Cyffredinol 2024, ymddeolodd John Bowles fel Llywydd CGC a phenodwyd Jill Wheeler i'r rôl. Ymddeolodd Chris Clarke ac ymddiswyddodd Karen Pratt fel ymddiriedolwyr yng Nghyfarfod Cyffredinol Blyneddol 2024. Cyfetholodd y Tîm Rheoli ddau ymddiriedolwr newydd, Selwyn Runnett (Mai 2023) a Ceri Joyner (Mehefin 2023). Bydd y penodiadau hyn yn cael eu cyflwyno i'r aelodaeth i'w cadarnhau yng Nghyfarfod Cyffredinol Blyneddol 2025 ar 8 Mawrth. Cymerodd Cadeirydd CGC a benodwyd, Caroline Mullinex, absenoldeb tosturiol o'r rôl ym mis Mehefin 2024 oherwydd salwch teuluol ac yna profedigaeth. Ymgwymerodd ymddiriedolwyr â rolau ychwanegol yn ystod absenoldeb Caroline – cadeiriodd Selwyn Runnett y Tîm Rheoli, cadeiriodd Alan Burford gyfarfodydd y Cyngor, cadeiriodd Paul Pearce yr is-bwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygiad a llwyfannodd John Bowles weminarau.

Ar hyn o bryd, mae gennym y nifer llawn, sef deg ymddiriedolwr CGC, ond mae Caroline Mullinex yn dal i fod ar absenoldeb tosturiol.

Penodwyd Master of the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers yn noddwr CGC yng nghyfarfod cyffredinol 2024.

Yn y CCB ym mis Mawrth 2024, ymddeolodd Alison Mason fel gwfeistr CGC ac ymgwymerodd Roger Boyle â'r rôl. Rydym yn diolch iddyn nhw i gyd am eu gwaith ar ran gwenyna yng Nghymru. Llenwodd Sue Taylor swydd y Swyddog Ysgolion (Mawrth 2024). Mae gan bob Swyddog CGC ddisgrifiadau swydd eglur ac wedi'u diweddarau erbyn hyn ac mae'r Tîm Rheoli hefyd yn parhau i edrych ar gynlluniau dros dro ar gyfer swyddi allweddol os yw swyddog yn ymddiswyddo neu'n methu gwneud y gwaith am gyfnod o amser. Cydnabyddir nad yw dod o hyd i wirfoddolwyr i ymgymryd â rolau gwirfoddol yn dasg hawdd.

Mae gwaith wedi dechrau i ddiffinio'r strategaethau sydd eu hangen i gyflawni amcanion CGC fel bod modd mesur perfformiad.

Heb newid, derbyniwyd Cyfansoddiad CGC gan yr aelodaeth yng Nghyfarfod Blyneddol CGC yn 2024. Yn ystod 2024 bu'r Ymddiriedolwyr yn ystyried y cam o droi CGC yn Gymdeithas Elusennol wedi'i Hymgorffori (Charitable Incorporated Association, CIO). Gan nad yw CGC yn cyflogi unrhyw staff sy'n cael eu talu na chwaith yn berchen ar adeiladau neu dir, penderfynwyd nad oedd angen y newid hwn ar hyn o bryd. Bydd y penderfyniad hwn yn cael ei adolygu petai amgylchiadau CGC newid yn y dyfodol.

Aelodaeth: Mae gan CGC bedair ar bymtheg o Aelod-Gymdeithasau sy'n cynrychioli 2084 o Aelodau Cofrestredig, 332 o Aelodau Partner, 4 Aelod Gwlad a 38 o Aelodau Iau a dau grŵp o Aelodau Arbenigol. Fel rhan o'r aelodaeth y pen a godir ar bob Aelod-Gymdeithas, mae'r aelodau Anuniongyrchol yn elwa drwy dderbyn pedwar rhifyn o *Gwenynwyr Cymru* ac Yswiriant Atebolrwydd Cyhoeddus a Chynnyrch trydydd parti. Ar hyn o bryd mae 33 Aelod Unigol ac 8 Aelod Anrhydeddus o Gymdeithas Gwenynwyr Cymru. Mae dadansoddiad manwl o'r aelodaeth yn dod gyda'r adroddiad hwn.

Rydyn ni'n dal i weithio gyda Llywodraeth Cymru. Mae Kathleen Carroll (Llywodraeth Cymru) a Daniel Baxter (Gwasanaeth Archwilio Gwenyn) wedi mynychu o leiaf un cyfarfod o Gyngor CGC yn 2024 er mwyn cynghori.

Yn dilyn ymholiadau gan Aelod-Gymdeithasau, adolygodd Cyngor CGC categorïau aelodaeth CGC er mwyn sicrhau eu bod nhw'n bodloni eu gofynion. Nawr mae'n ofyniad mai un enw'n unig sy'n cael ei ddefnyddio ar gyfer pob cofnod yn eR2 ac mai'r person hwnnw a enwir yn unig fydd yn gymwys i ddod o dan yswiriant CGC. Mae partneriaid sy'n byw yn yr un cyfeiriad ag aelod wedi'i gofrestru ac sy'n rheoli'r un gwenyn wedi'u hyswrio os ydyn nhw wedi'u cofnodi'n unigol yn system eR2. Hefyd, dylai aelodau iau o dan 18 oed gael eu rhestru ar wahân yn eR2. Aelodau iau a enwir yn unig fydd yn cael eu hystyried i gynrychioli CGC yng Nghyfarfod Rhyngwladol y Gwenynwyr Ifanc. O fis Ionawr 2024 roedd gofyn i aelodau partner CGC dalu aelodaeth flynyddol y pen o £6 a chododd y ffi i aelodau cofrestredig i £12 y flwyddyn. Y cynnydd hwn oedd y cyntaf mewn dros 10 mlynedd ac roedd yn adlewyrchu'r sefyllfa economaidd bresennol.

Defnyddir aelodau gwlad i bob heb welyn sy'n dymuno bod yn Aelodau Anuniongyrchol o CGC ac eto dylen nhw ymddangos fel cofnodion unigol yn eR2. Y categori aelodaeth olaf yw Aelodau Lleol a ddylai ymddangos eto yn eR2 fel cofnodion unigol. Does gan Aelodau Lleol ddim gwenyn ac maen nhw'n aelodau o'r Aelodau Gymdeithas ond dydyn nhw ddim yn aelodau Anuniongyrchol o CGC a does dim hawl ganddyn nhw i unrhyw fanteision sy'n dod o fod yn aelod o CGC. Mae mwyafrif Aelod-Gymdeithasau CGC bellach yn defnyddio gwasanaeth aelodaeth eR2 a daliodd Trish Calderbank, Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth CGC ati i ddarparu hyfforddiant i ddefnyddwyr. Hoffem ddiolch i Trish am ei gwaith caled parhaus yn cynorthwyo Cymdeithasau. Mae Kerry Cox wedi cefnogi Trish Calderbank yn ei rôl o gynorthwyo cymdeithasau CGC i ddefnyddio eR2. Mae CGC yn parhau i weithio gyda BDI i sicrhau bod system eR2 yn diwallu gofynion Cymdeithasau yng Nghymru.

Gwefan: Mae'r wefan, a lansiwyd yn 2022, yn cael ei diweddarau'n rheolaidd ac mae data dadansoddi diweddar yn dangos cynnydd yn nifer yr ymwelwyr i'r safle. Mae'r wefan yn adlewyrchu polisi iaith CGC. Rydyn ni'n diolch i Roger Boyle am ei waith yn datblygu ac yn cynnal a chadw ein gwefan.

Cylchgrawn Gwenynwyr Cymru: Llwyddwyd i gyhoeddi pob un o'r pedwar rhifyn chwarterol yn ystod y flwyddyn. Hoffem ddiolch i'n Golygydd, Basil Wolf, am ei ymroddiad i gynhyrchu'r cylchgrawn. Hefyd, rydym yn ddiolchgar i'r lluo o aelodau CGC sydd wedi rhoi erthyglau a ffotograffau i'r cylchgrawn. Mae'n bosibl lawrlwytho pedwar copi diweddaraf y cylchgrawn o wefan CGC ac mae rhifynnau electronig blaenorol ar gael gan yr archifydd, Karen Pratt, fel ffeiliau electronig archivist@wbka.com.

Cyhoeddiadau: Mae'n bosibl i Gynrychiolwyr Cymdeithasau gasglu copïau wedi'i hargraffu o bob un o'r llyfrynau a'r cardiau clefydau a gyhoeddwyd gan CGC, a hynny yng Nghyfarfod y Cyngor ym mis Mawrth neu mae'n bosibl eu harchebu ymlaen llaw yng Nghynulliad Blynyddol CGC ddiwedd mis Mawrth. Bydd cyflenwadau'n cael eu hanfon at gymdeithasau os ydyn nhw'n cytuno i dalu am y costau sy'n codi.

Mae'r Ymddiriedolwyr wedi gweithio gyda nifer o asiantaethau allanol yn ystod 2024 i sicrhau bod gwenynwyr Cymru yn cael gwybodaeth lawn ac yn cael eu cefnogi ar lefel Cymru, y DU ac Ewrop. Rhoddir rhestr o'r cyfarfodydd allanol a fynychwyd gan CGC yn nes ymlaen yn yr adroddiad hwn.

Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn (Y DU): Mae'r Bee Health Advisory Forum (BHAf) yn gyfarfod wedi'i drefnu gan Lywodraeth y DU lle mae cynrychiolwyr o bob Cymdeithas Wenyn yn Nghymru a Lloegr, yn ogystal â NBU, APHA, Llywodraeth Cymru, Cyfarwyddiaeth Meddyginiaethau

Milfeddygol, ac ati. Mae'n cynnig cyfle i drafod a dylanwadu ar faterion cyfredol ac arfaethedig a all fygwth lles ein gwenyn. Mae'r eitemau a drafodwyd yn ystod y flwyddyn a aeth heibio wedi'u cynnwys yn fwy manwl mewn adroddiad ar wahân.

Fforwm Peillwyr Cymru: Fforwm o dan nawdd Llywodraeth Cymru yw hwn sy'n dod ag amrywiaeth o grwpiau ynghyd sy'n cynrychioli mudiadau sydd â diddordeb mewn diogelu'r amgylchedd gwyllt a gwella rheoli tir er lles peillwyr o bob math, yn amrywio o ieir bach yr haf, pryfed hofran i gacwn a gwenyn mêl. Rydym ni'n credu y bydd beth bynnag sy'n dylanwadu ar y dirwedd gorfforol a rheolaeth y tir i unrhyw beilliwr, ac yn ei wella, hefyd o fudd i wenyn mêl.

CONBA (Cyngor Cymdeithasau Gwenyna Cenedlaethol): Mae Cymdeithasau Gwenyna Cymru, Lloegr, yr Alban ac Ulster yn ogystal â Chymdeithas Ffermwyr Gwenyn (Bee Farmers Association) gyda'i gilydd yn ffurfio CONBA (Council of National Beekeeping Associations) sy'n cefnogi buddiannau pob gwenynwr a gwenyna yn y DU. Mae Ffederasiwn Gwenynwyr Iwerddon, sy'n cynrychioli gwenynwyr yn Iwerddon, yn mynychu cyfarfodydd CONBA hefyd. Mae'n rhoi cyfle inni ddatblygu strategaethau ar y cyd i ymdrin ag amrywiaeth o faterion gan gynnwys cynlluniau'r llywodraeth.

Sioe Amaethyddol Frenhinol Cymru (RWAS): Fe'i sefydlwyd yn gyntaf yn 1904 ac yna fel Sioe Amaethyddol Frenhinol Cymru yn Llanelwedd yn 1963 gan gynnwys y Sioe Fêl y mae CGC yn cynnig cymorth a chefnogaeth.

Sioe Fêl Genedlaethol (y DU) / National (UK) Honey Show (NHS): Yn 2022 daeth CGC yn aelod o'r Sioe Fêl Genedlaethol, sef y corff sy'n trefnu ac yn rhedeg Sioe Fêl flynyddol y DU sy'n agored i bob gwenynwr gymryd rhan ynddi. Mae'r NHS yn cynnal Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol o'i aelodau ar y cyd â'r Sioe Fêl.

NDB (Diploma Cenedlaethol mewn Gwenyna): Mae CGC yn cael ei chynrychioli yng Nghyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol y corff sy'n rheoli ac yn dyfarnu'r cymhwyster 'lefel gradd' mewn gwenyna yn ogystal â rhedeg nifer o gyrsiau byr i addysgu gwenynwyr yn y DU.

Cyfarfodydd a Fynychwyd yn 2024

Cyfarfodydd Mewnol CGC yn 2024:

16 Ionawr	Pwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygu: rhithiol
10 Ionawr	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
26 Ionawr	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
20 Chwefror	Pwyllgor Gweinyddu a Chymorth: rhithiol
2 Mawrth	CCB a Chyfarfod y Cyngor, Plas Dolerw: wyneb yn wyneb ac yn rhithiol ar y cyd
12 Mawrth	Tîm y Gacynen Felyngoes: rhithiol
20 Mawrth	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
23 Mawrth	Pwyllgor Digwyddiadau: wyneb yn wyneb
9 Ebrill	Pwyllgor Gweinyddu a Chymorth: rhithiol
16 Ebrill	Pwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygu: rhithiol

20 Ebrill	Y Tîm Golygyddol: rhithiol
26 Ebrill	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
15 Mai	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
17 Mai	Pwyllgor Digwyddiadau: wyneb yn wyneb
14 Mehefin	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
29 Mehefin	Cyfarfod y Cyngor: rhithiol
8 Gorffennaf	Tîm y Gacynen Felyngoes: rhithiol
9 Gorffennaf	Pwyllgor Gweinyddu a Chymorth: rhithiol
16 Gorffennaf	Pwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygu: rhithiol
17 Gorffennaf	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
21 Gorffennaf	Pwyllgor Digwyddiadau: wyneb yn wyneb
2 Mawrth	Tîm y Gacynen Felyngoes: rhithiol
3 Medi	Pwyllgor Gweinyddu a Chymorth: rhithiol
10 Medi	Y Tîm Golygyddol: rhithiol
11 Medi	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
15 Hydref	Pwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygu: rhithiol
2 Tachwedd	Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor: rhithiol
12 Tachwedd	Pwyllgor Gweinyddu a Chymorth: rhithiol
20 Tachwedd	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
3 Rhagfyr	Y Tîm Golygyddol: rhithiol

Cynrychiolaeth CGC mewn Cyfarfodydd Allanol yn 2024:

Jenny Shaw (J.S.), John Bowles (J.B.), Wally Shaw (W.S.), Keith Davies (K.D.), Alan Burford (A.B.)
Paul Pearce (P.P)

21 Chwefror	Ymgynghoriad Ffermio Cynaliadwy Llywodraeth Cymru (K.D. a J.S.)
7 Mawrth	Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn: rhithiol (W.S. a J.B.)
26 Mawrth	Cyngor Cymdeithasau Gwenyna Cenedlaethol: rhithiol (J.S. a J.B.)
11 Ebrill	Cyngor Cymdeithasau Gwenyna Cenedlaethol: rhithiol (J.S. a J.B.)
6 Mehefin	Cyngor Cymdeithasau Gwenyna Cenedlaethol: rhithiol (J.S. a J.B.)
26 Mehefin	Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn: rhithiol (J.B. a W.S.)
4 Gorffennaf	Gweithlu Peillwyr Llywodraeth Cymru: wyneb yn wyneb (K.D.)

8 Hydref	Sioe Frenhinol Amaethyddol Cymru: Pwyllgor Sioe Fêl: rhithiol (A.B.)
22 Hydref	Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn: rhithiol (J.B. a W.S.)
23 Hydref	Cyngor Cymdeithasau Gwenyna Cenedlaethol: wyneb yn wyneb a rhithiol (J.S.)
24 Hydref	CCB Sioe Fêl Genedlaethol: wyneb yn wyneb (J.S.)
25 Hydref	CCB Diploma Cenedlaethol mewn Gwenyna wyneb yn wyneb (P.P.)
19 Tachwedd	Gweithlu Peillwyr Llywodraeth Cymru: rhithiol (K.D.)
5 Rhagfyr	Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn: Rhithiol (P.P.)

ADRODDIADAU

Adroddiad Trysorydd CGC, Blwyddyn Ariannol 2024

Cyllideb Diwedd Blwyddyn yn erbyn Cyllideb 2024

Y sefyllfa ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn oedd bod colled o £2.6k yn erbyn colled wedi'i chyllidebu'n wreiddiol o £5.1k, cyfrannodd nifer o ffactorau at hyn gyda gwariant yn is na'r disgwyl mewn nifer o feysydd yn gwrthbwysu incwm wedi'i chyllidebu a oedd yn is na'r disgwyl.

- £887 oedd y gwariant a gynlluniwyd ar lyfrynau addysgol yn erbyn cyllideb o £3000.
- Mae costau yswiriant meddalwedd cyffredinol yn cadw at y gyllideb gan gynnwys y trwyddedau GoTo parhaus.
- Roedd y costau hyfforddiant net yn is na'r gyllideb.
- Roedd yr incwm hysbysebu'n is na'r gyllideb a'r flwyddyn flaenorol.
- Roedd incwm y cynulliad yn is na'r gyllideb ond eto'n uwch na'r flwyddyn flaenorol; roedd y costau'n is na'r gyllideb, felly roedd rhywfaint bach o arian dros ben yn gyffredinol ar gyfer y digwyddiad.

Cyllideb 2025

- Mae aelodaeth anuniongyrchol y pen yn codi i £12 (graddfa 2024); ac mae'n seiliedig ar aelodaeth o 2044 o aelodau yn 2024. Yn ogystal, am y tro cyntaf, bydd aelodaeth y pen yn cael ei chodi ar wenynwyr gweithredol sy'n byw yn yr un cyfeiriad fel aelodau Cofrestredig (Partneriaid yw'r enw arnyn nhw), am £6.
- Y cynnig yw na fyddwn yn newid ffioedd aelodau unigol.
- Mae priso hysbysebu wedi cynyddu 10% gan ddilyn cynigion y Tîm Golygyddol. Mae rhywfaint o berygl y bydd llai o hysbysebion oherwydd ein bod yn gweithredu polisi i beidio â derbyn hysbysebion am wenyn.
- Rhagwelir y bydd incwm y cynulliad yn cwmpo eleni, yn bennaf gan fod cwmp yn nifer y masnachwyr sy'n bwriadu mynychu. Ar hyn o bryd rhagwelir mai cost net y cynulliad fydd tua £1400.
- Mae'r incwm hyfforddiant yn seiliedig ar raglen debyg o ddigwyddiadau i 2024 yn arwain at gostau tebyg; bydd ffioedd gweithdai yn cael eu codi er mwyn targedu cost net cyffredinol o £1500.

- Mae cyllideb o £2k am brosiectau arbennig er mwyn talu am ailargraffu llyfrynau.
- Rydym wedi darparu ar gyfer costau ychwanegol yn y gyllideb arholiadau i £2.1k yn seiliedig ar drafodaethau sy'n digwydd â BBKA ynghylch darparu arholiadau ac asesiadau ar lefel uwch. Byddai hyn yn arwain at arholiadau'n gyffredinol yn rhedeg gyda chost net o £1500 gyda'r Asesiadau Sylfaenol yn anelu at adennill costau.

Canlyniad wedi'i Ragamcanu

Mae'r gyllideb ddrafft fel mae wedi'i chyflwyno yn rhagweld y bydd ychydig o arian dros ben ar gyfer 2025.

Rhagamcanu Cyllideb 2026 a'r Cynnig Aelodaeth y Pen

Er mwyn llywio'r drafodaeth ynghylch Aelodaeth y Pen ar gyfer 2026, mae rhagamcan ar gyfer 2026 wedi'i gwblhau. Mae incwm y pen yn seiliedig ar gyfraddau 2024 ac aelodaeth 2024. Mae gwariant ar bob prif eitem yn cynyddu 5%. Y canlyniad o ran incwm yw sefyllfa lle rhagwelir adennill costau yn 2026.

Ar sail y rhagamcaniad hwn a'r colledion is na'r disgwyl ar gyfer 2024, argymhellwyd i'r Cyngor ym mis Tachwedd y dylai lefelau anuniongyrchol y pen ar gyfer aelodau ar gyfer 2026 gael eu cadw ar lefel 2025. Cymeradwyodd Cyngor mis Tachwedd yr argymhelliad, i'w gymeradwyo yn y Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol.

Gweinyddu a Chymorth – gan gynnwys yr Adroddiadau Yswiriant, Iechyd a Diogelwch a Diogelu

Sefydlwyd Pwyllgor Gweinyddu a Chymorth CGC (ASC) yn 2023 i fod yn Bwyllgor "hidlo" cyffredinol a fyddai'n cynrychioli agweddau amrywiol ar rôl CGC. Er bod y rolau gweithredol yn cael eu gadael ar lefel y Cyngor a'r Tîm Rheoli, mae ASC yn ystyried agweddau amrywiol ar ein gwaith ac, i ddechrau, mae'n gwneud argymhellion ynghylch opsiynau i'r Tîm Rheoli. Mae gan y Pwyllgor aelodau sy'n Ymddiriedolwyr ac eraill sy'n swyddogion. Bydd unrhyw swyddog sy'n cymryd rhan yn cael disgrifiad swydd. Mae cylch gorchwyl wedi'i lunio i'r Grŵp. Etholwyd John Bowles i'r Gadair ac mae Trish Calderbank ein Hysgrifennydd Aelodaeth wedi cytuno'n garedig i fod yn Ysgrifennydd Cofnodion.

Er mai'r bwriad gwreiddiol oedd cwrdd 3 gwaith y flwyddyn yn unig, cafodd y Pwyllgor 5 cyfarfod ar-lein yn 2024. Bydd swmp y gwaith sydd ei angen yn pennu i raddau helaeth pa mor aml bydd yn cwrdd yn ystod y flwyddyn nesaf.

Cyllid yw un o'r pynciau yng nghylch gorchwyl ASC, ond y rôl yw cynorthwyo'r Trysorydd i ffurfio prosesau ac ati. Wedyn bydd y cyngor a ddatblygir yn cael ei roi i'r Pwyllgor Rheoli ac yna i'r Cyngor. Bydd adroddiad Cyllid llawn yn cael ei ddarparu mewn man arall yn rhan o'r Adroddiad Blynnyddol.

Mae Aelodaeth hefyd yn rhan o gylch gorchwyl ASC, a gwnaed rhai mân newidiadau i'r ffurflen gais aelodaeth er mwyn gwneud pethau'n gliriach i'r ymgeiswyr tro cyntaf. Mae'r adroddiad aelodaeth yn annibynnol yn yr Adroddiad Blynnyddol.

Diogelu

Mae gan CGC bolisi ac arweiniad ar Ddiogelu ar ei gwefan a byddwn yn cynghori cymdeithasau i nodi'r argymhellion hyn. Yn ystod 2024 ni chafodd unrhyw faterion Diogelu eu hadrodd neu eu nodi. Cafodd Polisi Diogelu CGC a'i Harweiniad i Gymdeithasau eu hadolygu ym mis Tachwedd 2024 ac mae'n dal i fod heb ei newid.

Yswiriant

O egluro ymhellach, yn ystod y flwyddyn ddiwethaf, y diffiniadau o'r mathau o aelodau sydd gennym yn CGC, bu'n bosibl i ni sicrhau bod pawb sydd ag angen yswiriant yn ei gael am gost sy'n gyfartal i bawb.

Eleni gofynnnon ni am ddyfynbrisiau gan ddau frocer, Jensten, a oedd yn arfer bod yn frocer i ni tan y llynedd a'n brocer presennol Howden (a fu gydag Aston Lark), y cwmni sy'n frocer i'r BBKA. Gwrthododd Jensten roi dyfynbris eleni a rhoddodd Howden ddyfynbris wedi'i gefnogi gan AVIVA, ychydig yn fwy na'r llynedd yn unig, sef £1837.51 am ein Hatebolrwydd Cyhoeddus a Chynnyrch. Hefyd, cafodd yr yswiriant i aelodau'r Pwyllgor Cymdeithasau a'r Ymddiriedolwyr ei adnewyddu gyda'r un cwmni â'r llynedd.

Ond, fel y nodais y llynedd mai dim ond "Cynhyrchu a darparu cynhyrchion cynradd cychod" mae ein hyswiriant Atebolrwydd Cynnyrch yn ei gynnwys ac nid cynhyrchion sydd â chynhyrchion nad ydyn nhw'n rhan o gychod wedi'u hychwanegu fel rhai deunyddiau caboli, balmau, ac elïau. Mae'r arweiniad a gyhoeddwyd y llynedd yn dal yr un fath. Y cyngor gorau i unrhyw un sy'n cynhyrchu cynhyrchion fel hyn yw chwilio am yswiriant arall.

Yr unig newid arall fu cytundeb i yswirio aelodau am weithgareddau sy'n gysylltiedig ag olrhain nythod y Cacwn Asia, ond nid, hyd yma, â'u dinistrio nhw.

Iechyd a Diogelwch

Oherwydd amgylchiadau, fuodd hi ddim yn bosibl i John Pilgrim, ein Swyddog Iechyd a Diogelwch, ddarparu adroddiad llawn.

Er mwyn ailadrodd yr hyn a ddywedwyd y llynedd:

Yn ystod y flwyddyn ddiwethaf rydym wedi adolygu ein Polisi Iechyd a Diogelwch ac wedi cynghori bod ein Haelod-Gymdeithasau'n gwneud y canlynol:

a. Cynhyrchu dogfen debyg

b. Enwebu aelod o'r Pwyllgor i fod yn gyfrifol am sicrhau bod asesiadau risg priodol yn cael eu cynnal ac unrhyw gamau angenrheidiol yn cael eu cymryd yn unol â'r awgrymiadau a wnaed yn "Asesiadau Risg – Canllaw syml" sydd ar ein gwefan.

Hyd yn hyn dydy pob Cymdeithas ddim wedi cynhyrchu tystiolaeth o eu bod yn cydymffurfio â'r arweiniad hwn sydd wedi'i fwriadu'n dda.

Bydd peidio â chymryd camau i nodi risgiau a sicrhau bod y rhai sydd angen gwybod beth a ddisgwylir ganddynt yn golygu na ddangosir tystiolaeth o'r ddyletswydd gofal sy'n ofynnol. Byddwn i'n awgrymu, lle nad yw'r canllawiau sylfaenol hyn yn cael eu dilyn, fod hyn yn dangos amarch tuag at ddiogelwch ac iechyd y cyhoedd ac aelodau, yn enwedig aelodau newydd y gallan nhw fod yn anymwybodol o'r risgiau y maen nhw'n eu hwynebu.

Nid adroddwyd am unrhyw Ddigwyddiadau o ran Iechyd a Diogelwch yn 2024.

Dysgu a Datblygu (L&D) – yn cynnwys Adroddiad yr Ysgrifennydd Arholiadau

Cyfarfodydd

Daliodd yr is-bwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygu ati i gynnal cyfarfodydd rhithwir chwarterol rheolaidd trwy gydol 2024.

Bu nifer o newidiadau eleni i aelodaeth yr is-bwyllgor. Mae'r cadeirydd, Caroline Mullinex, ar absenoldeb tosturiol o bob rôl CGC ers mis Mehefin 2024 ac rydyn ni'n ddiolchgar i Paul Pearce sydd wedi camu i rôl y cadeirydd. Ymddeolodd Karen Pratt o rôl ysgrifennydd Dysgu a Datblygu yn nechrau mis Mawrth 2024. Hyd yma, dydyn ni ddim wedi dod o hyd i unrhyw un i ymgymryd â'r rôl hon y mae Jenny Shaw yn ei gwneud ar hyn o bryd. Rydyn ni'n croesawu Sue Taylor a benodwyd i swydd y Swyddog Ysgolion ym mis Mawrth 2024 a Ceri Joyner a fydd yn dod yn Ysgrifennydd Arholiadau yn 2025 pan fydd Liz Childerley yn gorffen gwneud y swydd. Disgwylir y bydd y trosglwyddo'n ddidrafferth.

Mae'r pwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygu wedi parhau i weithio gyda'r Pwyllgorau Golygyddol a Digwyddiadau i roi cynnwys i'r cylchgrawn a mewnbwn i Raglen Cynulliad y Gwanwyn.

Diolchwn i bawb sy'n rhoi o'u hamser a'u harbenigedd i ddatblygu a chyflwyno cyfleoedd dysgu i wenydwyr yng Nghymru a thu hwnt.

Arholiadau ac Asesiadau

Llwyddodd 24 o aelodau i basio Asesiad Sylfaenol CGC yn 2024, llawer â chlod ac ychydig â rhagoriaeth.

Llwyddodd 14 o aelodau iau i basio Asesiad Iau CGC yn 2024 ac mae'r arweiniad i aseswyr ar gyfer y dyfarniad hwn yn cael ei adolygu ar hyn o bryd mewn pryd i asesiadau 2025.

Er mwyn hwyluso'r rôl o benodi aseswyr a threfnu asesiadau, cytunwyd, o 2025, y byddai'r dyddiad cau ar gyfer ceisiadau i sefyll Asesiadau Sylfaenol neu Iau CGC yn cael ei wneud yn gynharach o 1 Mai i 1 Ebrill.

Bu 4 aelod CGC yn llwyddiannus wrth ennill Tystysgrif Iechyd Gwenyn (BHC) BBKA yn 2024. Cafodd digwyddiadau Hyfforddi'r Hyfforddwr Iechyd Gwenyn BBKA a oedd i fod i ddigwydd yn 2024 eu gohirio tan 2025 ac mae rhai aelodau CGC wedi sicrhau lleoedd ar y digwyddiadau a aildrefnwyd er mwyn gallu cefnogi'r gwaith o baratoi ymgeiswyr i sefyll y Dystysgrif Iechyd Gwenyn. Os bydd nifer aelodau CGC sy'n sefyll yr asesiad hwn yn cynyddu yn y dyfodol, mae'n debygol y byddai cael rhagor o aseswyr yng Nghymru yn ddefnyddiol.

O ran y modiwlau, unwaith eto cafodd aelodau CGC rai canlyniadau da yn 2024. Llwyddodd 7 ym mis Mawrth gyda 3 ar lefel clod. Ym mis Tachwedd cafwyd llwyddiannau gyda 7 modiwl hefyd – 2 gyda chlod a 3 gyda rhagoriaeth. Dyfarnwyd y Dystysgrif Ganolradd i 2 aelod CGC yn 2024.

Darparon ni 1 lleoliad arholiad ym mis Mawrth a mis Tachwedd i ymgeiswyr nad oedden nhw'n dymuno sefyll arholiadau'r modiwl ar-lein ac rydyn ni wedi parhau i gefnogi aelodau CGC sy'n sefyll arholiadau ac asesiadau BBKA trwy dalu ffioedd aelodaeth arholiadau drostyn nhw.

Rydyn ni'n llongyfarch pob un o'r ymgeiswyr llwyddiannus ac yn diolch i bawb sydd wedi helpu i hwyluso'r arholiadau a'r asesiadau hyn i'n haelodau.

Yn hydref 2024 dechreuodd y BBKA drafod â CGC er mwyn adolygu sut mae aelodaeth arholiadau BBKA yn cael ei darparu, sydd wedi galluogi aelodau CGC i sefyll modiwlau ac asesiadau BBKA heb fod rhaid iddyn nhw fod yn aelodau BBKA yn barod. Mae'r trafodaethau i gael darpariaeth yn lle aelodaeth arholiadau BBKA yn parhau.

Gweminarau

Digwyddodd 6 gweminar byw arall yn 2024 ar amrywiaeth o bynciau, gan ddod â chyfanswm gweminarau CGC a gyflwynwyd bellach i 49. Ers i ni ddechrau'r gyfres gweminarau yn 2020, mae tua 10,000 wedi cofrestru i'w dilyn. Fel arfer, rydyn ni'n gallu rhoi dolen i unrhyw un sydd wedi cofrestru

er mwyn gwyllo ar “dal i fyny” am gyfnod cyfyngedig fel nad oes angen i unrhyw un golli allan oherwydd gwrthdaro yn y dyddiadur neu oherwydd cysylltedd gwael.

Rydyn ni’n dal i fod yn hynod ddiolchgar i bawb sydd wedi cyflwyno yn ein gweminarau, ac i bawb sydd wedi’u cefnogi nhw, o fewn CGC a thu hwnt.

Ysgolion

Mae’r gwaith yn parhau o hyd i ddarparu adnoddau ar gyfer gwenyna mewn ysgolion. Mae arweiniad a gwybodaeth ar gael oddi wrth y Swyddog Ysgolion ar schools@wbka.com

Arian Grant Wax Chandler

2024 oedd blwyddyn olaf cyfnod y cyllid grant 3 blynedd a, gyda chymorth uniongyrchol y cyllid hwn, llwyddon ni gynnal/cefnogi’r digwyddiadau canlynol i aelodau CGC: -

- a) Gweithdai’r Cynulliad – Dangos Mêl a Dechrau arni, wedi’u hanelu at wenynwyr sy’n dechrau.
- b) 3 x Gweithdy Microsgopeg (yn cynnwys Anatomeg a Dyrannu ac Adnabod Paill)
- c) Gweithdy ar Fotaneg.

Mae’r adroddiad adborth blynyddol olaf i’r Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers yn cael ei baratoi a bydd hwn yn cael ei gyhoeddi mewn rhifyn o *Gwenynwyr Cymru* yn ystod 2025.

Unwaith eto, rydyn ni’n diolch i bawb sydd wedi helpu i gyflwyno a hwyluso’r digwyddiadau hyn ac yn ategu ein diolch i’r Wax Chandlers y mae eu cyllid hael wedi gwneud y rhaglen hon yn bosibl.

Llyfrynau

Dechreuon ni weld a fyddai hi’n bosibl cyhoeddi llyfryn newydd gan CGC yn ystod 2023 ond yn anffodus, bu’n rhaid gohirio’r gwaith ar hyn ond bydd yn cael ei barhau yn 2025.

Pwyllgor Digwyddiadau

Eleni cynhaliwyd Cynulliad y Gwanwyn ar 23 Mawrth. Roedd ychydig yn llai o fynychwyr o gymharu â blynyddoedd blaenorol, 379. Roedd 13 stondin Fasnach, a 5 stondin o ddiddordeb cyffredinol. Hefyd cynhaliwyd 2 weithdy yn ystod y dydd, un yn cael ei redeg gan Lynfa Davies ar ‘Ble dwi’n dechrau’, a’r llall ‘Dangos Mêl’ wedi’i redeg gan Paul Boyle. Cefnogodd 22 o stiwardiaid y gwaith o redeg y sioe ar yr y diwrnod yn ogystal â’r aelodau a helpodd i osod popeth ar y dydd Gwener. Eleni eto, defnyddion ni Sum Up ar gyfer taliadau ymlaen llaw ac ar y drws, felly roedd yr aelodau’n gallu defnyddio cerdyn credyd neu ddebyd i dalu.

Yn ystod Gŵyl y Gwanwyn, 18/19 Mai, cefnogodd 13 aelod i stiwardio’r stondin; rhannon ni’r stondin gyda thîm SBI. Helpodd aelodau o’r tîm digwyddiadau, Martin Anderson, Alan Burford, Vicky Davies, Jill a Graham Wheeler, i osod y stondin a’i thynnu i lawr. Bu’r stondin yn boblogaidd gan aelodau’r cyhoedd a gwenynwyr, a chodwyd £30 i Bees Abroad wrth rollo canhwyllau. Darparodd Alan gwch arsylwi wedi’i fenthylg oddi wrth wenynwr lleol. Erbyn hyn mae CGC wedi prynu ei chwch arsylwi ei hun.

Yn ystod y Sioe Frenhinol o 22 i 25 Gorffennaf, roedden ni yn ôl yn Neuadd De Morgannwg. Helpodd 18 aelod i stiwardio’r stondin dros y pedwar diwrnod; rhannon ni’r stondin gyda thîm SBI. Mae’n rhaid diolch i aelodau canlynol y tîm digwyddiadau a helpodd o ran gosod a rhedeg y stondin yn llwyddiannus. Martin Anderson, Alan Burford, Vicky Davies, Jill a Graham Wheeler.

Mae'r gwaith i gynllunio Cynulliad Gwanwyn 2025 ar y gweill gyda masnachwyr a phedwar siaradwr wedi'u trefnu: Anerchiad agoriadol Meistr Wax Chandler, Lynda Marston-Weston.

Yr Athro Emeritws Stephen Martin (Prifysgol Salford, Manceinion, y DU): Gwyddor ymwrthedd varroa (Wedi'i noddi gan BDI)

Martin Bencsik: Dirgryniadau mewn cwch

Stephen Fleming: Hud a dirgelwch yr ardaloedd lle mae gwenyn gwryw yn ymgasglu

Christine Coulsting: Archwilio cychod

Mae'r tîm wedi cyfarfod dair gwaith yn ystod y flwyddyn ac mae Alan Burford, fel y prif ymddiriedolwr, wedi mynychu cyfarfod o Bwyllgor Sioe Fêl Genedlaethol Sioe Amaethyddol Frenhinol Cymru.

Y Pwyllgor Golygyddol – gan gynnwys Adroddiad y Golygydd.

Mae'r pwyllgor Golygyddol yn cwrdd yn rhithwir cyn pob rhifyn sydd i ddod o *Gwenynwyr Cymru* er mwyn edrych dros y cylchgrawn drafft, ac i gynllunio pa ddeunydd sydd ei angen neu sydd wedi cael ei dderbyn ar gyfer y rhifyn canlynol. Cynhaliwyd cyfarfodydd ym mis Mawrth, Ebrill, Mehefin, Hydref a Rhagfyr.

Mae Vicky Davies o Lŷn ac Eifionydd, yr Ymddiriedolwr Selwyn Runnett a'r Swyddog Ysgolion newydd, Sue Taylor, wedi'u croesawu i'r tîm.

Adolygodd y tîm y Cylch Gorchwyl yn ystod yr haf a hefyd cytunon nhw i godi'r ffioedd hysbysebu 10%, gyda gostyngiad yn y disgownt sy'n cael ei roi i hysbysebion ym mhob un o'r 4 rhifyn o 15 i 10%. Mae'r tîm yn rhagweld y gall fod gostyngiad yn yr incwm hysbysebu o ganlyniad i benderfyniad Cyngor CGC i atal hysbysebion i werthu gwenyn yn y cylchgrawn.

Hefyd penderfynwyd tocio'r gystadleuaeth ffotograffiaeth i fod yn un flynyddol. Mae clawr blaen pob rhifyn am y flwyddyn yn dangos un o'r 4 cynnig gorau.

Golygyddol

Rydyn ni wedi cynhyrchu tri rhifyn 48 tudalen o'r cylchgrawn eleni ac un (rhifyn y gaeaf) gyda 32 tudalen gydag amrywiaeth dda o erthyglau ymarferol, technegol a difyr, ac adolygiadau llyfrau. Rydyn ni wedi cefnogi Cynulliad Gwanwyn CGC drwy hysbysebu a chynhyrchu erthyglau gan y siaradwyr. Rydyn ni wedi cael Swyddog Cydlyn ag Ysgolion newydd, sef Sue Taylor a fydd yn rhoi bywyd newydd i'r tudalennau gwenynwyr ifanc ac mae John Bowles yn cyfrannu diweddariad rheolaidd ynghylch y sefyllfa o ran Cacynen Felyngoes Asia – cefnogwyd yr olaf gan erthygl ar gylchred bywyd y gacynen wedi'i godi o BBKA News. Rydyn ni'n ddiolchgar i BBKA News am ganiatâd i ddefnyddio nifer o erthyglau ar bynciau fel mêl amrwd a chyfres lawn gwybodaeth Joyce Nesbit am grwybrau ac adrannau wedi'u torri. Cefnogwyd y penderfyniad i beidio â chynnwys hysbysebion i werthu gwenyn gan erthygl gan Lynfa Davies ynghylch prynu a dod o hyd i wenyn. Hefyd rydyn ni wedi cefnogi'r elusennau Bees Abroad a Bees for Development gydag adroddiadau o'u gwaith. Denodd y gystadleuaeth ffotograffiaeth rai cyfraniadau da o nifer cyfyngedig o ymgeiswyr, a symudon ni i gael cystadleuaeth flynyddol, nad yw wedi codi'r diddordeb gan ddarllenwyr eto. Diolch i Vita Bee Health am noddi'r gystadleuaeth. Yn olaf, diolch i'r Tîm Golygyddol am eu cefnogaeth ac i Vicky Davies am ymgymryd â rôl Golygydd Cynorthwyol ac am ei gwybodaeth arbenigol.

IMYB (Cyfarfod Rhyngwladol Gwenynwyr Ifanc/International Meeting of Young Beekeepers)

Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod IMYB yn 2024 yn Dubai ym mis Rhagfyr 2024. Roedd teithio i'r digwyddiad yn ddrud iawn a chytunwyd y byddai'n rhaid i unrhyw fynychwyr o Gymru dalu drostyn nhw eu hunain. Gofynnwyd i'r Aelod-Gymdeithasau a oedd ganddyn nhw unrhyw aelodau iau a fyddai â diddordeb mewn mynychu'r digwyddiad a doedd dim unrhyw ymatebion cadarnhaol. Aeth dim tîm o CGC i IMYB 2024. Cynhelir cyfarfod nesaf IMYB yn 2026 mewn lleoliad nad yw wedi'i gyhoeddi eto.

Gwefeistr

Cawson ni Wefeistr newydd yn ystod yr haf: sylwodd neb ar y newid, sy'n ddelfrydol. Mae gwefan y Gymdeithas yn drefnus ac mae'n rhaid cydnabod gwaith deiliaid cynharach y swydd.

Mae ystadegau mynediad manwl yn cael eu casglu'n rheolaidd ac mae croeso i bawb eu cael oddi wrth y Gwefeistr. Mae'r defnydd yn sefydlog r y cyfan – yn fisol gallen ni ddisgwyl 5000-6000 o ymweliadau oddi wrth 4000 o bobl wahanol. Mae mwyafrif llethol defnyddwyr y wefan o'r DU, ac mae'r rhan fwyaf o'r ymweliadau'n fyr iawn (llai na 1 funud). Mae amrywiaeth o gyhoeddiadau wedi bod yn ddefnyddiol i bobl eu lawrlwytho, yr amlaf yw "Rheoli Heidiau".

Ychydig iawn y mae cynnwys y wefan wedi newid, ac eithrio diweddariadau rheolaidd o bryd i'w gilydd fel y cylchgrawn. Bydd croeso i unrhyw awgrymiadau am bethau ychwanegol neu newidiadau. Felly hefyd, mae'n bosibl postio eitemau sy'n ddiddorol o ran newyddion yn gyflym iawn.

Hefyd, mae'r gwefeistr yn gweinyddu cyfeiriadau e-bost CGC – eleni bu sawl ymgais i we-rwydo (*phishing*) rhai o'r rhain ond mae modd defnyddio synnwyr cyffredin bron bob amser i'w baglu nhw. Serch hynny, rydyn ni'n atgoffa pawb i drin negeseuon electronig anarferol yn ofalus: byddai'n llawer iawn gwell gennym gael neges am rywbeth sy'n ddiniwed yn y pen draw na bod unigolion di-fai yn cael eu denu i gam.

Rhywogaethau Estron Goresgynnol

Ar ôl trafodaeth hir, penderfynodd y Tîm Rheoli y dylai CGC benodi Swyddog Rhywogaethau Estron Goresgynnol o blith ei Hymddiriedolwyr er mwyn arwain ar weithgaredd y Gacynen Felyngoes (Asia) yng Nghymru. I ddechrau, roedd y drafodaeth am benodi arweiniad ar Gacynen Asia, ond gan fod chwilien fach y cwch yn bresennol yn Ewrop a Tropïaelaps yng Ngogledd Ewrop, penderfynwyd ehangu'r swydd / ei gwneud yn addas i'r dyfodol. Bydd Wally Shaw yn dal i arwain ar bolisi ac arweiniad ar Varroa.

Y brif eitem y byddwn yn ei hystyried yma, serch hynny, fydd ein hymateb i fygythiad posibl y Gacynen Felyngoes i wenynd a bioamrywiaeth yng Nghymru. Byddwch yn sylwi ein bod ni nawr yn defnyddio'r term Cacynen Felyngoes yn hytrach na Chacynen Asia gan fod llawer o Gacwn Asia ond dim un Gacynen Felyngoes (un o'i nodweddion mwyaf amlwg). Mae'r term Cacynen Asia yn aml yn creu dryswch gyda'r cyfryngau'n ei chymysgu â Chacynen Gawraidd Asia sy'n bygwth rhannau o Ogledd America ar hyn o bryd.

Does dim adroddiadau am unrhyw un wedi ei gweld yng Nghymru neu'n agos at y gororau ond o gofio pa mor gyflym yr ymledodd hi ar draws Ewrop o un wenynd feichiog wedi'i mewnforio, allwn ni ddim cau ein llygaid i'r bygythiad. Y dull y mae CGC wedi'i fabwysiadu yw gweithio gyda chyrff eraill a gofyn i bob Cymdeithas benodi Cydlynnydd Cacynen Felyngoes i'w hardal, gyda chefnogaeth tîm o wirwyr yn ogystal â chodi ymwybyddiaeth ymysg y cyhoedd am y pla hwn. Byddai'r Cydlynwyr yn cwrdd bob dau i dri mis i drafod y strategaeth. Byddai ER2 drwy BDI yn helpu gyda'r cyfathrebu a'r mapio. Mae'r Grŵp wedi cwrdd dair gwaith yn 2024, ond mae'r ymateb, ar y cyfan, wedi bod yn siomedig. Dydy llawer o

gymdeithasau ddim wedi penodi Cydlynwyr ac mae'r nifer sy'n mynychu'r grŵp Cydlynwyr wedi bod yn ddarniog ar y gorau. Bydd Martin Smith o BDI yn annerch y cyfarfod nesaf ar 20 Ionawr.

Yn 2023 roedd nifer y nythod (72) a ddinistriwyd, ac ymlediad y nythod newydd hynny yn creu digalondid a'r farn bod poblogaeth o'r Cacwn Melyngoes wedi ymsefydlu'n barod yn Lloegr. Roedd hi'n amlwg bod rhai breninesau wedi'u paru wedi llwyddo i oroesi'r gaeaf yn y DU, am y tro cyntaf o bosibl, felly roedd hi'n rhyddhad clywed bod nifer y nythod a ddarganfuwyd yn 2024 (24) dipyn yn is nag yn 2023. Mae'n aneglur beth oedd wedi achosi hyn ond efallai i'r holl law a'r merddwr gyfrannu at hyn. Beth bynnag yw'r achos, dylen ni fod yn ddiolchgar. Efallai bydd yr holl law dros y gaeaf hwn ac yna'r rhew yn ein helpu eto yn y flwyddyn i ddod. Fel dywedwyd uchod, allwn ni ddim cau ein llygaid i'r bygythiad – gallai'r sefyllfa newid yn gyflym iawn. Pan fydd y gacynen yn amlwg wedi ymsefydlu, bydd hi'n rhy hwyr. Hyd yn oed os nad yw wedi ymsefydlu, bydd pwysau'r boblogaeth o'r Cyfandir ac Ynysoedd y Sianel yn ei gwneud hi'n llawer mwy tebygol y bydd breninesau'r Gacynen Asiaidd yn cael eu cludo'n uniongyrchol (ar gerbydau, mewn faniau, ar longau) i Gymru. Pan fydd cannoedd o filoedd o nythod hyfyw mewn gwledydd eraill, mae'n llawer mwy tebygol na phan oedd llond dwrn yn unig.

Mae nifer o erthyglau wedi'u cyhoeddi yn *Gwenynwyr Cymru* am y Gacynen Felyngoes gan gynnwys tair wedi'i hysgrifennu gan y Swyddog Rhywogaethau Estron Goresgynnol.

Swyddog Technegol

Gwasanaeth Archwilio Gwenyn - Mae ein Harchwiliwr Gwenyn Rhanbarthol (RBI) blaenorol, Maggie Gill, wedi symud i weithio ar Tropilaelaps ac yn ei lle mae Daniel Baxter wedi'i benodi dros dro – dydy'r penodiad ddim wedi'i gadarnhau'n un parhaol eto. Oherwydd na fu llawer iawn o achosion o Gacwn Asia eleni, bu llai o alwadau ar Archwilwyr Gwenyn Tymhorol (SBI) ac mae wedi bod yn bosibl cael rhaglen gymharol normal o ran archwilio gwenyn. Mae'r RBI wedi paratoi adroddiad llawn iawn o'r flwyddyn a gaiff ei gyhoeddi yn Rhifyn y Gwanwyn o *Gwenynwyr Cymru*. Mae'r Gwasanaeth Archwilio Gwenyn wedi bod yn bresennol hefyd mewn nifer o ddigwyddiadau ac felly sefydlwyd cysylltiadau cyfeillgar â nifer o wenynwyr.

Datblygiadau yn ystod 2024 – Dydw i ddim yn ymwybodol o unrhyw ddatblygiadau nodedig yng Nghymru yn ystod y flwyddyn. Eleni, mae llai o nythod Cacwn Asia (YLH) (yr enw newydd bellach yw Cacwn Felyngoes Asia er mwyn osgoi dryswch â nifer o rywogaethau cacwn eraill sydd yn Asia) wedi cael eu darganfod eleni, 24 o gymharu â 72 yn 2023. Dinistriwyd pob un. Dangosodd dadansoddiad genetig o'r nythod hyn bod dau yn perthyn i nythod o'r flwyddyn flaenorol. Dyma'r enghraifft gyntaf hysbys o'r gacynen wedi gallu cwblhau ei chylchred bywyd a chynhyrchu breninesau ffrwythlon a oroesodd y gaeaf. Hyd yma, dydy'r Gacynen Felyngoes ddim wedi dangos llawer o allu i ymledu tua'r gogledd (mae'r rhan fwyaf o nythod wedi bod yn ne-ddwyrain a de Lloegr) ond wyddon ni ddim o hyd a fydd hinsawdd yn cyfyngu ar y rhywogaeth yn y tymor hir. Mae'n ddiddorol ei bod hi'n ymddangos nad yw cacynen Ewrop (*Vespa crabro*) yn gallu ymsefydlu yng ngogledd orllewin Cymru, felly efallai bod rhywfaint o obaith.

Mae'r rhan fwyaf o wenynwyr yng Nghymru wedi cael cynhaeaf gwantan o fêl eleni ond mae eithriadau mewn rhai mannau. Oherwydd y gwanwyn hwyr, bu'r cytrefi'n hir cyn cynyddu eu niferoedd. Doedd hi ddim yn arbennig o gynnes ym misoedd Mai a Mehefin ac roedd mis Gorffennaf yn wlyb iawn. Rhoddodd y breninesau mewn llawer o gytrefi y gorau i ddodwy am ryw wythnos oherwydd y tywydd.

Dim trin am Varroa – Bu mwy o ddiddordeb yn y pwnc hwn yn ystod y flwyddyn a dyma’r broblem. Ar hyn o bryd, mae’r Uned Wenyn Genedlaethol (NBU) yn argymhell bod gwenynwyr yn parhau i drin eu cytrefi er mwyn rheoli Varroa. Mae’r cyngor hwn yn un cyfrifol er mwyn osgoi colli nifer fawr o gytrefi, a hynny o bosibl yn annerbyniol. Fodd bynnag, mae wedi dod yn eglur bod cytrefi, o dan yr amgylchiadau cywir, yn gallu meithrin ymwrthedd i Varroa drwy ddetholiad naturiol ac mae rhai gwenynwyr eisoes wedi bod yn llwyddiannus yn hyn o beth. Yn amlwg, byddai’n ddefnyddiol i CGC wneud defnydd o’r profiad hwn. Fodd bynnag, mae nifer o faterion biolegol o hyd y credaf ei bod hi’n hanfodol i ni eu deall yn well er mwyn gallu rhoi’r cyngor gorau i wenynwyr. Rwy’n siŵr y byddai’r rhan fwyaf o wenynwyr yn cytuno nad yw defnyddio cemegion yn ddymunol ac mai ymwrthedd Varroa ddylai fod yn darged i’r dyfodol.

Yn ddiweddar, cyflwynwyd adroddiad am y materion biolegol sydd heb eu datrys i Dîm Rheoli Cymdeithas Gwenynwyr Cymru ac mae’n mynd i gael ei drafod. Mae angen trafod cyn penderfynu sut dylen ni fwrw ymlaen. Hefyd, efallai bydd rhaid trafod hyn â’r Uned Wenyn Genedlaethol (NBU).

Cyfrif Cychod Blynnyddol – Ailadroddwyd hwn eleni ond does dim canlyniadau ar gael wrth ysgrifennu’r adroddiad hwn.

Lefelau Varroa 2024 – Dim gwybodaeth ar gael.

Cyhoeddiadau Technegol CGC – Mae’r stoc o rai llyfrynnau CGC yn mynd yn isel ond mae angen dod i benderfyniad ynghylch sut byddan nhw’n cael eu darparu yn y dyfodol, ar ffurf print neu ddigidol.

Cyswllt Chwistrellu

Chawson ni ddim ymateb gan yr Uned Wenyn Genedlaethol i’n cais am gymorth i newid y Canllawiau Chwistrellu anghywir a gyhoeddwyd gan Lywodraeth Ei Fawrhydi. Anfonwyd cais i newid y ddogfen yn uniongyrchol i dîm cefnogi Llywodraeth EF ond ni dderbyniwyd ymateb. Cafwyd awgrym y byddai rhywfaint o oedi oherwydd yr Etholiad Cyffredinol.

Ar hyn o bryd, mae unrhyw hysbysiadau y mae CGC yn eu derbyn yn cael eu hanfon ymlaen i’r gymdeithas briodol, fodd bynnag, does dim dolen sy’n gweithio o hyd o Ganllawiau Chwistrellu EF i Gymdeithas Gwenynwyr Cymru. Mae dolen sy’n gweithio i’r BBKA.

Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn (BHAF)

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Mae’r Fforwm Cynghori ar Iechyd Gwenyn yn grŵp a noddir gan DEFRA sy’n cynnwys cynrychiolwyr o’r holl brif sefydliadau sy’n ymwneud â chadw gwenyn yn y DU. Mae’r Fforwm yn cynnwys DEFRA, FERA, APHA, yr Uned Wenyn Genedlaethol, y BBKA, Cymdeithas Ffermwyr Gwenyn, BDI a ni yng Nghymdeithas Gwenynwyr Cymru. Yr amcan yw cydweithio i ddatblygu ac i roi’r arweiniad gorau ar iechyd gwenyn i wenynwyr o bob math. Cynhaliodd y BHAF 5 cyfarfod ar-lein a chynrychiolwyd CGC (ym mhob un).

Cynrychiolwyd CGC gan ddau swyddog o CGC. Ein Swyddog Gwyddonol, Wally Shaw a’r Ymddiriedolwr John Bowles. Yn gynharach yn 2024 penderfynodd Wally ei fod yn dymuno ymddeol o’r rôl hon ar ran

CGC. Mae aelodau eraill y Fforwm (fel rydyn ni) yn ystyried hyn yn golled fawr i wenyna gan fod Wally, gyda'i ffraethineb a'i "sparkiness", (nid fy ngeiriau i ond rhai Cadeirydd BHAF) wir wedi helpu i ddatblygu polisi synhwyrol a chadw ein traed ar y llawr. Bydd y Fforwm yn gweld ei eisiau. Mae Paul Pearce, Ymddiriedolwr wedi cytuno i ddod yn ei le. Mewn unrhyw un flwyddyn bydd y BHAF yn trafod nifer o bynciau ond fel y gallwch ddychmygu mae Cacynen Felyngoes Asia wedi bod yn eitem barhaus ar yr agenda a darparwyd adroddiadau rheolaidd. Mae rhagor o wybodaeth am y mater hwn wedi'i chynnwys yn yr eitem sy'n benodol ar y pwnc.

Adroddodd y Fforwm hefyd am ddiweddarau taflenni a thaflenni Cyngori ar Beebase. Mae hyn bellach yn ffynhonnell werthfawr o wybodaeth am gadw gwenyn. Trafodwyd hefyd fanteision rhannu gwybodaeth rhwng Beebase ac eR2.

Ychwanegiad newydd fu'r cyflwyniad ym mhob cyfarfod ar bapur gwyddonol diweddar ar blâu neu glefydau gwenyn. Roedd un o'r rheini ar Tropilaelaps sy'n ymddangos fel petai'n ymledu'n araf ar draws gogledd Ewrop ond nad yw'n cael ei ystyried yn risg sydd ar fin digwydd eto. Mae ymchwil yn parhau yn y DU ar hyn.

Swyddogaeth arall y Fforwm yw datblygu a monitro cynnydd yn erbyn Cynllun Gwenyn Iach 2030 sy'n berthnasol i Gymru a Lloegr. Erbyn hyn, rydyn ni bron â bod 5 mlynedd i mewn i'r cynllun presennol a byddwn ni'n cynnal 'adolygiad ysgafn' o gynnydd yn erbyn y cynllun yng Nghymru. Cyflwynir adroddiad i'r Cyngor ar y mater hwn yn y Flwyddyn Newydd.

Nododd yr adolygiad diweddaraf fod CGC wedi parhau i weithredu'r amcanion o dan y cynllun drwy'r canlynol:

- *Darparu llyfrynnau addysgol newydd yn ogystal â darparu'r llyfrynnau presennol o'r newydd

- *Y gyfres gweminarau

- *Annog gwenynwyr i sefyll y Dystysgrif Sylfaenol gan gynnwys recriwtio dau Aseswr newydd

- *Cynyddu'r niferoedd sydd â Thystysgrif Iechyd Gwenyn

- *Gwerthuso Cwrs Cadw Gwenyn yr NDB gan y rhai sydd wedi ei ddilyn.

Roedd cyfarfod diwethaf 2024 yn un hybrid gyda rhai cynrychiolwyr yn cwrdd wyneb yn wyneb yn Llundain ac eraill yn ymuno'n rhithwir.

Adroddwyd am yr adolygiad i'r Cynllun Gwenyn Iach heb unrhyw newidiadau arwyddocaol. Cafodd llawer o brosiectau eu hadolygu ond yn fyr ac ystyriwyd bod hyn yn fusnes bob dydd. Dim ond prosiectau newydd neu arwyddocaol fydd yn cael eu hadrodd yn rheolaidd mewn cyfarfodydd.

Cafwyd diweddariad ar y 24 o nythod y gacynen felyngoes (YHL) a ganfuwyd yn 2024 a sut dinistriwyd nhw. Mae'n werth nodi'n arbennig bod dadansoddiad genetig wedi dangos bod dau o'r nythod yn cynnwys cacwn melyngoes a oedd wedi goroesi'r gaeaf. Felly, er i'r tywydd gwael leihau nifer y nythod a ganfuwyd; roedd dau wedi goroesi'n llwyddiannus o 2023.

Trafodwyd y bwlch rhwng y defnydd wedi'i reoleiddio o asid ocsalig mewn gwenyn a dim rheoleiddio mewn rhai mathau eraill o dda byw.

Mae gwaith wedi dechrau i edrych ar ddwysedd gwenyn yn y DU. Dylai hyn ddiweddarau data hŷn, nad ydyn nhw o'r DU yn aml, sy'n cael eu dyfynnu mewn astudiaethau.

Tasglu Pryfed Peillio Cymru

Y materion yn gysylltiedig â gwenyn a drafodwyd yn 2024 oedd: -

1. Rheoli ymylon ffyrdd a dolydd i gynyddu amrywiaeth blodeuol – un toriad (blynyddol) ym mis Awst a beth i'w wneud â sgil-gynhyrchion (toriadau).
2. Pwysigrwydd coridorau i wella peillwyr ac ati, e.e. cysylltu gwarchodfeydd glöyn byw (Britheg y Gors) yn Sir Benfro a De Cymru a chynllun a ariennir gan Lywodraeth Cymru i greu cysylltiadau cynefinoedd bywyd gwyllt ag Arfordir Penfro.
3. Casgliad o hadau blodau gwyllt a choed i'w gwerthu a'u dosbarthu – Gardd Fotaneg Genedlaethol Cymru, Bannau Brycheiniog a Sir Ddinbych.
4. Cynlluniau pori er lles cadwraeth er budd peillwyr a bywyd gwyllt.
5. Taliadau'r Cynllun Ffermio Cynaliadwy i ffermwyr.

CONBA (Cyngor Cymdeithasau Gwenyna Cenedlaethol)

Cyfarfu CONBA 4 gwaith yn 2024 a chynrychiolwyd CGC ym mhob un o'r cyfarfodydd hynny. Adolygwyd Cyfansoddiad CONBA a'i newid i gyfyngu'r pleidleisio mewn cyfarfodydd i un bleidlais i bob aelod-gymdeithas. Gosodwyd y tâl blynyddol ar bob cymdeithas aelod ar 5c fesul aelod o gymdeithas cadw gwenyn. Dylai unrhyw arian sy'n cronni gael ei ddefnyddio er budd cadw gwenyn yn y DU. Ym mis Hydref newidiodd cadeirydd CONBA o'r BBKA i Gymdeithas Cadw Gwenyn Ulster (UBKA). Crëwyd dolenni o wefan CONBA i wefannau'r holl aelod-gymdeithasau.

Trafodwyd dod yn aelod o Gymdeithas Cadw Gwenyn Ewrop sydd newydd ei sefydlu, a chytunwyd na fyddai CONBA yn dod yn aelod ar hyn o bryd. Mae'r pynciau a drafodwyd yn ystod y flwyddyn wedi cynnwys Cacynden Felyngoes Asia; mêl ffug; dyfarniad 2024 ar y term 'mêl amrwd'; mewnforio mêl rhad; y nifer cynyddol o freninesau sy'n cael eu mewnforio i Dde Iwerddon gan ddefnyddio rheolau'r UE i osgoi'r gwiriadau ar ffiniau'r DU.

Trafodwyd digwyddiad yn y DU ar gyfer gwenynwyr ifanc yn 2025 ond hyd yma does dim sôn am unrhyw gamau pellach hyd yma.

Disgwylir i CONBA gyfarfod nesaf ym mis Ebrill 2025.

NDB (Diploma Cenedlaethol mewn Gwenyna)

Cyflwynwyd adroddiad ar ganlyniadau'r arholiadau. Nododd y Pwyllgor y canlynol i gael sylw:

Diweddarwyd y maes llafur ddiwethaf yn 2009.

Mae arholwyr yn heneiddio ac mae llai o arholwyr newydd na'r disgwyl yn cymhwyso, sy'n arwain at brinder.

Y bwriad yw rhedeg y cwrs NDB Uwch nesaf o 4 i 9 Gorffennaf.

Sioe Amaethyddol Frenhinol Cymru (RWAS)

Cyfarfu Pwyllgor y Sioe Fêl ar 8.10.24 pan drafodwyd y canlynol :-

- Barnwyr achrededig BBKA
- Gofynnodd CAFC am sylwadau yng nghyfarfod y llynedd fel isod;

- Mêl sbeislyd
- Cafwyd trafodaeth hefyd ynghylch y ffaith nad oedd bwydydd cyfansawdd yn gynnwys y cwch gwenyn mewn perthynas â chofrestru ar gyfer rheoliadau'r Asiantaeth Safonau Bwyd (FSA). Dydy hyn ddim yn effeithio'n uniongyrchol ar CAFC gan nad ydynt yn gynhyrchwyr bwyd.
- Gofynnodd CAFC y llynedd i CGC helpu i hysbysebu'r Sioe Fêl.
- Bydd yr amserlen yn cael ei hanfon at AB a fydd yn ei hanfon ymlaen inni gael gweithredu arni.
- Lleoliad y flwyddyn nesaf, byddai pabell fêl yn yr ardal arddwriaethol newydd yn ddelfrydol. Does dim penderfyniad eto ar y lleoliad.

Yr Archif

Mae Archifau CGC yn dal i gael eu cadw yn Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru yn Aberystwyth ac ar gyfrifiadur. Mae'r ddwy'n cael eu diweddarau'n rheolaidd.

ADRODDIADAU A ATODWYD

Atodiad 1: Aelodaeth 2024

Atodiad 2: Cyfrifon Blwyddyn Ariannol 2024

Atodiad 3: Cyllideb Diwedd Blwyddyn 2024 a Chyllideb 2025

Datganiad: Mae'r Ymddiriedolwyr yn datgan iddynt gymeradwyo adroddiad yr ymddiriedolwyr uchod

Llofnodwyd ar ran ymddiriedolwyr yr elusen.

Llofnod:

Enw llawn: Caroline Mullinex

Swydd: Cadeirydd

Dyddiad:



THE WELSH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

CYMDEITHAS GWENYNWYR CYMRU

Established/Sefydlwyd 1943 Registered Charity – No 509929

Annual Report

1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Trustees:

Chair

Caroline Mullinex (elected AGM 2022)

Vice Chair

Karen Pratt (elected AGM 2022 resigned AGM 2024)

Treasurer

Graham Wheeler (re-elected AGM 2024)

General Secretary

Jenny Shaw (re-elected AGM 2023)

Christopher Clarke (re-elected AGM 2021 retired AGM 2024)

David John Bowles (re-elected Trustee AGM 2023)

Keith Davies (re-elected AGM 2023)

David Grace (elected AGM 2022)

Paul Pearce (elected AGM 2024)

Alan Burford (elected AGM 2024)

Selwyn Runnett (co-opted 15th May 2024)

Ceri Joyner (co-opted 11th September 2024)

Officers:

President

David John Bowles (elected AGM 2021 retired AGM 2024)

Jill Wheeler (elected AGM 2024)

Vice-presidents

Fred Eckton

Membership Secretary

Trish Calderbank

Minutes Secretary

post vacant

Events Secretary

Jill Wheeler

Exam Secretary

Liz Childerley

Website Manager

Alison Mason (retired April 2024)

Roger Boyle (appointed April 2024)

Editor

Basil Wolf

Subeditor

Elin Meek

Proofreader

Chris Clarke

Technical Officer

Wally Shaw

Insurance Officer

John Bowles

Non-Native Invasive Species Officer – John Bowles (post created 2024)

Health & Safety Officer

John Pilgrim

WBKA Archive

Karen Pratt

IMYB Officer

Richard Pett

Schools Officer

Sue Taylor (appointed March 2024)

Specialist Members:

National Botanic Gardens of Wales

BIBBA (Bee Improvement & Bee Breeders' Association)

Patrons:

Professor Robert Pickard

Master Wax Chandler (AGM 2024)

All trustees and WBKA officers give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits. The WBKA is indebted to these volunteers for their continued goodwill and efforts on behalf

of the Association.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our Aims & Objectives:

The encouragement, improvement and advancement of beekeeping throughout Wales by:

- developing co-operation amongst all beekeepers throughout Wales and interchanging ideas and experiences,
- improving the standard of beekeeping by:
 - i. publication of literature,
 - ii. providing and supporting the provision of apicultural educational aids and materials,
 - iii. encouraging the training and qualification of beekeepers,
- arranging for national examinations at various levels,
- encouraging community participation in observing and learning about bees in safety and developing an appreciation of the value of bees in the environment.

Administration

The Trustees listed above meet as the WBKA Management Team. A list of meetings during the year can be found at the end of this section of the report.

The Trustees met with the WBKA Council three times (March, June, and November) to report on the actions of the Management Team and to seek guidance from the membership. All but the March meeting were held virtually. At each of these meetings a minimum of 63% (12) of the WBKA Member Associations were represented and overall, 90% (17) Associations attended at least one meeting. Minutes of all Council meetings have been circulated via Association Secretaries. Council meetings are scheduled for March 8th, June 28th and November 1st in 2025. To reduce the length of Council meetings, Officers reports are written and circulated before the meeting. These are referenced as required by sub-committee leads during their summary reports. Council Representatives have the opportunity to question and comment on the reports.

The Management Team met nine times in 2024 and to reduce travelling all the meetings were virtual. The Management Team will meet at least four times in 2025, and the first meeting is scheduled for January 10th. The method and date of Management Team meetings reflects the availability and home addresses of the Trustees to ensure that there is maximum attendance and that minimum travelling expenses are incurred. Between scheduled meetings of the Management Team procedures have been agreed to obtain agreement from trustees for any urgent matters. A standard agenda format has been agreed and adopted. Full minutes of all Management Team meetings have been circulated via the Member Association secretaries. Both the webinar and virtual meeting licences were renewed in October 2024 and most Management Team meetings will continue to be held virtually to reduce the requirement to travel. The virtual meeting licences are available for Member Associations of the WBKA to use for their meetings.

Where appropriate to their roles non-Trustee officers of the WBKA have been invited to attend Management Team meetings during 2024 to assist the work of the trustees.

The policies of the WBKA have been updated and amended where necessary. Guidance documents on Health & Safety, Safeguarding and DBS are on the WBKA website to guide member associations and have links to the current legislation and guidance applicable in Wales. This is to help associations to ensure that they are compliant in their activities. Guidance for WBKA Officers giving presentations or reports about the WBKA to external bodies has also been agreed.

One of the WBKA Trustees attended a Protecting Data Webinar on the 4th November run by the Welsh Office of the Information Commission Office (ICO). The WBKA is continuing to investigate the need to register with the ICO for data processing and how it might best amend its Data Protection Policy to ensure full compliance. Other charitable organisations are being viewed to try to establish what is practical best practice without tying the WBKA to a bureaucratic millstone.

The WBKA have worked with Anaphylaxis UK to help raise awareness of severe allergic reactions to bee stings. The Management Team have also considered how landowners can be encouraged to inform beekeepers about any planned use of pesticides on their land. Poisoning of honey bees by pesticides does not appear to be a significant problem in Wales. A guidance document will be put on the WBKA website in 2025.

In 2023 the review of the structure of the WBKA was completed and implemented. The terms of reference for all WBKA sub-committees have been reviewed as part of this undertaking. Much of the day-to-day business of the WBKA is now undertaken by four sub-committees each chaired by a WBKA Trustee and reporting to the Management Team. These sub-committees and their members are listed below: -

Administration and Support: Chair - John Bowles (Trustee, Insurance Officer and Non-Native Invasive Species), Graham Wheeler (Trustee and Treasurer), Jenny Shaw (Trustee and General Secretary), David Grace (Trustee & Safeguarding Officer), Paul Pearce (Trustee), Trish Calderbank (Membership Secretary and minute taker for sub-committee), John Pilgrim (Health and Safety Officer), Keith Davies (Trustee)

Learning & Development: Chair – Paul Pearce (Trustee) (Caroline Mullinex (Trustee until June), Jenny Shaw (Trustee and acting Sub Committee secretary), Ceri Joyner (Trustee), Liz Childerley (Exams Secretary), Sue Taylor (Schools' Officer), Wally Shaw (Technical Officer), Roger Boyle (Webmaster), Lynfa Davies, Trisha Marlow.

Events: Chair – Alan Burford (Trustee), Graham Wheeler (Trustee and Treasurer), Keith Davies (Trustee), Jill Wheeler (Events Secretary), Vicky Davies, Martin Anderson, Steve Bromwich

Editorial: Chair – Jenny Shaw (Trustee), Caroline Mullinex (Trustee), Selwyn Runnett (Trustee), Chris Clarke (proof-reader), Basil Wolf (Editor), Sue Taylor (School' Officer), Elin Meek (Welsh editor), Wally Shaw (Technical Officer), Jill Hill (secretary to sub-committee), Jill Wheeler

More information about the work of each sub-committee can be found later in this report and their terms of reference are on the WBKA website.

Insurance: The WBKA Insurance cover is based on several conditions including the need for capitation to be paid on time and for those covered by the policy to be individually entered on the eR2 membership system. Payment of capitation is due from Associations on the 1st of January each year, but an allowance is made providing that all monies due are received by the 31st of March in that year. Member Associations are reminded of the need to make payment punctually. More details can be found in the combined Insurance and Health & Safety Report later in this document.

Following a request from the WBKA Council the membership categories of the WBKA were reviewed and revised in 2022 to ensure that all Indirect Members of the WBKA are covered by our insurance policy. We are pleased to report that our insurance now covers beekeepers under the age of 18 years.

Finance Reserves: The Reserve policy states that the Charity (WBKA) shall maintain a reserve of £10,000-£13,000. This reserve is required by Charity Law to cover operational and contractual expenses should the need arise. This policy is monitored and updated annually.

Monies held on the HSBC current account are used to not only cover the running costs of the Association but to fund various projects such as the running of workshops/courses and the dissemination of information by various means such as the website, booklets and other publications. A detailed financial report accompanies this document.

Governance: The 2024 AGM saw the retirement of John Bowles as WBKA President and the appointment of Jill Wheeler to the role. Chris Clarke retired and Karen Pratt resigned as trustees at the 2024 AGM. The Management Team co-opted two new trustees Selwyn Runnett (May 2023) and Ceri Joyner (June 2023). These appointments will be presented to the membership for ratification at the 2025 AGM on March 8th. The appointed WBKA Chair, Caroline Mullinex took compassionate leave from the role in June 2024 due to a family illness and subsequent bereavement. Trustees took on additional roles to cover Caroline's leave – Selwyn Runnett chaired the Management Team, Alan Burford chaired the Council meetings, Paul Pearce chaired the Learning and Development sub-committee and John Bowles hosted webinars.

Currently there is the full complement of ten WBKA trustees, but Caroline Mullinex continues to be on compassionate leave.

The Master of the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers was appointed as a patron of the WBKA at the 2024 AGM.

At the AGM in March 2024 Alison Mason retired as WBKA webmaster and the role was taken on by Roger Boyle. We thank all of them for their work on behalf of beekeeping in Wales. The Schools Officer post was filled by Sue Taylor (March 2024). All WBKA Officers now have clear and up to date job descriptions and the Management Team are continuing to look at contingency planning to cover key positions if an officer resigns or is incapacitated for a length of time. It is acknowledged that finding volunteers to take on voluntary roles is not an easy task.

Work has begun on defining the strategies that are needed to achieve the objectives of the WBKA so that performance can be measured.

Without change the Constitution of the WBKA was accepted by the membership at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the WBKA. During 2024 the Trustees have given due consideration to the WBKA becoming a Charitable Incorporated Association (CIO). As the WBKA neither employs any paid staff nor owns buildings or land this change was decided unnecessary at this time. This decision will be reviewed should the circumstances of the WBKA change in the future.

Membership: The WBKA has nineteen Member Associations who represent 2084 Registered, 332 Partner, 4 Country and 38 Junior Members and two Specialist Member groups. As part of the annual capitation fee levied on each Member Association the Indirect members benefit by receiving four editions of the 'Welsh Beekeeper' and third-party Public and Product Liability Insurance. There are currently 33 Individual and 8 Honorary Members of the WBKA. A detailed breakdown of membership accompanies this report.

We continue to work with the Welsh Government. Both Kathleen Carroll (Welsh Government) and Daniel Baxter (Wales Bee Inspection Service) have attended at least one WBKA Council Meeting in 2024 in advisory roles.

Following queries from Member Associations, the WBKA Council reviewed the membership categories of the WBKA to ensure that they met their requirements. It is now a requirement that only one name

is used for each entry in eR2 and only that named person will be eligible for appropriate WBKA insurance cover. Partners residing at the same address as a registered member and managing the same bees are insured if they are entered individually in the eR2 system. Junior members under the age of 18 should also be listed separately in eR2. Only named juniors will be considered to represent the WBKA at the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers. From January 2024 partner members of the WBKA were required to pay an annual capitation of £6 and the fee for registered members rose to £12 per year. This increase was the first in over 10 years and reflected the current economic situation.

Country membership is used for people without bees who wish to be Indirect Members of the WBKA and again they should appear as individual entries in eR2. The final membership category is for Local members who should again appear in eR2 as individual entries. Local members have no bees and are members of the Member Association but are not Indirect members of the WBKA and are not entitled to any of the benefits that accrue from WBKA membership. The majority of WBKA Member Associations are now using the eR2 membership service and training for users has continued to be made available by Trish Calderbank, WBKA Membership Secretary. We would like to thank Trish for her continued hard work in assisting Associations. Kerry Cox has supported Trish Calderbank in her role of assisting WBKA associations to use eR2. The WBKA continues to work with BDI to ensure that the eR2 system accommodates the requirement of Associations in Wales.

Website: The website, launched in 2022 is being regularly updated and recent analytics show an increase in the number of visitors to the site. The website reflects the language policy of the WBKA. We thank Roger Boyle for his work in developing and maintaining our website.

Welsh Beekeeper Magazine: All four quarterly editions have been completed during the year. We would like to thank our Editor, Basil Wolf for his dedication to producing the magazine. We are also thankful to the many members of the WBKA who have provided articles and photographs for the magazine. The last four copies of the magazine can be downloaded from the WBKA website and previous electronic editions are available from the archivist, Karen Pratt as electronic files archivist@wbka.com.

Publications: Printed copies of all the booklets and disease cards, published by the WBKA, can be collected by Association Representatives at the March Council Meeting or can be pre-ordered for collection at the annual WBKA Convention in late March. Supplies will be sent to associations if they agree to pay the costs incurred.

The Trustees have worked with several external agencies during 2024 to ensure that Welsh beekeepers are kept fully informed and supported at a Wales, UK and European level. A list of the external meetings attended by the WBKA is given later in this report.

Bee Health Advisory Forum (UK): The Bee Health Advisory Forum (BHAf) is a UK Government arranged meeting where all National Beekeeping Associations in Wales and England are represented as well as the NBU, APHA, Welsh Government, the Veterinary Medicines Directorate, etc. It offers an opportunity to discuss and influence current and forthcoming issues which may threaten the welfare of our bees. The items covered in the last year are included in more detail in a separate report.

Wales Pollinators Taskforce: This is a Welsh Government sponsored forum which brings together a variety of groups who represent organizations that have an interest in protecting the wild environment and improving land management for the benefit of pollinators of all types varying from

butterflies, hoverflies to bumble bees and honeybees. We believe that whatever can influence and improve the physical landscape and the management of land for any pollinator will also benefit honeybees.

CONBA (Council of National Beekeeping Associations): The Beekeeping Associations of Wales, England, Scotland, and Ulster as well as the Bee Farmers Association jointly form CONBA (Council of National Beekeeping Associations) which supports the interests of all beekeepers and beekeeping in the UK. The Federation of Irish Beekeepers, who represent beekeepers in Eire also attend CONBA meetings. It gives the opportunity to develop joint strategies to deal with a variety of issues including government plans.

RWAS (Royal Welsh Agricultural Show): First established in 1904 and then established as the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show at Llanelwedd in 1963 including the Honey Show to which WBKA makes available assistance and support.

National (UK) Honey Show: In 2022 the WBKA became a member of the National Honey Show being the body that organizes and runs an annual UK Honey Show that is open to all beekeepers to enter. The NHS holds an Annual General Meeting of members in conjunction with the Honey Show.

NDB (National Diploma in Beekeeping): The WBKA is represented at the Annual General Meeting of the organization that controls and awards the 'degree level' qualification in beekeeping as well as running several short courses to educate beekeepers in the UK.

Meetings Attended in 2024

Internal WBKA Meetings 2024:

16 th January	Learning & Development Committee: virtual
10 th January	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
26 th January	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
20 th February	Administration & Support Committee: virtual
2 nd March	AGM and Council Meeting, Plas Dolerw: joint face to face and virtual
12 th March	Yellow Legged Hornet Team: virtual
20 th March	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
23 rd March	Events Committee: face to face
9 th April	Administration & Support Committee: virtual
16 th April	Learning & Development Committee: virtual
20 th April	Editorial Team: virtual
26 th April	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
15 th May	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
17 th May	Events Committee: face to face

14 th June	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
29 th June	Council meeting: virtual
8 th July	Yellow Legged Hornet Team: virtual
9 th July	Administration & Support Committee: virtual
16 th July	Learning & Development Committee: virtual
17 th July	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
21 st July	Events Committee: face to face
2 nd September	Yellow Legged Hornet Team: virtual
3 rd September	Administration & Support Committee: virtual
10 th September	Editorial Team: virtual
11 th September	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
15 th October	Learning & Development Committee: virtual
2 nd November	Council meetings: virtual
12 th November	Administration & Support Committee: virtual
20 th November	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
3 rd December	Editorial Team: virtual

WBKA representation at External Meetings 2024:

Jenny Shaw (J.S.), John Bowles (J.B.), Wally Shaw (W.S.), Keith Davies (K.D.), Alan Burford (A.B.)
Paul Pearce (P.P)

21 st February	Welsh Government Sustainable Farming Consultation (K.D. and J.S.)
7 th March	Bee Health Advisory Forum: virtual (W.S. and J.B.)
26 th March	Council Of National Beekeeping Associations: virtual (J.S. & J.B.)
11 th April	Council Of National Beekeeping Associations: virtual (J.S. and J.B.)
6 th June	Council Of National Beekeeping Associations: virtual (J.S. & J.B.)
26 th June	Bee Health Advisory Forum: virtual (J.B. and P.P.)
4 th July	Wales Pollinator Task Force: face to face (K.D.)
8 th October (A.B.)	Royal Welsh Show Agricultural Show: Honey Show Committee: Virtual
22 nd October	Bee Health Advisory Forum: Virtual (J.B. and P.P.)
23 rd October	Council Of National Beekeeping Associations: face to face & virtual (J.S.)

24 ^h October	National Honey Show AGM: face to face (J.S.)
25 th October	National Diploma Beekeeping AGM: face to face (P.P.)
19 th November	Wales Pollinator Task Force: Virtual (K.D.)
5 th December	Bee Health Advisory Forum: Virtual (P.P.)

REPORTS

WBKA Treasurer's Report Financial Year 2024

Year End vs Budget 2024

The final year end position gave a loss of £2.6k against an originally budgeted loss of £5.1k, a number of factors contributed to this with lower than expected expenditure in several areas offsetting a lower than budgeted income.

- Planned expenditure on educational booklets was £887 against a budgeted £3000
- Overall insurance and software costs are in line with budget including the ongoing GoTo licences.
- Net training costs were down on budget
- Advertising income was down against the budget and the previous year
- Convention income was down on budget but still up on the previous year, costs came in under budget, resulting in a small surplus position overall for the event,

Budget 2025

- Indirect capitation increases to £12 (2024 rate); and is based on a membership for 2024 of 2044 members. In addition, for the first time capitation will be levied on active beekeepers living at the same address as a Registered members (Known as Partners) at a rate of £6
- Individual member fees are proposed to remain unchanged.
- Advertising pricing has been increased by 10% in line with the proposals from the Editorial Team. There is some risk of reduced advertisers due to the implementation of the policy to not accept livestock adverts.
- Convention income is forecast to drop this year mainly due to a drop in the number of traders planning to attend. This currently results in a predicted net. cost of the convention of circa £1400
- Training income is based on a similar programme of events to 2024 resulting in similar costs; workshop fees will be increased to target an overall net. cost of £1500
- Special projects have been budgeted at £2k to allow for booklet reprints
- Provision has been made for increased costs in the exams budget to £2.1k based on ongoing negotiations with BBKA over the provision of higher-level exams and assessments. This would result in exams overall running with a net. cost of £1500 with Basic Assessments aiming to break even.

Projected Outcome

The draft budget as set out projects a small surplus for 2025

Budget Projection 2026 & Capitation Proposal

To inform the discussion on Capitation for 2026, a projection for 2026 has been completed. Capitation income is based on the 2024 rates and 2024 membership. Expenditure on all main items is increased by 5%. The resulting outcome is a projected breakeven position for 2026.

Based on this projection and the lower than expected losses for 2024 it was recommended to the Nov Council that indirect member capitation levels be maintained for 2026 at the 2025 level. The November Council approved the recommendation for approval at the AGM.

Administration & Support (A&S) – incorporating Insurance, Health & Safety and Safeguarding Reports

The WBKA Administration and Support Committee (ASC) was set up in 2023 to be a broad base “filtering” Committee representing various aspects of the role of the WBKA. While leaving the executive roles at Council and Management Team level, A&S considers various aspects of our work and, initially, make recommendations on options to the Management Team. The Committee has members who are Trustees and others who are officers. Any officer involved will be given a job description. A set of terms of reference has been drawn up for the Group. John Bowles was elected Chair and Trish Calderbank our Membership Secretary has kindly agreed to be our Minutes Secretary.

The Committee, while originally intended to only meet 3 times per year, met 5 times online in 2024. The frequency of meeting in the next year will be largely dictated by the volume of work necessary

Finance is one of the subjects within the ASC remit, but the role is to assist the Treasurer to formulate processes etc. Advice developed will then be provided to the Management Committee and subsequently Council. A full Finance report will be provided elsewhere as part of the Annual Report.

Membership is also within the ASC remit and some minor amendments have been made to the membership application form to make things clearer to first time applicants. The membership report is stand-alone within the Annual Report

Safeguarding

The WBKA has a policy and guidance on Safeguarding on its Website and we would advise Association to take note of those recommendations. During 2024 no Safeguarding issues were reported or identified. The WBKA Safeguarding policy and Guidance to Associations was reviewed in November 2024 and remains unchanged

Insurance

Further clarification, in the last year, of definitions of the type of members that we have in the WBKA has enabled us to provide assurance that all those who require insurance have that cover at a cost that is equitable to all

This year we sought quotes from two brokers, Jensten, who used to be our broker until last year and our current broker Howden (ex-Aston Lark), the company which is the broker for the BBKA. Jensten declined to quote this year and Howden provided a quote backed by AVIVA, only slightly increased

from last year, of £1837.51 for our Public and Product Liability. The cover for Association Committee members and Trustees was also renewed with the same company as last year.

Although, as I pointed out last year that our Product Liability cover now only covers “Manufacture and supply of primary hive products” and not products which have non hive products added such as some polishes, balms, and salves. The guidance issued last year remains the same. Anyone who manufactures such products would be well advised to seek other cover.

The only other change has been an agreement to insure members for activities associated with tracing Asian Hornet nests but not, as yet, their destruction.

Health and Safety

Our Health and Safety Officer, John Pilgrim was, due to circumstances, unable to submit a report.

To reiterate what was said last year:

During the last year we have reviewed our Health and Safety Policy and advised that our member Associations:

a. Produce a similar document

b. Nominate a Committee member to be responsible for ensuring that appropriate risk assessments are undertaken and any necessary actions taken according to the suggestions made in “Risk Assessments – A simple guide” which is on our website.

To date not all Associations have produced evidence of compliance with this well intended guidance.

Not taking minimal steps to identify risks and ensure that those who need to, know what is expected of them is not evidencing the required duty of care. I would suggest that where this minimum guidance is not followed it shows disrespect for the safety and health of the public and members especially of new members who may be unaware of the risks they face.

No Incidents under Health and Safety have been reported in 2024.

Learning & Development (L&D) - incorporating Exam Secretary Report

Meetings

The L&D sub-committee continued to hold regular quarterly virtual meetings throughout 2024.

This year has seen a lot of changes to the membership of the sub-committee. The chair, Caroline Mullinix has been on compassion leave from all WBKA roles since June 2024 and we are thankful to Paul Pearce who has stepped in to the role of chair. Karen Pratt retired from the role of L&D secretary in early March 2024. To date no one has been found to take on this role which is currently being covered by Jenny Shaw. We welcome Sue Taylor who was appointed to the Schools Officer post in March 2024 and Ceri Joyner who will become Exam’s Secretary in 2025 when Liz Childerley stands down from the role. It is expected that there will be a smooth handover.

L&D have continued to work with both Editorial and Events to provide magazine content and input to the Spring Convention Programme.

We thank everyone who gives of their time and expertise to develop and deliver learning opportunities for beekeepers in Wales and beyond.

Exams & Assessments

24 members passed the WBKA Basic Assessment in 2024, many with credit and a few with distinction.

14 juniors passed the WBKA Junior Assessment during 2024 and the guidance to assessors for this award is currently being reviewed in time for 2025 assessments.

To ease the role of appointing assessors and arranging assessments it was agreed that from 2025 the closing date for applications to take the WBKA Basic or Junior Assessments would be brought forward from 1st May to the 1st April.

4 WBKA members were successful in achieving the BBKA Bee Health Certificate (BHC) in 2024. BBKA Bee Health Train the Trainer events due to take place in 2024 were postponed until 2025 and some WBKA members have secured places on the rescheduled events in order to be able to support preparation of candidates to take the Bee Health Certificate. If the number of WBKA members taking this assessment increases going forward, having more assessors based in Wales would probably be useful

On the module side, WBKA members again achieved some good results in 2024. 7 passed in March with 3 at credit level. In November there were also 7 module successes – 2 with credit and 3 with distinction. 2 WBKA members were awarded the Intermediate Certificate in 2024.

We provided 1 exam venues in both March and November for candidates not wishing to take the module exams online and have continued to support WBKA members taking BBKA exams and assessments by paying the exam membership fees on their behalf.

We offer congratulations to all the successful candidates and thank everyone who has helped to facilitate these exams and assessments for our members.

In autumn 2024 the BBKA opened negotiations with WBKA to review the provision of BBKA exam membership that has allowed WBKA members to take BBKA modules and assessments without the prerequisite of being BBKA members. Negotiations to replace the provision of BBKA Exam membership are continuing.

Webinars

6 more live webinars went ahead in 2024 on a range of topics bringing the total number of WBKA webinars now delivered to 49. Since we began the webinar series in 2020, some 10,000 have registered for them. We are usually able to provide anyone who has registered with a link enabling them to watch on “catch up” for a limited period so that no-one needs to miss out due to a diary clash or because of poor connectivity.

We continue to be immensely grateful to everyone who has presented at our webinars, and to all who have supported them, from within the WBKA and beyond.

Schools

Work is continuing to provide resources for beekeeping in schools. Guidance and information is available from the school's officer on schools@wbka.com

Wax Chandler Grant Funding

2024 was the final year of the 3-year grant funding period and, with the direct support of this funding, we were able to deliver/support the following events for WBKA members: -

- a) Convention workshops – Showing Honey and Getting started, aimed at beginner beekeepers.

- b) 3 x Microscopy workshops (covering both Anatomy & Dissection and Pollen Identification)
- c) Workshop on Botany.

The final annual feedback report to the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers is being prepared and will be published in a 2025 edition of The Welsh Beekeeper.

Again, we thank everyone who has helped deliver and facilitate these events and reiterate our thanks to the Wax Chandlers whose generous funding has made this programme possible.

Booklets

We began to scope publication of a new WBKA booklet during 2023 but unfortunately work on this has had to be postponed but will be continued in 2025.

Events Committee

This year saw the Spring Convention on March 23rd. The number of attendees were slightly down on previous years, 379. There were 13 Trade stands, and 5 general interest stands. There were also 2 workshops that were planned to run during the day, one run by Lynfa Davies on 'Where do I start?', the second 'Showing Honey' run by Paul Boyle. 22 stewards supported the running of the show on the day as well as the members who helped with the set up on the Friday. This year Sum Up was again used for both pre-payments and on the door, this allowed members to use a creditor/debit card for payments.

The Spring Festival, May 18th/19th, was supported by 13 members stewarding the stand, we shared the stand with the SBI team. Members of the events team, Martin Anderson, Alan Burford, Vicky Davies, Jill and Graham Wheeler, helped set up and strike the stand. The stand proved to be popular to both members of the public and beekeepers, and £30 was raised for Bees Abroad with candle rolling. Alan provided an observation hive loaned from a local beekeeper. The WBKA has now bought its own observation hive.

The RWAS 22nd to 25th July saw us back in the South Glamorgan Hall. 18 members helped to steward the stand over the four days, we shared the stand with the SBI team. Thanks must go to the following members of the events team who helped with the successful setting up and running of the stand. Martin Anderson, Alan Burford, Vicky Davies, Jill and Graham Wheeler.

Planning of the 2025 Spring Convention is underway with traders and four speakers booked: Opening address Wax Chandler Master, Lynda Marston-Weston.

Emeritus Prof. Stephen Martin (University of Salford, Manchester, UK): Science of varroa resistance (BDI Sponsored)

Martin Bencsik : Vibrations within a hive

Stephen Fleming : The magic and mystery of drone congregation areas

Christine Coulsting : Hive inspections

The team has met on three occasions during the year and Alan Burford, as lead trustee, has attended a meeting of the RWAS National Honey Show Committee.

Editorial Committee – incorporating Editor's Report.

The Editorial team meets virtually before each impending edition of the Welsh Beekeeper to review the draft magazine, and to plan what material is required or has been received for the following edition. Meetings were held in March, April, June, October and December.

Vicky Davies from Lleyn ac Eifionydd, Trustee Selwyn Runnett and the new Schools' Officer Sue Taylor have been welcomed onto the team.

The team reviewed the Terms of Reference in the summer and also agreed a 10% increase to the advertising fees, with a reduction in the discount given for advertisements in all 4 issues from 15 to 10%. The team predict there may be a drop in advertising income following the decision by WBKA Council to stop advertising the sale of bees in the magazine.

It was decided to reduce the photo competition to annually. The front cover of each edition for the year showcases one of the first 4 placed entries.

Editor

We have produced three 48-page editions of the magazine this year and one (the winter edition) of 32 pages with a good range of practical, technical and entertaining articles, and book reviews. We have supported the WBKA Spring Convention through advertising and production of articles by the speakers. We have gained a new Schools Liaison Officer in Sue Taylor who will revitalise the young beekeepers' pages and John Bowles contributes a regular update on the situation re the Yellow legged Asian hornet – this last supported by an article on the lifecycle of the hornet reproduced from the BBKA News. We are grateful to BBKA News for permission to reproduce a number of articles on topics such as raw honey and Joyce Nesbit's instructive series on cut comb and sections. The decision not to advertise the sale of bees was supported by an article from Lynfa Davies on the buying and sourcing of bees. We have also supported the charities Bees Abroad and Bees for Development with reports of their work. The photographic competition drew some good contributions from a limited pool of entrants, and we moved to an annual competition, which has not yet increased interest from readers. Our thanks to Vita Bee Health for sponsorship of the competition. Finally, my thanks to the Editorial Team for their support and to Vicky Davies for taking the role of Assistant Editor and giving me the benefit of her expert knowledge.

IMYB (International Meeting of Young Beekeepers)

The IMYB meeting in 2024 was held in Dubia in December 2024. Travel to the event was very expensive and it was agreed that any entrants from Wales would need to be on a self-funded basis. The Member Associations were asked if they had any junior members interested in attending the event and there were no positive responses. The WBKA did not enter a team into the 2024 IMYB. The next IMYB meeting will be in 2026 at a venue not yet announced.

Webmaster

The role of Webmaster changed hands in summer: ideally, nobody noticed the handover. The Association website is in good order and credit is due to earlier holders of the job.

Detailed access statistics are gathered routinely and are freely available from the Webmaster by request. Our usage is largely stable – monthly we might expect 5000-6000 visits from about 4000 different people. The overwhelming majority of access is from UK users, and most visits are of very short duration (less than 1 minute). A range of publications has proved useful for people to download, the most frequent being "Swarm Control".

The site content has changed very little, apart from the routine periodic updates such as the magazine. Any suggestions for additions or amendments to the site will be gratefully received. Likewise, newsworthy items can always be posted very quickly.

The webmaster also administers WBKA mail addresses – the year has seen repeated phishing attempts on some of these which are almost always routinely intercepted by common sense. Nevertheless, everyone is reminded to treat unusual electronic approaches with caution: we would far prefer to be alerted of something that turns out to be innocent than to have blameless individuals sucked into a scam.

Non-Native Invasive Species

The Management after considerable discussion decided that the WBKA should appoint an Invasive Species Officer from among its Trustees to lead on Yellow Legged Hornet (Asian) activity in Wales. The initial discussion was around appointing an Asian Hornet lead but given that Small Hive Beetle is now present in Europe and Tropilaelaps in Northern Europe it was decided that the role should be broadened / future proofed. Policy and guidance on Varroa would continue to be led by Wally Shaw.

The main item we will consider here though will be our response to the potential threat posed by the Yellow Legged Hornet to beekeeping and biodiversity in Wales. You will note that we now use the term Yellow legged Hornet rather than Asian hornet as there are many Asian Hornets but only one Yellow Legged Hornet (one of its most recognisable features). The term Asian Hornet often causes confusion with the media mixing it up with Giant Asian Hornet currently threatening parts of North America.

There have been no reported sightings in Wales or near to its borders but given the rate at which it spread across Europe from a single imported gravid female we cannot be complacent. The approach adopted by the WBKA is to work with other organisations and request each Association to appoint a YLH Coordinator for their area, supported by a team of verifiers as well as raising awareness among the general public about this pest. The Coordinators would meet every two to three months to discuss strategy. ER2 through BDI would help with communication and mapping. The Group has met three times in 2024, but the response has, overall, been, disappointing. Many associations have not appointed Coordinators and attendance at the Coordinators group has been patchy at best. The next meeting on the 20th of January will be addressed by Martin Smith of BDI.

In 2023 the numbers of nests (72) destroyed, and the spread of those incursions was such as to create some pessimism and the view that there was already an established population of the YLH in England. It was obvious that some mated queens had overwintered in the UK, for the first time possibly, so it was with some relief that the numbers of nests discovered in 2024 (24) was considerably lower than in 2023. What had caused this is unclear but the amount of rain and standing water may have contributed. Whatever the cause we should be grateful. The amount of rain over this winter followed by frosts may aid us again in the coming year. As I have said above, we cannot be complacent - the situation could change very quickly. When it has obviously become established it will be too late. Even if it is not yet established, the population pressure from the Continent and the Channel Islands will vastly increase the likelihood of direct transport (on vehicles, in vans, on ships) of Asian Hornet queens to Wales. When there are hundreds of thousands of viable nests in other countries the chances increase considerably from when there were only a few.

A number of articles have been published in the Welsh beekeeper on the YLH including three written by the Invasive Species Officer.

Technical Officer

Bee Inspection Service – Our previous Regional Bee Inspector (RBI) Maggie Gill has moved on to work on Tropilaelaps and has been replaced by the temporary appointment of Daniel Baxter – yet to be confirmed as permanent. Because there have been few incursions of the Asian Hornet (AS) this year, there have been fewer calls on Seasonal Bee Inspectors (SBI) and a fairly normal programme of disease inspection has been possible. The RBI has prepared a very fulsome account of the year which will be published in the Spring Edition of Welsh Beekeeper. The bee Inspection Service has also been present at several events thereby establishing friendly contact with numerous beekeepers.

Developments During 2024 – I am not aware of any notable developments in Wales during the year. Fewer nests of the Asian Hornet (YLH) (now renamed the Yellow-legged Asian Hornet to avoid confusion with a number of other hornet species which exist in Asia) have been found this year, 24 as compared with 72 in 2023. All have been destroyed. Genetic analysis of these nests showed that two were related to nests from the previous year. This was the first known example of the hornet having been able to complete its life cycle and produce fertile queens that survived the winter. So far YLH has shown little ability to spread north (most nests have been in the south-east and south of England) but it is still not known if in the long-term the species will be limited by climate. Interestingly, the European hornet (*Vespa crabro*) seems not able to get established in Northwest Wales, so perhaps there is some hope.

Most beekeepers in Wales have had a fairly meagre crop of honey this year but there are exceptions in some places. The late spring delayed colony build-up. It was not particularly warm in May and June and July was very wet. The queens in many colonies almost stopped laying for a week or so in response to the weather.

Non-treatment for Varroa – Interest in this topic has increased during the year and the problem is as follows. At the present time the National Bee Unit (NBU) recommends that beekeepers continue to treat their colonies to control Varroa. This is responsible advice if they are to avoid high, and possibly unacceptable, colony losses. However, it has become clear that, under the right circumstances, colonies can become Varroa resistant through natural selection and some beekeepers have already been successful in this mission. It would obviously be useful for WBKA to make use of this experience. However, there are still a number of biological matters about which I think it is vital to have a better understanding if we are to give the best advice to beekeepers. I am sure that most beekeepers would agree that the use of chemicals is undesirable and Varroa resistance should be the target for the future.

A report on the unresolved biological issues was recently submitted to the WBKA Management Team and is pending. This needs to be discussed before we decide how to proceed. It may also have to be discussed with NBU.

The Annual Hive Count - was repeated this year but no results have become available at the time of writing.

Varroa Levels 2024 – No information available.

WBKA Technical Publications – Stocks of some WBKA booklets are getting low but a decision has to be made as to how they will be provided in the future, whether in printed or digital form.

Spray Liaison

There has been no response from the NBU to our request for support to amend the incorrect Spraying Guidance published by HM Gov. A request to amend the document was sent directly to the HM Gov support team but no response has been received. We were led to believe there would be a slight delay due to the National Elections.

Currently, any notifications received by the WBKA are forwarded to the appropriate association however there is still no working direct link from the HM Gov Spray guide to the WBKA. A working link exists for the BBKA.

BHAF (Bee Health Advisory Forum)

Bee Health Advisory Forum (BHAF)

The Bee Health Advisory Forum is a DEFRA sponsored group made up of representatives of all the main organisations involved with beekeeping in the UK. The Forum includes DEFRA, FERA, APHA, The National Bee Unit, the BBKA, the Bee Farmers Association, BDI and ourselves in the WBKA. The objective is to work together to develop and provide the best guidance on bee health to beekeepers of all types. The BHAF held 5 online meetings where the WBKA was represented (all)

The WBKA has been represented by two officers of the WBKA. Our Scientific Officer, Wally Shaw and Trustee John Bowles. Earlier in 2024 Wally decided that he wished to retire from this role on behalf of the WBKA. The other members of the Forum (as we do) consider this a great loss to beekeeping as Wally, with his wit and “sparkiness”, (not my words but those of the BHAF Chair) really helped to develop sensible policy and kept our feet on the ground. The Forum will miss him. Paul Pearce, Trustee has agreed to step up in his place. In any one year the BHAF will discuss a number of topics but as you can imagine the Yellow Legged Hornet (Asian) has been an ongoing agenda item and regular reports provided. Further information on this issue is included in the item specifically on the subject.

The Forum also reported on the updating of leaflets and Advisory sheets on Beebase. This is now a valuable source of beekeeping information. The benefits of sharing information between Beebase and eR2 was also discussed.

A new addition has been the presentation at each meeting on a recent scientific paper on Bee pests or diseases. One of those was on *Tropilaelaps* which seems to be spreading slowly across northern Europe but is not yet considered to be an imminent risk. Research is ongoing in the UK on this.

Another function of the Forum is the development and monitoring of progress against the Healthy Bees Plan 2030 which applies to both England and Wales. We are now close to 5 years into the current plan and we will be carrying out a ‘light review’ of progress against the plan in Wales. A report will be made to Council on this issue in the New Year.

The last review noted that the WBKA had carried forward the objectives under the plan through:

- *The provision of new educational booklets as well as the reprovision of existing booklets

- *The webinar series

*Encouragement of beekeepers to take the Basic Certificate including the recruitment of two new Assessors

*Increasing the numbers holding the Bee Health Certificate

*Evaluating the NDB Teaching Beekeeping Course from those who have undertaken it.

The last meeting of 2024 was a hybrid meeting with some representatives meeting in-person in London and others joining virtually.

The review of the Healthy Bee Plan reported with no significant changes. Many projects were reviewed but briefly and considered to be everyday business. Only new or significant projects will be routinely reported at meetings.

An update on the 24 YHL nests found in 2024 and their destruction was given. Of particular note, genetic analysis had shown two of the nests contained over-wintered YHL. So although the poor weather reduced the number of nests found; two had successfully survived from 2023.

The disparity between regulated use of oxalic acid in bees and no regulation in some livestock was discussed.

Work has started to look at honeybee density in the UK. This should serve to update older, often non-UK data cited in studies.

Wales Pollinators' Taskforce

Bee related issues discussed in 2024 were: -

1. Road verge and meadow management to increase floristic diversity – one cut (yearly) in August and what to do with arisings (cuttings).
2. The importance of corridors to enhance pollinators etc. eg linking of butterfly reserves (Marsh Fritillary) in Pembrokeshire and South Wales and a Welsh Government funded scheme to create wildlife habitat links to the Pembrokeshire Coast.
3. The collection of wildflower and tree seeds to sell and distribute – National Botanic Garden of Wales, Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) and Denbighshire.
4. Conservation grazing schemes to benefit pollinators and wildlife.
5. The Sustainable Farming Scheme payments for farmers.

CONBA (Council of National Beekeeping Associations)

CONBA met 4 times in 2024 and the WBKA were represented at all those meetings. The CONBA Constitution was reviewed and changed to limit voting at meetings to one vote per member association. The annual levy to each member association was set at 5p per association beekeeping member. Any accruing funds to be used to benefit beekeeping within the UK. In October the chair of CONBA changed from the BBKA to Ulster Beekeeping Association (UBKA). Links were created from the CONBA website to the websites of all the members associations.

Membership of the newly founded European Beekeeping Association was discussed, and it was agreed that CONBA would not become a member at this time. Topics discussed during the year have included

Yellow legged Asian hornets; counterfeit honey; 2024 ruling on the term 'raw honey'; imports of cheap honey; the increasing number of queen bees being imported into Southern Ireland using EU rules to avoid the checks at UK borders.

A UK based event for young beekeepers in 2025 was discussed but to date no progress has been reported.

CONBA are next scheduled to meet in April 2025.

NDB (National Diploma in Beekeeping)

A report on examination results was presented. The Committee noted the following for attention:

The last syllabus update was in 2009.

Examiners are aging and there are fewer new examiners qualifying than expected which is leading to a shortage.

The next NDB Advanced course is planned for the 4th to 9th of July.

Royal Welsh Agricultural Show (RWAS)

The Honey Show Committee met on 8.10.24 when The following were discussed :-

- BBKA accredited judges
- RWAS requested comments at last year's meeting as below;
 - Spiced honey
 - There was also a discussion about compound foods not being products of the hive in relation to registration for FSA regulations. This does not directly affect RWAS as they are not food producers.
- RWAS requested last year that WBKA help advertise the Honey Show
- The schedule will be sent to AB who will forward it for action.
- Next year's location, a honey marquee in the new horticultural area would be ideal. A decision is yet to be made on the location.

Archive.

The WBKA Archives continue to be held at the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth and on computer. Both are updated regularly.

APPENDED REPORTS

Appendix 1: Membership 2024

Appendix 2: Accounts Financial Year 2024

Appendix 3: 2024 Year End and 2025 Budget

Declaration: The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature:

Full name: Caroline Mullinex

Position: Chairperson

Date:

Welsh Beekeepers' Association

Accounts for the Year ended

31st December 2024

Registered Charity No 509929

Prepared by Graham Wheeler, Honorary Treasurer

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 2024

			2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>						
Capitation	1		18,927.00		18,180.00	
Individual Members - Fees	2		1,137.15		1,185.30	
Welsh Beekeepers Advertising	3		4,269.10		4,844.36	
Donations and Sundry Income	3a		344.64		2,172.34	
<u>Convention</u>						
Income	4		6,855.62		6,556.10	
<u>Other Income</u>						
Bank Interest			165.97		91.68	
Exams Income	5		505.00		600.00	
Training	6		1,363.94		2,255.48	
Miscellaneous			-		-	
				33,568.42		35,885.26
<u>Expenditure</u>						
Administration	7		108.63		72.30	
Special Project	8		887.00		3,332.47	
Donations and Subscriptions	9		570.00		791.88	
Translation Costs	10		407.19		601.00	
Sundry expenses			8.00		123.03	
Bee Disease Insurance			213.15		201.50	
Software	13		3,295.61		3,287.01	
Insurance	11		2,662.55		2,699.49	
Exams Expenses	5		1,038.15		714.52	
Training costs	6		3,159.53		5,702.71	
Webinar Speaker Costs			150.00		290.00	
Meetings Internal			-		-	
Meetings Education			8.10		34.20	
Meetings External			40.50		83.40	
Meetings Editorial			-		-	
Meetings Council			157.80		37.80	
Meetings Trustees			-		-	
Welsh Beekeepers Magazine			15,323.40		14,995.92	
RWAS Spring Fair			245.03		356.54	
RWAS Summer			267.05		286.93	
WBKA Spring Convention	4		6,775.56		6,388.00	
Depreciation	12		876.92		927.74	
				36,194.17		40,926.44
Surplus/Deficit for the Year			- 2,625.75		- 5,041.18	

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	Notes	Opening value	Depreciation	Closing book value	Net. Book Value			Original cost
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2022	
<u>Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Location</u>	£	£	£				
Banner	Events Sec.	137.57	27.51	110.06	110.06	137.57	171.97	1,026.00
Banner	Events Sec.	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	186.00
Editors Laptop HP250 G8	Editor	460.29	92.06	368.23	368.23	460.29	575.36	899.00
Treasurer's Laptop	Treasurer	75.82	15.16	60.65	60.65	75.82	94.77	451.90
Display Hive	Events sec.	57.36	7.36	50.00	50.00	57.36	71.70	273.50
6 Microscopes	Lynfa Davies	2,589.38	517.88	2,071.51	2,071.51	2,589.38	3,236.73	4,045.91
Epson Projector	Lynfa Davies	390.54	78.11	312.44	312.44	390.54	-	488.18
Observation Hive	Alan Burford	694.20	138.84	555.36	555.36			694.20
Total Depreciation	12		876.92					
Total Fixed Assets value		4,455.16		3,578.24	3,578.24	3,760.96	4,200.52	8,064.69
<u>Current Assets</u>			2024			2023		
HSBC Bank Account			13,651.09			10,166.11		
Scottish Widows 90 Day Account			10,510.35			10,344.38		
				24,161.44			20,510.49	
Total Assets :				27,739.68			24,271.45	
<u>Debtors</u>			2,415.10			4,804.36		
				2,415.10		4,804.36		
				30,154.78		29,075.81		
<u>Creditors</u>								
Creditors			3,818.37			- 0.45		
Prepayments			472.40			586.50		
				4,290.77		586.05		
Total Assets				25,864.01		28,489.76		
Opening Accumulated Funds				28,489.76		33,530.94		
Surplus				-2,625.75		-5,041.18		
Closing Accumulated Funds				25,864.01		28,489.76		

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

1 Capitalisation

Represents 2103 Members in 2023 an increase of 83 members on the previous year

This constitutes the major income of the Association at £9 per member. Out of this is paid the publishing costs of the Welsh Beekeeper Magazine, Members Public Liability insurance and the Officers Insurance.

The balance is used to fund the running costs of the Association and initiatives for the benefit of members such as booklets and training.

2 Individual Membership

This is made up of £30 capitation per member plus their BDI premium, there were 35 direct members in 2024.

3 Welsh Beekeeper Magazine Advertising Revenue

3a Donations & Sundry Income

Donations

BDI sponsorship for convention

£	£
94.64	
250.00	
	<u>344.64</u>

4 Convention Accounts

Income	£	£
Entrance Money	1465.22	
Early Bird Ticket sales	1559.40	
Trade Stands	3831.00	
BDI Donation	250.00	
		<u>7105.62</u>
Expenses		
Venue Hire	2967.60	
Equipment Hire	1227.06	
Accommodation	662.00	
Advertising	0.00	
Speakers	594.75	
St Johns Ambulance	249.60	
Sound System	546.00	
Programme	293.51	
Sundry expenses	235.04	
		<u>6775.56</u>
Surplus		<u>330.06</u>

5 Examinations

Income		
Basic Assessment fees	505.00	
		<u>505.00</u>
Expenses		
Basic Assessment sundry expenses	70.5	
Basic Assessors' expenses	515.9	
Basic Assessment expenses (postage certificates)	38.75	
Basic Assessment total expenses		<u>625.15</u>
Basic Assessment Deficit		<u>-120.15</u>
Exams venue	136.00	
Exams past papers	16.00	
BBKA Exam Membership sponsorship	261.00	
Exams Expenditure		<u>413.00</u>

6 Training Income & Expenditure

In 2022 the WBKA was awarded a grant of £6000; the award for use over 3 years in supporting the delivery of a programme of courses and workshops, on microscopy and other topics, which will contribute to increasing the knowledge and skill levels of WBKA members.

Income	£
Workshop receipts	1363.94
Expenditure	
Training Venues	936.90
Sponsorship of members on teaching beekeeping course	0.00
Courses and Workshop provision	<u>2222.63</u>
	<u>3159.53</u>
Net. Expenditure:	<u>1795.59</u>

7 Administration

Bank charges	71.63
Flowers for Membership Secretary	37.00

		<u>108.63</u>
8	Special Projects	
	Reprint of Queen Cells In My Hive	887.00
		<u>887.00</u>
9	Subscriptions and donations	
	RWAS Membership	220.00
	CONBA Membership	-
	Apimondia Membership	-
	UK National Honey Show Membership	100.00
	RWAS Honey Show	250.00
		<u>570.00</u>
10	Translation Costs	
	Annual report, booklets and policies	407.19
		<u>407.19</u>
11	Insurance	
	Members Combined Liability & Trustee & Officers Insurance	2662.55
		<u>2,662.55</u>
12	Depreciation	
	Items over the value of £100 are depreciated at a rate of 20% until there is a residual balance of £50. They are kept at this value until such time as it is decided to dispose of the asset.	
13	Software	
	Webinar and Meetings Software	1,942.41
	Web Page & Domain	160.49
	Adobe InDesign and photo manipulation software subs.	381.72
	MS Office 365 subscription	79.99
	eR2 subscription	731.00
		<u>3,295.61</u>

Schedule of Income for the year ended 31st December 2024

	£
Capitation - Income from member Associations	18,927.00
Individual Membership	1,137.15
Advertising Income	4,269.10
Sundry Income & Donations	94.64
Income from the Convention	7,105.62
Bank Interest	165.97
Examinations	505.00
Workshop fees	1,363.94
Misc.	0.00

	33,568.42
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Welsh Beekeepers' Association

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

509929

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

14th September
2025

Name:

Stephanie Craney (MAAT)

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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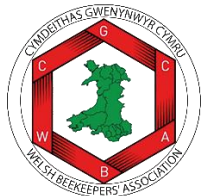
Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Accounts



THE WELSH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

CYMDEITHAS GWENYNWYR CYMRU

Established/Sefydlwyd 1943 Registered Charity – No 509929

Annual Report

1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Trustees:

Chair

Vice Chair

Treasurer

General Secretary

Caroline Mullinex (elected AGM 2022)

Karen Pratt (elected AGM 2022)

Graham Wheeler (re-elected AGM 2021) – Trustee since AGM March 2014

Jenny Shaw (re-elected AGM 2023)

Christopher Clarke (re-elected AGM 2021)

David John Bowles (re-elected Trustee AGM 2023)

Keith Davies (re-elected AGM 2023)

David Grace (elected AGM 2022)

Jill Wheeler (retired AGM 2023)

Paul Pearce (co-opted 17th May 2023)

Alan Burford (co-opted 21st June 2023)

Officers:

President

Vice-presidents

Membership Secretary

Minutes Secretary

Events Secretary

Exam Secretary

Website Manager

Editor

Subeditor

Proofreader

Technical Officer

Insurance Officer

Health & Safety Officer

WBKA Archive

WBKA COLOSS officer

IMYB Officer

Schools Officer

David John Bowles (elected AGM 2021)

Fred Eckton

Trish Calderbank

Jill Hill (resigned AGM 2023) post vacant

Jill Wheeler

Liz Childerley

Alison Mason

Basil Wolf

Elin Meek

Chris Clarke

Wally Shaw

John Bowles

John Pilgrim

Karen Pratt

Karen Pratt (post discontinued November 2023)

Richard Pett

Emma Davies (resigned October 2023) post vacant

Specialist Members:

National Botanic Gardens of Wales

BIBBA (Bee Improvement & Bee Breeders' Association)

Patrons:

Professor Robert Pickard

All trustees and WBKA officers give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits. The WBKA is indebted to these volunteers for their continued goodwill and efforts on behalf of the Association.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our Aims & Objectives:

The encouragement, improvement and advancement of beekeeping throughout Wales by:

- developing co-operation amongst all beekeepers throughout Wales and interchanging ideas and experiences,
- improving the standard of beekeeping by:
 - i. publication of literature,
 - ii. providing and supporting the provision of apicultural educational aids and materials,
 - iii. encouraging the training and qualification of beekeepers,
- arranging for national examinations at various levels,
- encouraging community participation in observing and learning about bees in safety and developing an appreciation of the value of bees in the environment.

Administration

The Trustees listed above meet as the WBKA Management Team. A list of meetings during the year can be found at the end of this section of the report.

The Trustees met with the WBKA Council three times (March, June, and November) to report on the actions of the Management Team and to seek guidance from the membership. All but the March meeting were held virtually. At each of these meetings a minimum of 63% (12) of the WBKA Member Associations were represented and overall, 90% (17) Associations attended at least one meeting. Minutes of all Council meetings have been circulated via Association Secretaries. Council meetings are scheduled for March 2nd, June 29th and November 2nd in 2024. To reduce the length of Council meetings going forward, Officers reports will be written and circulated before the meeting. These will be referenced as required by sub-committee leads during their summary reports. Council Representatives will still have the opportunity to question and comment on the reports.

The Management Team met ten times in 2023 and to reduce travelling all the meetings were virtual. The Management Team will meet at least four times in 2024 and the first meeting is scheduled for January 10th. The method and date for Management Team meetings reflects the availability and home addresses of the Trustees to ensure that there is maximum attendance and that minimum travelling expenses are incurred. Between scheduled meetings of the Management Team procedures have been agreed to obtain agreement from trustees for any urgent matters. A standard agenda format has been agreed and adopted. Full minutes of all Management Team meetings have been circulated via the Member Association secretaries. Both the webinar and virtual meeting licences were renewed in October 2023 and most Management Team meetings will continue to be held virtually to reduce the requirement to travel. The virtual meeting licences are available for Member Associations of the WBKA to use for their meetings.

Where appropriate to their roles non-Trustee officers of the WBKA have been invited to attend Management Team meetings during 2023 to assist the work of the trustees.

The policies of the WBKA have been updated and amended where necessary. New WBKA Safeguarding and Sponsorship policies have been written and these can be found on the WBKA website www.wbka.com. An additional Safeguarding and DBS guidance document has been produced to guide member associations and this links to the current legislation and guidance applicable in Wales. This is to help associations to ensure that they are compliant, particularly around activities which require DBS certification. Guidance for WBKA Officers giving presentations or reports about the WBKA to external bodies has also been agreed.

The WBKA have worked with Anaphylaxis UK to help raise awareness of severe allergic reactions to

bee stings. The Management Team have also considered how landowners can be encouraged to inform beekeepers about any planned use of pesticides on their land. Poisoning of honey bees by pesticides does not appear to be a significant problem in Wales. A guidance document will be put on the WBKA website in 2024.

A working group was set up to support a selected team of five (three young beekeepers and two accompanying adults) to represent Wales at the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers (IMYB) in Slovenia in July. The Welsh Government very kindly sponsored the team by paying the entry fees, which covered meals, accommodation and transport whilst they were in Slovenia. See separate report for more details. To date there has been no notification of a meeting of the IMYB in 2024.

In 2023 the review of the structure of the WBKA was completed and implemented. The terms of reference for all WBKA sub-committees have been reviewed as part of this undertaking. Much of the day-to-day business of the WBKA is now undertaken by four sub-committees each chaired by a WBKA Trustee and reporting to the Management Team. These sub-committees and their members are listed below: -

Administration and Support: Chair - John Bowles (Trustee and Insurance Officer), Graham Wheeler (Trustee and Treasurer), Jenny Shaw (Trustee and General Secretary), David Grace (Trustee & Safeguarding Officer), Paul Pearce (Trustee), Trish Calderbank (Membership Secretary and minute taker for sub-committee), John Pilgrim (H&S Officer)

Learning & Development: Chair – Caroline Mullinex (Trustee), Karen Pratt (Trustee and Sub-Committee Secretary), Jenny Shaw (Trustee), Liz Childerley (Exams Secretary), Emma Davies (Schools' Officer – resigned October 2023 - position currently vacant), Wally Shaw (Technical Officer), Alison Mason (Webmaster), Richard Pett (until October 2023 when IMYB Officer position was assigned to a specific working group to manage the WBKA attendance at IMYB), Lynfa Davies, Trisha Marlow.

Events: Chair – Karen Pratt until September 2023 (Trustee) currently Alan Burford (Trustee), Graham Wheeler (Trustee and Treasurer), Keith Davies (Trustee), Jill Wheeler (Events Secretary), Vicky Davies, Martin Anderson, Steve Bromwich

Editorial: Chair – Jenny Shaw (Trustee), Caroline Mullinex (Trustee and Learning and Development lead), Chris Clarke (Trustee and proof-reader), Basil Wolf (Editor), Emma Davies (School' Officer resigned October 2023), Elin Meek (Welsh editor), Wally Shaw (Technical Officer), Jill Hill (secretary to sub-committee), Jill Wheeler

More information about the work of each sub-committee can be found later in this report and their terms of reference are on the WBKA website.

Insurance: The WBKA Insurance cover is based on several conditions including the need for capitation to be paid on time and for those covered by the policy to be individually entered on the eR2 membership system. Payment of capitation is due from Associations on the 1st of January each year, but an allowance is made providing that all monies due are received by the 31st of March in that year. Member Associations are reminded of the need to make payment punctually. More details can be found in the combined Insurance and Health & Safety Report later in this document.

Following a request from the WBKA Council the membership categories of the WBKA were reviewed and revised in 2022 to ensure that all Indirect Members of the WBKA are covered by our insurance policy. We are pleased to report that our insurance now covers beekeepers under the age of 18 years.

Finance Reserves: The Reserve policy states that the Charity (WBKA) shall maintain a reserve of £10,000-£13,000. This reserve is required by Charity Law to cover operational and contractual expenses should the need arise. This policy is monitored and updated annually.

Monies held on the HSBC current account are used to not only cover the running costs of the Association but to fund various projects such as the running of courses and the dissemination of information by various means such as the website, booklets and other publications. A detailed financial report accompanies this document.

Governance: The 2023 AGM saw the retirement of Jill Wheeler as a trustee. The Management Team co-opted two new trustees Paul Pearce (May 2023) and Alan Burford (June 2023). These appointments will be presented to the membership for ratification at the 2024 AGM on March 2nd. Currently there is the full complement of ten WBKA trustees.

In September 2023 Karen Pratt passed the chair of the Events sub-committee to Alan Burford.

At the AGM in March 2023 Jill Hill retired as the Council Minute secretary and in October Emma Davies resigned as WBKA Schools Officer. We thank all of them for their work on behalf of beekeeping in Wales. Currently the Schools Officer post remains vacant and has recently been advertised through publication of the job description. Work has begun to ensure that all WBKA Officers have clear and up to date job descriptions and the Management Team are also looking at contingency planning to cover key positions if an officer resigns or is incapacitated for a length of time. It is acknowledged that finding volunteers to take on voluntary roles is not an easy task.

Work has begun on defining the strategies that are needed to achieve the objectives of the WBKA so that performance can be measured.

The Constitution of the WBKA has been reviewed and several minor changes to aid clarification were accepted by the membership at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the WBKA.

Membership: The WBKA has nineteen Member Associations who represent 2103 Registered, 520 Partner and 14 Country Members and two Specialist Member groups. As part of the annual capitation fee levied on each Member Association the Indirect members benefit by receiving four editions of the 'Welsh Beekeeper' and third-party Public and Product Liability Insurance. There are currently thirty-five Individual and seven Honorary Members of the Welsh Beekeepers' Association. Very sadly we lost one of our Honorary Life Members, C. Wynne Jones, who will be greatly missed. A detailed breakdown of membership accompanies this report.

We continue to work with the Welsh Government. Both Kathleen Carroll (Welsh Government) and Maggie Gill (Wales Bee Inspection Service) have attended WBKA Council Meetings in 2023 in advisory roles.

Following queries from Member Associations, the WBKA Council reviewed the membership categories of the WBKA to ensure that they met their requirements. It is now a requirement that only one name is used for each entry in eR2 and only that named person will be eligible for appropriate WBKA insurance cover. Partners residing at the same address as a registered member and managing the same bees are insured if they are entered individually in the eR2 system. Junior members under the age of 18 should also be listed separately in eR2. Only named juniors will be considered to represent the WBKA at the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers. From January 2024 partner members of the WBKA will be required to pay an annual capitation of £6 and the fee for registered members will rise to £12 per year. This increase is the first in over 10 years and reflects the current economic situation.

Country membership is used for people without bees who wish to be Indirect Members of the WBKA and again they should appear as individual entries in eR2. The final membership category is for Local members who should again appear in eR2 as individual entries. Local members have no bees and are members of the Member Association who are not Indirect members of the WBKA and are not entitled to any of the benefits that accrue from WBKA membership. The majority of WBKA Member Association are now using the eR2 membership service and training for users has continued to be made available by Trish Calderbank, WBKA Membership Secretary. We would like to thank Trish for her continued hard work in assisting Associations. At the end of 2023 Kerry Cox was recruited to support Trish Calderbank in her role of assisting WBKA associations to use eR2. The WBKA continues to work with BDI to ensure that the eR2 system accommodates the requirement of Associations in Wales.

Website: The website, launched in 2022 is being regularly updated and recent analytics show an increase in the number of visitors to the site. The website reflects the language policy of the WBKA. We thank Alison Mason for her work in developing and maintaining our website.

Welsh Beekeeper Magazine: All four quarterly editions have been completed during the year. We would like to thank our Editor, Basil Wolf for his dedication to producing the magazine. We are also thankful to the many members of the WBKA who have provided articles and photographs for the magazine. The last four copies of the magazine can be downloaded from the WBKA website and previous electronic editions are available from the archivist, Karen Pratt as electronic files karen.pratt@wbka.com.

Publications: Printed copies of all the booklets and disease cards, published by the WBKA, can be collected by Association Representatives at the March Council Meeting or can be pre-ordered for collection at the annual WBKA Convention in late March. Supplies will be sent to associations as long as they agree to pay the costs incurred.

The Trustees have worked with several external agencies during 2023 to ensure that Welsh beekeepers are kept fully informed and supported at a Wales, UK and European level. A list of the external meeting attended by the WBKA is given below.

Bee Health Advisory Forum (UK): The Bee Health Advisory Forum (BHAf) is a UK Government arranged meeting where all National Beekeeping Associations in Wales and England are represented as well as the NBU, APHA, Welsh Government, the Veterinary Medicines Directorate, etc. It offers an opportunity to discuss and influence current and forthcoming issues which may threaten the welfare of our bees. The items covered in the last year are included in more detail in a separate report.

Wales Pollinators Taskforce: This is a Welsh Government sponsored forum which brings together a variety of groups who represent organizations that have an interest in protecting the wild environment and improving land management for the benefit of pollinators of all types varying from butterflies, hoverflies to bumble bees and honeybees. We believe that whatever can influence and improve the physical landscape and the management of land for any pollinator will also benefit honeybees.

CONBA (Council of National Beekeeping Associations): The Beekeeping Associations of Wales, England, Scotland, and Ulster as well as the Bee Farmers Association jointly form CONBA (Council of National Beekeeping Associations) which supports the interests of all beekeepers and beekeeping in the UK. The Federation of Irish Beekeepers, who represent beekeepers in Eire also attend CONBA

meetings. It gives the opportunity to develop joint strategies to deal with a variety of issues including government plans.

RWAS (Royal Welsh Agricultural Show): First established in 1904 and established as the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show at Llanellwedd in 1963 including the Honey Show to which WBKA makes available assistance and support.

National (UK) Honey Show: In 2022 the WBKA became a member of the National Honey Show being the body that organizes and runs an annual Honey Show that is open to all beekeepers to enter. The NHS holds an Annual General Meeting of members in conjunction with the Honey Show.

NDB (National Diploma in Beekeeping): The WBKA was represented at the Annual General Meeting of the organization that controls and awards the 'degree level' qualification in beekeeping as well as running several short courses to educate beekeepers.

Meetings Attended in 2023

Internal WBKA Meetings 2023:

10 th January	Editorial Team: virtual
18 th January	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
24 th January	Learning & Development Committee: virtual
31 st January	Editorial Team: virtual
15 th February	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
21 st February	Editorial Team: virtual
4 th March	AGM and Council Meeting, Plas Dolerw: joint face to face and virtual
14 th March	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
16 th March	IMYB Working group: virtual
24 th March	Events Committee: face to face
25 th March	IMYB Team: face to face
19 th April	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
25 th April	Learning & Development Committee: virtual
10 th May	IMYB Working group
17 th May	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
22 nd May	IMYB Working group: virtual
13 th June	IMYB Working group: virtual
19 th June	IMYB Working group: virtual
21 st June	Management Team (Trustees): virtual

24 th June	Council meeting: virtual
28 th June	IMYB Working group: virtual
8 th July	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
14 th July	Editorial Team: virtual
18 th July	Learning & Development Committee: virtual
19 th July	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
22 nd July	Events Committee: face to face
5 th September	Editorial Team: virtual
12 th September	Administration & Support Committee: virtual
20 th September	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
11 th October	Learning & Development Committee: virtual
4 th November	Council meetings: virtual
15 th November	Management Team (Trustees): virtual
12 th December	Editorial Team: virtual

WBKA representation at External Meetings 2023:

Caroline Mullinex (C.M.), Jenny Shaw (J.S.), John Bowles (J.B.), Wally Shaw (W.S.), Keith Davies (K.D.), Alan Burford (A.B.)

16 th March	Bee Health Advisory Forum: virtual (W.S. and J.B.)
17 th March	Regional Bee Inspector and Welsh Government: virtual (W.S., J.B. and J.S.)
21 st April	CONBA: face to face (J.S.)
27 th April	Wales Pollinator Task Force: face to face (K.D.)
20 th May	Bees Abroad World Bee Day lunch (J.B.)
22 nd June	Bee Health Advisory Forum: virtual (W.S. and J.B.)
10 th October	RWAS Honey Show Committee: face to face (A.B.)
25 th October	Bee Health Advisory Forum: Virtual (W.S.)
27 th October	CONBA: face to face (C.M. and J.S.)
26 th October	NHS AGM: face to face (J.S.)
27 th October	NDB AGM: face to face (C.M.)
3 rd November	Wales Pollinator Task Force: Virtual (K.D.)
7 th December	Bee Health Advisory Forum: Virtual (W.S. & J.B.)

REPORTS

WBKA Treasurer's Report Financial Year 2023

Year End vs Budget 2023

The final year end position was a loss of £5k against an originally budgeted loss of £9k, this being down to slightly higher income from individual members and the convention from improved attendance. We have also had sponsorship for the IMYB (International Meeting of Young Beekeepers) from the Welsh Government and from the Local Associations who had members taking part in the IMYB; this has allowed us to stay on budget overall for the IMYB event at £1700.

On the expenditure front:

- We have not spent the budgeted £1500 on booklets this year.
- We changed to a new broker Howden. This represents a £1200 saving against staying with Jensten.
- Overall software costs are in line with budget including the ongoing GoTo licences.
- Training and examination costs were well within overall budget.
- Convention costs came in a little over budget, but this was offset by the higher income from entry sales.

Budget 2024

Income:

- Indirect capitation remains at £9 (2023 rate) based on a membership for 2023 of 2103 members.
- Individual member fees are proposed to remain unchanged.
- Advertising income has been increased by 10% in line with the proposals from the Editorial Team.
- Convention income has been increased by 10% in line with the proposal from the Events Team
- Workshop income assumes a programme including a course plus 3 workshops based on 2023.

Expenditure:

- Special Projects:
 - Currently it is unclear whether the IMYB will progress this year, a possible venue in the United Arab Emirates being the only venue mooted so far. Examination of the cost to fully support attendance at this venue has led to an estimate of £5500, the forecast deficit for the year this would have caused has led the Trustees to the conclusion that only a partial funding would be possible if the event progressed this year even if sponsorship could be found again.
 - A budget for a booklet reprint has been included.

Projected Outcome

The draft budget as set out projects a loss of circa £5,000 against a forecast £9k loss made at the beginning of 2023 as part of the Capitation analyses at that time.

Budget Projection 2025 & Capitation Proposal

To inform the discussion on Capitation for 2025, I have prepared a projection for 2025. Capitation income is based on the new 2024 rates and 2023 membership. Advertising prices are assumed to increase by 10% all other income streams unchanged. Expenditure on all main items is increased by 5%. The resulting outcome is a projected deficit of circa £1k.

Based on this projection and the improved forecast losses for 2023 it was recommended to the Nov Council that indirect member capitation levels be maintained for 2025 at the 2024 level. The November Council approved the recommendation for approval at the AGM.

Learning & Development (L&D) - incorporating Exam Secretary Report

Meetings

The L&D sub-committee continued to hold regular quarterly virtual meetings throughout 2023.

Emma Davies tendered her resignation in October so the Schools Officer post became vacant. The IMYB Officer now reports directly to a small working group set up specifically to manage the WBKA's involvement in IMYB going forward.

L&D have continued to work with both Editorial and Events to provide magazine content and input to the Spring Convention Programme.

Exams & Assessments

30 members passed the WBKA Basic Assessment in 2023, many with credit and a few with distinction.

Two new Basic Assessors were recruited and we hope to be able to recruit more going forward to support succession planning in this area.

12 WBKA members were successful in achieving the BBKA Bee Health Certificate (BHC) in 2023 and the significantly increased uptake is due, in part at least, to encouragement provided at the BHC preparation workshop which we ran in late 2022.

On the module side, WBKA members again achieved some fantastic results in 2023. There were 18 module successes, including 3 with Distinction and 10 with Credit. 2 candidates were awarded the Intermediate Theory certificate both with credit. One of these candidates also gained the Qualified Beekeeper certificate (awarded on gaining the Intermediate Theory certificate having previously passed the General Husbandry assessment).

We provided 2 exam venues in both March and November for candidates not wishing to take the module exams online and have continued to support WBKA members taking BBKA exams and assessments by paying the exam membership fees on their behalf.

We offer congratulations all the successful candidates and thank everyone who has helped to facilitate these exams and assessments for our members.

Webinars

9 more live webinars went ahead in 2023 on a range of topics bringing the total number of WBKA webinars now delivered to 43. Since we began the webinar series in 2020, almost 10,000 have registered for them. We are usually able to provide anyone who has registered with a link enabling

them to watch on “catch up” for a limited period so that no-one has to miss out due to a diary clash or because of poor connectivity.

We continue to be immensely grateful to everyone who has presented at our webinars, and to all who have supported them, from within the WBKA and beyond.

Schools

During 2023, a suggestion was made for the WBKA to consider providing a Schools Membership. Scoping this, and work on developing WBKA resources for use by schools in Wales, will be taken forward when the Schools Officer position is filled.

Wax Chandler Grant Funding

2023 was year 2 of the grant funding period and, with the direct support of this funding, we were able to deliver/support the following events for WBKA members: -

A Convention workshop on Varroa Control

2 x Pollen Microscopy Workshops - held in locations in Mid & West Wales

1 x Anatomy & Dissection Workshop – held in North Wales

A 3-day General Husbandry Preparation course – held in Mid Wales

A 2-day Teaching Beekeeping workshop – held just over the border in Shropshire (in which 10 WBKA members participated).

The second annual feedback report is being sent to the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers and this will be published in the Spring 2024 edition of The Welsh Beekeeper.

Again, we thank everyone who has helped deliver and facilitate these events and reiterate our thanks to the Wax Chandlers whose generous funding has made this programme possible.

Booklet

We began to scope publication of a new WBKA booklet during 2023 and a decision on whether or not to proceed with this, and if so in what format, is expected to be made in 2024.

Events Committee

This year saw the Spring Convention on March 25th. The number of attendees were up, 449. There were 11 Trade stands and 7 general interest stands. There were also 2 workshops that were planned to run during the day, one run by Lynfa Davies on ‘Varroa control’, the second ‘BBKA Module Exams’ was cancelled due to illness. An informal workshop aimed at young beekeepers also took place. 28 stewards supported the running of the show on the day as well as the members who helped with the set up on the Friday. This year Sum Up was again used for both pre-payments and on the door, this allowed members to use a credit or debit card for payments. Due to unforeseen circumstances two of the speakers had to drop out at the last minute however Lynfa Davies and Wally Shaw took over their lecture slots and we thank them both for stepping in at such short notice.

The Spring Festival, May 19th/21st, was supported by 12 members stewarding the stand. The events team, Martin Anderson, Vicky Davies, Jill and Graham Wheeler, helped set up and strike the stand. The stand proved to be popular to both members of the public and beekeepers, and £70 was raised for Bees Abroad with candle rolling. Unfortunately, we were unable to source an observation hive from local beekeeper members.

The RWAS 24th to 27th July saw us back in the South Glamorgan Hall. 23 members helped to steward the stand over the four days, the stand was positioned so that it would remain accessible throughout the Honey Show judging. Thanks must go to the events team who helped with the successful setting up and running of the stand, we even had David Grace interviewed for S4C. Martin Anderson, Vicky Davies and Graham Wheeler helped to set up and strike the stand.

We provided an information stand for the BIBBA Conference- 2nd/3rd September, at the University of Wales, Carmarthen. This was set up and struck by Vicky Davies with Alison Fraser keeping her eye on the stand during the event.

Planning of the 2024 Spring Convention is underway with traders and four speakers booked: Jo Widdicombe- BIBBA, opening address, Pam Hunter – ‘Pheromones – or Bees do it by smell!’, Kirsty Stainton– ‘Varroa’, Andy Pedley – ‘Food Safety for the Beekeeper, Clare Densley & Martin Hann - ‘What the books don’t tell you and why bees change their minds’.

During the year two new members joined the events committee. Steve Bromwich who has supported the convention for many years with his IT skills, and who now also supports the AGM with his IT kit and Alan Burford as the new Events Lead Trustee.

IMYB (International Meeting of Young Beekeepers)

The WBKA selected three young beekeepers to represent Wales at the IMYB held in Slovenia in July. Those selected were Thomas Barclay (Conwy) 16 years old, Emanuel Coles (Cardiff) 14 years old and Rhodri Terrell (Cardiff) 14 years old. To accompany the young beekeepers Richard Pett (IMYB Officer) and Emma Davies (Schools Officer) were selected. We are grateful to Welsh Government for providing sponsorship that covered all the teams’ expenses whilst they were in Slovenia. The event brings young beekeepers aged 12 to 17 from all over the world together to compare their knowledge and skills, establish new friendships and discover other countries and cultures during a 4-day event.

The Wales team travelled with the teams from Scotland and England and took a full part in the event. This was the first time that the WBKA had selected a full team to represent Wales at the event and the team came a credible 22nd out of the 32 teams that attended. The team members were a credit to Wales, and we hope to build on the experience gained for attendance at the meeting in future years. We thank all those involved in making the arrangements for and accompanying the young beekeepers attending the IMYB.

The WBKA feels that this event gives young beekeepers a valuable experience and hope that we will be in a position to send a team in future years. Details of IMYB 2024 have not yet been announced. If there is an IMYB meeting in 2024 we hope to be able to select a team from the junior members of the WBKA. As travel and other costs increase, we will need to seek sponsorship to assist funding of a Wales team attending the event.

Webmaster

Google Analytics in its present form has only been available on this site since September 2023. So the results outlined below are for the last quarter only.

In that period, we have had 876 new users with the majority coming from within the UK. We do also have a following in the USA, China, Australia, Ireland, Canada and Germany, (listed most to least in order of user numbers).

Once on the site, our most popular pages are WBKA publications, Member Associations, WBKA webinars, WBKA magazine, Swarms, Beginner Training Courses, Association and Individual Membership and Who We Are, again listed in terms of most used, to least used.

Average engagement time for each page is fairly uniform per user save for 'Association and Individual membership' where users are spending 60% longer than on any of the other listed pages.

Engagement time on the site as a whole shows that users from Austria, Ireland, UK and Canada spend the longest using the site.

Site audience statistics show a rise around webinar dates and are climbing again in the first week in December at the time of writing.

Finally, 52% of our users access our site using a desktop/laptop computer, 44% by using a mobile and just 3% use a tablet.

Editor

The Editorial Committee has overseen the publication of four print editions of the Welsh Beekeeper magazine, and these have been made available online on the WBKA website. The magazine has acted as a vehicle for WBKA and Association news and has provided a range of articles of technical and general interest to beekeepers, contributed by over forty different authors. The activities of L&D have been reported regularly and our association with the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers has been given prominence. The editor has also worked with Wally Shaw on a reprint of the booklet 'There are queen cells in my hive – what should I do?'

Technical Officer

Bee Inspection Service –The WBKA continues to work closely with both the Welsh Government and the Bee Inspection Service in Wales. The Regional Bee Inspector for Wales, Maggie Gill, took up a research position with FERA at the beginning of 2024. We look forward to working with Daniel Baxter who replaces her as RBI Wales for 2024. In past years the annual report from the Inspection Service in Wales has formed a significant part of the winter edition of our magazine. We understand that the increased workload that the reports of Asian Hornets created in the autumn could have delayed the publication of this report but hope that it will be available to be included in the spring 2024 edition.

Queen Rear-along - This was a booklet, produced by the National Bee Unit (NBU), which was presented to WBKA with a request to send it out with the Spring 2023 Edition of Welsh Beekeeper. The WBKA requested that any such booklet distributed by the WBKA should be bi-lingual. Due to changes in personnel at the NBU this project was shelved, and we have heard no more.

Developments During 2023 – I am not aware of any notable developments in Wales during the year but the incursions by the Asian Hornet has taken a quantum leap with 72 nests having been located and subsequently destroyed. Most of these have been in south-east England but there have been outliers as far up the east coast as Yorkshire. I am happy to report that so far there have been no hornet nests found in Wales, but it may only be a matter of time.

All this has created a great deal of work for APHA and there are concerns that this has been to the detriment of the routine inspection for AFB and EFB but there is no evidence that this is the case. All hornet nests are recovered and taken to NBU to undergo post-mortem examination. This includes their state of development, i.e. do they contain any sexually mature individuals (drones and queens). This is by no means as easy as it is with honey bees as queen hornets cannot be identified by external appearance. They are distinguished from workers largely by weight and this can only be confirmed by dissection. They also undergo DNA profiling to check if they are related to nests found in previous years which would imply an established population that had escaped detection. The sheer number of nests has created a huge backlog, and the results will not be available until sometime in February 2024. The present strategy with Asian Hornet is one of exclusion but if a population becomes established this will change to one of limitation. Since the invasive front is known to advance at about 60km per year this will be a fairly thankless task. At the present time it is not known if the Asian Hornet will have any climatic limitations in the UK.

Bee Health Advisory Forum (BHAF) Meetings - There have been four meetings of the forum (42nd- 46th - all virtual) during the current year. The last of these was scheduled to be face-to-face at the National Honey Show but pressure produced by the Asian Hornet put paid to that. Representing WBKA at these meetings were John Bowles and Wally Shaw. An ongoing item on the agenda at these meetings was the Implementation Plan for the second Healthy Bee Plan which extends up to 2030. Most of the initiative in this programme fall under the heading of beekeeper education (and the Learning and Development report documents the 2023 WBKA led events in this space). The 45th and 46th meetings have been dominated by the Asian Hornet and regular updates on the situation have been sent to the stakeholders throughout the late summer and autumn – the source of the above information. At the October meeting, Nigel Semmence (NBU Contingency Planning and Scientific Officer) gave a detailed account on the methodology used in the location and destruction of hornet nests. This presentation was repeated at the National Honey Show. Maggie Gill gave a presentation about Asian Hornets in the UK to the November WBKA Council meeting and this is available on the WBKA website.

Implementation of the Healthy Bee Plan 2030- One of the main subjects discussed during 2023 was progress made on the Implementation Plan for the Healthy Bees Plan 2030 which was mainly concerned with beekeeper education.

The WBKA has carried forward the objectives under the plan through:

- The provision of new educational booklets as well as the distribution of existing booklets to new members
- The webinar series
- Encouragement of beekeepers to take the Basic Certificate including the recruitment of two new Assessors
- Increasing the numbers holding the Bee Health Certificate
- Evaluating the NDB Teaching Beekeeping Course from those who have undertaken it.

The Science Forum has met once during the year and is due to meet again early in 2024. A list of current scientific projects that are underway in the UK, their progress to date and their source of

funding has been prepared and discussed. Further meetings will be held in 2024. An important development is that Kirsty Stainton has now re-joined the National Bee Unit as Technical Manager.

The Annual Hive Count - was repeated in 2023 but no results have become available at the time of writing.

Varroa Levels 2023 – No detailed information available. Maggie Gill reminded the WBKA BHAF representatives and WBKA Secretary that varroa is still a major cause of colony loss in Wales. Her advice is that beekeepers wishing to reduce varroa treatment should monitor the level of mites in their colonies. Integrated Pest Management techniques should be used when varroa levels become high enough to impact on the health of a colony. Maggie had intended to write an article about IPM for the summer edition of the Welsh Beekeeper. Unfortunately, this was not received but more information can be found on the BeeBase website.

WBKA Technical Publications – Stocks of the WBKA booklet '***There are queen cells in my, what should I do?***' have run out and it is currently being re-printed.

Insurance

The changes to definitions of what constituted membership made over the last two years has enabled us to have more confidence that the information we provided when we sought insurance quotes was accurate. It also enables us to concentrate on other issues such as insurance of young beekeepers (under 18) who kept bees independently.

This year we sought quotes from two brokers, Jensten, and Aston Lark (now changed to Howden), the company which is the broker for the BBKA. The process was successful in reducing the overall premium for the WBKA and its Associations by some £1200 for similar cover (see note 1 below) as well as providing cover for independent beekeepers under 18 years of age.

Note 1: The main difference between the two policies is in relation to definitions under Product Liability.

The Jensten policy wording uses the phrase "Sale of bee related products including honey, creams/balms and salves made from products of the hive".

Aston Lark (Howden) uses the description "Manufacture and supply of primary hive products" They have indicated that cover will not apply to the sale of products which contain non hive generated products. Anyone who manufactures such products for sale is advised to consider separate insurance.

Health & Safety

During the last year we have reviewed our Health and Safety Policy and recommended that our member Associations:

- a. Produce a similar document.

b. Nominate a committee member to be responsible for ensuring that appropriate risk assessments are undertaken and any necessary actions taken according to the suggestions made in “Risk Assessments – A simple guide” which is on our website.

To date not all Associations have produced evidence of compliance with this well intended guidance.

Associations are reminded that they need to take steps to identify risks and ensure that those who need to, know what is expected of them to evidence the required duty of care. If these steps, which need not be onerous, are not taken, the safety and health of the public and especially new members, who may not be aware of potential risks, could be compromised. This could lead to the association being found to be at fault in any investigation.

Safeguarding

As mentioned previously in this report, a new WBKA Safeguarding Policy has been published this year and this is supplemented by Safeguarding and DBS Guidance. This links to current legislation and guidance relevant in Wales. It is intended to support member associations to ensure they have appropriate policies and certification, relevant to their particular activities, in place.

Spray Liaison

A non-malicious and thankfully benign spraying event in the south of the Meirionnydd Region in June last year prompted a review of National spraying communications and advice. The review identified a well written UK HM Gov guidance document, the Code of Practice for Using Plant Protection Products, that was not easy to find and most worrying had out-of-date contact information for the WBKA.

All of the WBKA Associations were approached to see if they had spray management processes (to see if anyone had a really good system) and a volunteer with subject matter knowledge (SMK) was sought as the WBKA's representative. Communications with the NBU for the latest spray advice (and to perhaps help amend the Code of Practice for Using Plant Protection Products) was initiated and the much lauded Bee Connect team were approached for help/guidance.

At the time of reporting we are awaiting responses from both the NBU and Bee Connect. We have not found a SMK volunteer. We are keen not to reinvent the wheel although we have had offers to produce a spray map not unlike the current swarm collection map. Bee Connect appears to do all we would need as beekeepers provided all beekeepers and anyone spraying uses it. So the focus is currently on correcting the Code of Practice for Using Plant Protection Products to point at the WBKA website and/or Bee Connect; provided Bee Connect will permit this.

The project is a slow-burn project. And we can understand with all the Asian Hornet activity why the NBU in particular have not yet responded. Aviation based spraying seems to be well reported to Associations and whilst spraying is a significant threat to pollinators, we have not been made aware of any recent worrying events.

Communication is key to this problem. The Code of Practice for Using Plant Protection Products needs to be easier to find and it needs correcting. We need to help anyone spraying to find the Code of Practice and hopefully Bee Connect will be the conduit between sprayers and beekeepers.

If anyone reading this would like to help us please contact paul.pearce@wbka.com

Wales Pollinators' Taskforce

WBKA were represented at two meetings in 2023

Key themes discussed in 2023 were primarily associated with Asian hornets, grasslands, their diversity, connectivity and management:

- a) With relevance to Beekeepers, the Regional Bee Inspector for Wales, Maggie Gill, gave a short presentation on the Asian hornet *Vespa velutina*. This covered its introduction to GB in a clay pot and the latest distribution including a nest found as far as N.Yorkshire and one in Norfolk. The majority of nests, approx. 70, were found along the S coast in Kent. Not all nests were believed to have been found.
- b) The improvement of wildlife corridors in S Wales mainly for Marsh Fritillary butterflies by planting the plugs of the food plant, Devils bit Scabious, and rearing caterpillars at the Welsh National Botanic Garden to return to the wild.
- c) The value of a single cut and collect management for roadside verges to enhance floristic diversity presented by Gwent Green Grid and Denbighshire County Council. Most Councils in Wales now carry single cut with collection for specific verges and open space areas.
- d) The importance of wildflower meadows and how to create them using plug plants for small meadows and green hay for larger meadows, plus cut and collect management and scarification to allow bare ground for seeds to germinate. Related to this a Seed harvesting feasibility study was led by Brecon Beacons National Park and the National Botanic Garden Carmarthen with the aim to develop a network for the sharing of locally sourced, native wildflower seed which can be used to create, restore or enhance grassland habitats.
- e) The effects that overhanging trees and shrubs have on meadows from falling leaves causing enrichment of the sward to the detriment of wild flowers.
- f) There was also discussion on Green Infrastructure in urban areas e.g. green roofs for flat roofs and also bus shelters.

COLOSS

At the November Council Meeting, representatives from the WBKA Associations voted to discontinue the distribution and completion of the COLOSS surveys due to the very poor response from Associations to the 2023 Survey.

NDB (National Diploma in Beekeeping)

We attended the 2023 AGM held during the National Honey Show at Sandown Park.. Margaret Thomas stepped down as President and Clive De Bruyn is now acting President. The 2024 Advanced course will be 5-10 July at Pershore. There will be an NDB exam in 2024. The meeting discussed ways of raising the profile of NDB. Short courses delivered have been demand led.

CONBA (Council of National Beekeeping Associations)

WBKA were represented at both meetings in 2023. Under discussion has been the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers and the feasibility of holding a UK event to prepare junior beekeepers for the International one. The response to Asian Hornets and honey adulteration have also been discussed. Concern has been raised about the diminishing number of Honey Judges and the lengthy process to replace them. These topics are all ongoing. For 2023 the Federation of Irish Beekeepers (FIBKA) started attending meetings again. This was a welcome addition to the Council.

Archive.

The archives remain at the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth and are added to when required.

APPENDED REPORTS

Appendix 1: Membership 2023

Appendix 2: Accounts Financial Year 2023

Appendix 3: 2023 Year End and 2023 Budget

Declaration: The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

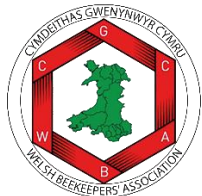
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Caroline Mullinex (etholwyd CCB 2022)
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Graham Wheeler (ailetholwyd CCB 2021) – Ymddiriedolwr ers CCB Mawrth
Jenny Shaw (ailetholwyd CCB 2023)
Christopher Clarke (ailetholwyd CCB 2021)
David John Bowles (ailetholwyd yn Ymddiriedolwr CCB 2023)
Keith Davies (ailetholwyd CCB 2023)
David Grace (etholwyd CCB 2022)
Jill Wheeler (ymddeolodd CCB 2023)
Paul Pearce (cyfetholwyd 17 Mai 2023)
Alan Burford (cyfetholwyd 21 Mehefin 2023)

Swyddogion:

Llywydd	David John Bowles (etholwyd CCB 2021)
Is-lywyddion	Fred Eckton
Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth	Trish Calderbank
Ysgrifennydd Cofnodion	Jill Hill (ymddiswyddodd CCB 2023) swydd wag
Ysgrifennydd Digwyddiadau	Jill Wheeler
Ysgrifennydd Arholiadau	Liz Childerley
Rheolwr y Wefan	Alison Mason
Golygydd	Basil Wolf
Is-olygydd Cymraeg	Elin Meek
Prawf ddarlennydd	Chris Clarke
Swyddog Technegol	Wally Shaw
Swyddog Yswiriant	John Bowles
Swyddog Iechyd a Diogelwch	John Pilgrim
Archif CGC	Karen Pratt
Swyddog COLOSS CGC	Karen Pratt (daeth y swydd i ben Tachwedd 2023)
Swyddog IMYB	Richard Pett
Swyddog Ysgolion	Emma Davies (ymddiswyddodd Hydref 2023) swydd wag

Aelodau Arbenigol:

Gardd Fotaneg Genedlaethol Cymru
BIBBA (Cymdeithas Gwella Gwenyn a Magwyr Gwenyn)

Noddwyr:

Yr Athro Robert Pickard

Mae pob un o ymddiriedolwyr a swyddogion CGC yn rhoi ei amser yn wirfoddol heb dderbyn tâl neu fanteision eraill. Mae CGC yn ddyledus i'r gwirfoddolwyr hyn am eu hewylllys da a'u hymdrechion parhaus ar ran y Gymdeithas.

Mae'r ymddiriedolwyr wedi ystyried yr arweiniad a gyhoeddodd y Comisiwn Elusennau ynghylch lles

y cyhoedd.

Ein Nodau a'n Hamcanion:

Annog, gwella a hyrwyddo cadw gwenyn ledled Cymru drwy:

- ddatblygu cydweithredu ymysg yr holl wenynwyr ledled Cymru a chyfnewid syniadau a phrofiadau,
- gwella safon cadw gwenyn drwy:
 - i. gyhoeddi llenyddiaeth,
 - ii. darparu a rhoi cymorth i ddarparu cymhorthion a deunyddiau addysgol am gadw gwenyn,
 - iii. hybu hyfforddi a chymhwyso gwenynwyr,
- trefnu arholiadau cenedlaethol ar lefelau amrywiol,
- annog y gymuned i gymryd rhan mewn arsylwi a dysgu am wenyn yn ddiogel, a dod i werthfawrogi gwerth gwenyn yn yr amgylchedd.

Gweinyddu

Mae'r Ymddiriedolwyr yn y rhestr uchod yn cwrdd fel Tîm Rheoli Cymdeithas Gwenynwyr Cymru. Ceir rhestr lawn o'r cyfarfodydd yn ystod y flwyddyn ar ddiwedd y rhan hon o'r adroddiad hwn.

Cyfarfu'r Ymddiriedolwyr â Chyngor CGC dair gwaith (ym misoedd Mawrth, Mehefin, a Thachwedd) i adrodd ar weithredu'r Tîm Rheoli ac i gael arweiniad gan yr aelodaeth. Cynhaliwyd pob un o'r cyfarfodydd ac eithrio un mis Mawrth yn rhithiol. Ym mhob un o'r cyfarfodydd hyn roedd o leiaf 63% (12) o'r Cymdeithasau sy'n Aelodau o CGC wedi'u cynrychioli ac at ei gilydd mynychodd 90% (17) Cymdeithas o leiaf un cyfarfod. Dosbarthwyd cofnodion pob un o gyfarfodydd y Cyngor drwy Ysgrifenyddion y Cymdeithasau. Cynhelir cyfarfodydd y Cyngor ar 2 Mawrth, 29 Mehefin a 2 Tachwedd yn 2024. Er mwyn lleihau hyd cyfarfodydd y Cyngor yn y dyfodol, bydd adroddiadau'r Swyddogion yn cael eu hysgrifennu a'u cylchredeg cyn y cyfarfod. Bydd arweinwyr yr is-bwyllgorau'n cyfeirio at y rhain fel y bo angen yn ystod eu hadroddiadau cryno. Bydd cyfle o hyd i Gynrychiolwyr y Cyngor i holi cwestiynau ac i roi sylwadau ar yr adroddiadau.

Cafodd y Tîm Rheoli gyfarfod ddeg gwaith yn ystod 2023 ac er mwyn lleihau'r teithio, roedd pob un o'r cyfarfodydd yn rhai rhithiol. Bydd y Tîm Rheoli'n cwrdd o leiaf bedair gwaith yn 2024, gyda'r cyfarfod cyntaf i fod ar 10 Ionawr. Mae'r dull a'r dyddiad ar gyfer cyfarfodydd y Tîm Rheoli'n adlewyrchu argaeledd a chyfeiriadau cartref yr Ymddiriedolwyr er mwyn sicrhau bod cynifer ag sy'n bosibl yn gallu mynychu a bod cyn lleied o gostau teithio ag sy'n bosibl. Rhwng y cyfarfodydd y Tîm Rheoli sydd wedi'u hamserlennu, cytunwyd ar weithdrefnau er mwyn cael cytundeb yr ymddiriedolwyr ar gyfer unrhyw faterion brys. Cytunwyd ar fformat agenda safonol ac fe'i mabwysiadwyd. Dosbarthwyd cofnodion llawn pob cyfarfod y Tîm Rheoli drwy ysgrifenyddion y Cymdeithasau. Adnewyddwyd trwyddedau'r Gweminarau a'r cyfarfodydd rhithiol ym mis Hydref 2023 a bydd y rhan fwyaf o gyfarfodydd y Tîm Rheoli'n parhau i gael eu cynnal yn rhithiol fel bod llai o angen teithio. Mae'r trwyddedau ar gyfer cyfarfodydd rhithiol ar gael i Aelod-Gymdeithasau CGC i'w defnyddio ar gyfer eu cyfarfodydd nhw.

Lle mae'n briodol i'w rolau, gwahoddwyd swyddogion CGC nad ydyn nhw'n Ymddiriedolwyr i fynychu cyfarfodydd y Tîm Rheoli yn ystod 2023 er mwyn helpu gyda gwaith yr ymddiriedolwyr.

Mae polisïau CGC wedi'u diweddarau a'u diwygio lle roedd angen. Ysgrifennwyd polisïau Diogelu a Noddi CGC newydd ac mae'r rhain i'w cael ar wefan CGC www.wbka.com. Cynhyrchwyd dogfen cyfarwyddyd Diogelu a DBS ychwanegol er mwyn rhoi arweiniad i aelod-gymdeithasau ac mae hon yn

cysylltu â'r ddeddfwriaeth a'r arweiniad cyfoes sy'n berthnasol yng Nghymru. Mae hyn er mwyn helpu cymdeithasau i sicrhau eu bod yn cydymffurfio, yn enwedig o gwmpas gweithgareddau sy'n gofyn am dystysgrif DBS. Hefyd, cytunwyd ar arweiniad i Swyddogion CGC sy'n rhoi cyflwyniadau neu adroddiadau am CGC i gyrff allanol.

Mae CGC wedi gweithio gyda Anaphylaxis UK i helpu i godi ymwybyddiaeth o adwaith alergaidd difrifol i bigiadau gwenyn. Hefyd, mae'r Tîm Rheoli wedi ystyried sut mae'n bosibl annog perchnogion tir i roi gwybod i wenywyr am unrhyw blaleiddiaid y maen nhw'n bwriadu eu defnyddio ar eu tir. Dydy gwenwyno gwenyn mēl gan blaleiddiaid ddim yn ymddangos yn broblem arwyddocaol yng Nghymru. Bydd dogfen ganllawiau yn cael ei rhoi ar wefan CGC yn 2024.

Sefydlwyd gweithgor i gefnogi'r tîm dethol o bump (tri gwenynwr ifanc a dau oedolyn i fynd gyda nhw) i gynrychioli Cymru yng Nghyfarfod Rhyngwladol Gwenynwyr Ifanc (IMYB) yn Slofenia ym mis Gorffennaf. Cafodd y tîm nawdd caredig Llywodraeth Cymru; talodd hyn am y ffioedd mynediad a oedd yn cynnwys prydau bwyd, llety a thrafnidiaeth tra oedden nhw yn Slofenia. Gweler yr adroddiad ar wahân i gael rhagor o wybodaeth. Hyd yma, does dim sôn y bydd cyfarfod o IMYB yn 2024.

Yn 2023 cafodd adolygiad o strwythur CGC ei gwblhau a'i weithredu. Mae cylch gorchwyl pob is-bwyllgor CGC wedi cael ei adolygu'n rhan o hyn. Nawr, mae'r rhan fwyaf o fusnes bob dydd CGC yn cael ei wneud gan bedwar is-bwyllgor a phob un wedi'i gadeirio gan un o Ymddiriedolwyr CGC ac yn adrodd i'r Tîm Rheoli. Mae rhestr o'r is-bwyllgorau hyn a'u haelodau isod: -

Gweinyddu a Chymorth: Cadeirydd – John Bowles (Ymddiriedolwr a Swyddog Yswiriant), Graham Wheeler (Ymddiriedolwr a Thrysorydd), Jenny Shaw (Ymddiriedolwr ac Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol), David Grace (Ymddiriedolwr a Swyddog Diogelu), Paul Pearce (Ymddiriedolwr), Trish Calderbank (Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth ac ysgrifennydd cofnodion i'r is-bwyllgor), John Pilgrim (Swyddog Iechyd a Diogelwch).

Dysgu a Datblygiad: Cadeirydd – Caroline Mullinex (Ymddiriedolwr), Karen Pratt (Ymddiriedolwr ac Ysgrifennydd yr Is-bwyllgor), Jenny Shaw (Ymddiriedolwr), Liz Childerley (Ysgrifennydd Arholiadau), Emma Davies (Swyddog Ysgolion – ymddiswyddodd ym mis Hydref 2023 - swydd yn wag ar hyn o bryd), Wally Shaw (Swyddog Technegol), Alison Mason (Gwefeistr), Richard Pett (tan fis Hydref 2023 pan neilltuwyd rôl Swyddog IMYB i weithgor penodol er mwyn rheoli cynrychiolaeth CGC yn IMYB), Lynfa Davies, Trisha Marlow.

Digwyddiadau: Cadeirydd – Karen Pratt tan fis Medi 2023 (Ymddiriedolwr), ar hyn o bryd Alan Burford (Ymddiriedolwr), Graham Wheeler (Ymddiriedolwr a Thrysorydd), Keith Davies (Ymddiriedolwr), Jill Wheeler (Ysgrifennydd Digwyddiadau), Vicky Davies, Martin Anderson, Steve Bromwich.

Golygyddol: Cadeirydd – Jenny Shaw (Ymddiriedolwr), Caroline Mullinex (Ymddiriedolwr ac arweinydd Dysgu a Datblygiad), Chris Clarke (Ymddiriedolwr a phrawf ddarlennydd), Basil Wolf (Golygydd), Emma Davies (Swyddog Ysgolion ymddiswyddodd ym mis Hydref 2023), Elin Meek (Golygydd Cymraeg), Wally Shaw (Swyddog Technegol), Jill Hill (ysgrifennydd i'r is-bwyllgor), Jill Wheeler.

Ceir rhagor o wybodaeth am waith pob is-bwyllgor yn ddiweddarach yn yr adroddiad hwn ac mae eu cylch gorchwyl ar wefan CGC.

Yswiriant: Mae sicrwydd Yswiriant CGC yn seiliedig ar sawl amod, gan gynnwys yr angen am dalu

ffioedd y pen yn brydlon a bod y rhai sy'n dod o dan y polisi yn cael eu cofnodi'n unigol ar system aelodaeth eR2. Mae'r Cymdeithasau i fod i dalu ffioedd y pen erbyn 1 Ionawr bob blwyddyn, ond rhoddir lwfans, dim ond i'r holl arian dyledus gael ei dderbyn erbyn 31 Mawrth yn y flwyddyn honno. Atgoffir Aelod-Gymdeithasau bod angen i'r taliad gael ei wneud yn brydlon. Ceir rhagor o wybodaeth yn yr Adroddiad Yswiriant ac Iechyd a Diogelwch yn nes ymlaen yn y ddogfen hon.

Yn dilyn cais gan Gyngor CGC, adolygwyd a diwygiwyd categorïau aelodaeth CGC yn 2022 er mwyn sicrhau bod pob un o Aelodau Anuniongyrchol CGC wedi'u cynnwys o dan ein polisi yswiriant. Mae'n bleser gennym adrodd bod ein hyswiriant bellach yn cynnwys gwenynwyr o dan 18 oed.

Cronfeydd wrth Gefn: Mae'r polisi Cronfeydd Wrth Gefn yn dweud y bydd yr Elusen (CGC) yn cadw cronfa wrth gefn o £10,000 i £13,000. Mae angen y gronfa wrth gefn hon yn ôl y Gyfraith Elusennau i dalu am gostau gweithredol a chytundebol petai'r angen yn codi. Caiff y polisi hwn ei fonitro a'i ddiweddarau'n flynyddol.

Defnyddir yr arian yng nghyfrif cyfredol HSBC nid yn unig i dalu am gostau rhedeg y Gymdeithas ond i ariannu amryw o brosiectau fel rhedeg cyrsiau a lledaenu gwybodaeth, drwy amryw o ddulliau fel y wefan, llyfrynnau a chyhoeddiadau eraill. Mae adroddiad ariannol manwl yn cyd-fynd â'r ddogfen hon.

Llywodraethiant: Yn CCB 2023, ymddeolodd Jill Wheeler fel ymddiriedolwr. Cyfetholodd y Tîm Rheoli ddau ymddiriedolwr newydd, Paul Pearce (Mai 2023) ac Alan Burford (Mehefin 2023). Bydd y penodiadau hyn yn cael eu cyflwyno i'r aelodaeth i'w cadarnhau yng Nghyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol 2024 ar 2 Mawrth. Ar hyn o bryd, mae gennym y nifer llawn, sef deg ymddiriedolwr CGC.

Ym mis Medi 2023, trosglwyddodd Karen Pratt gadeiryddiaeth yr is-bwyllgor Digwyddiadau i Alan Burford.

Yn y CCB ym mis Mawrth 2023 ymddiswyddodd Jill Hill fel ysgrifennydd Cofnodion y Cyngor ac ym mis Hydref ymddiswyddodd Emma Davies fel Swyddog Ysgolion CGC. Rydym yn diolch iddyn nhw i gyd am eu gwaith ar ran gwenyna yng Nghymru. Ar hyn o bryd, mae swydd y Swyddog Ysgolion yn dal yn wag ac mae wedi'i hysbysebu'n ddiweddar drwy gyhoeddi'r disgrifiad swydd. Mae gwaith wedi dechrau i sicrhau bod gan bob Swyddog CGC ddisgrifiadau swydd eglur ac wedi'u diweddarau ac mae'r Tîm Rheoli hefyd yn edrych ar gynlluniau dros dro ar gyfer swyddi allweddol os yw swyddog yn ymddiswyddo neu'n methu gwneud y gwaith am gyfnod o amser. Cydnabyddir nad yw dod o hyd i wirfoddolwyr i ymgymryd â rolau gwirfoddol yn dasg hawdd.

Mae gwaith wedi dechrau i ddiffinio'r strategaethau sydd eu hangen i gyflawni amcanion CGC fel bod modd mesur perfformiad.

Mae Cyfansoddiad CGC wedi cael ei adolygu a chafodd nifer o fân newidiadau er eglurder eu derbyn gan yr aelodaeth yng Nghyfarfod Blynyddol CGC yn 2023.

Aelodaeth: Mae gan CGC bedair ar bymtheg o Aelod-Gymdeithasau sy'n cynrychioli 2103 o Aelodau Cofrestredig, 520 o Aelodau Partner, a 14 Aelod Gwlad a dau grŵp o Aelodau Arbenigol. Fel rhan o'r aelodaeth y pen a godir ar bob Aelod-Gymdeithas, mae'r aelodau Anuniongyrchol yn elwa drwy dderbyn pedwar rhifyn o 'Gwenynwyr Cymru' ac Yswiriant Atebolrwydd Cyhoeddus a Chynnyrch trydydd parti. Ar hyn o bryd mae tri deg pump o Aelodau Unigol a saith Aelod Anrhydeddus o Gymdeithas Gwenynwyr Cymru. Yn drist iawn, collon ni un o'n Haelodau Anrhydeddus am Oes, C. Wynne Jones, a byddwn yn gweld ei eisiau'n fawr. Mae dadansoddiad manwl o'r aelodaeth yn dod gyda'r adroddiad hwn.

Rydyn ni'n dal i weithio gyda Llywodraeth Cymru. Mynychodd Kathleen Carroll (Llywodraeth Cymru) a Maggie Gill (Gwasanaeth Archwilio Gwenyn) Gyfarfodydd Cyngor CGC yn 2023 er mwyn cynghori.

Yn dilyn ymholiadau gan Aelod-Gymdeithasau, adolygodd Cyngor CGC categorïau aelodaeth CGC er mwyn sicrhau eu bod nhw'n bodloni eu gofynion. Nawr mae'n ofyniad mai un enw'n unig sy'n cael ei ddefnyddio ar gyfer pob cofnod yn eR2 ac mai'r person hwnnw a enwir yn unig fydd yn gymwys i ddod o dan yswiriant CGC. Mae partneriaid sy'n byw yn yr un cyfeiriad ag aelod wedi'i gofrestru ac sy'n rheoli'r un gwenyn wedi'u hyswrio os ydyn nhw wedi'u cofnodi'n unigol yn system eR2. Hefyd, dylai aelodau iau o dan 18 oed gael eu rhestru ar wahân yn eR2. Aelodau iau a enwir yn unig fydd yn cael eu hystyried i gynrychioli CGC yng Nghyfarfod Rhyngwladol y Gwenynwyr Ifanc. O fis Ionawr 2024 bydd gofyn i aelodau partner CGC dalu aelodaeth flynyddol y pen o £6 a bydd y ffi i aelodau cofrestredig yn codi i £12 y flwyddyn. Y cynnydd hwn yw'r cyntaf mewn dros 10 mlynedd ac mae'n adlewyrchu'r sefyllfa economaidd bresennol.

Defnyddir aelodau gwlad i bob heb wenyn sy'n dymuno bod yn Aelodau Anuniongyrchol o CGC ac eto dylen nhw ymddangos fel cofnodion unigol yn eR2. Y categori aelodaeth olaf yw Aelodau Lleol a ddylai ymddangos eto yn eR2 fel cofnodion unigol. Does gan Aelodau Lleol ddim gwenyn ac maen nhw'n aelodau o'r Aelodau Gymdeithas nad ydyn nhw'n aelodau Anuniongyrchol o CGC a does dim hawl ganddyn nhw i unrhyw fanteision sy'n dod o fod yn aelod o CGC. Mae mwyafrif Cymdeithas Aelodau CGC bellach yn defnyddio gwasanaeth aelodaeth eR2 a daliodd Trish Calderbank, Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth CGC ati i ddarparu hyfforddiant i ddefnyddwyr. Hoffem ddiolch i Trish am ei gwaith caled parhaus yn cynorthwyo Cymdeithasau. Ddiwedd 2023 cafodd Kerry Cox ei recriwtio i gefnogi Trish Calderbank yn ei rôl o gynorthwyo cymdeithasau CGC i ddefnyddio eR2. Mae CGC yn parhau i weithio gyda BDI i sicrhau bod system eR2 yn diwallu gofynion Cymdeithasau yng Nghymru.

Gwefan: Mae'r wefan, a lansiwyd yn 2022, yn cael ei diweddarau'n rheolaidd ac mae data dadansoddi diweddar yn dangos cynnydd yn nifer yr ymwelwyr i'r safle. Mae'r wefan yn adlewyrchu polisi iaith CGC. Rydyn ni'n diolch i Alison Mason am ei gwaith yn datblygu ac yn cynnal a chadw ein gwefan.

Cylchgrawn Gwenynwyr Cymru: Llwyddwyd i gyhoeddi pob un o'r pedwar rhifyn chwarterol yn ystod y flwyddyn. Hoffem ddiolch i'n Golygydd, Basil Wolf, am ei ymroddiad i gynhyrchu'r cylchgrawn. Hefyd, rydym yn ddiolchgar i'r lluo o aelodau CGC sydd wedi rhoi erthyglau a ffotograffau i'r cylchgrawn. Mae'n bosibl lawrlwytho pedwar copi diweddaraf y cylchgrawn o wefan CGC ac mae rhifynnau electronig blaenorol ar gael gan yr archifydd, Karen Pratt, fel ffeiliau electronig karen.pratt@wbka.com.

Cyhoeddiadau: Mae'n bosibl i Gynrychiolwyr Cymdeithasau gasglu copïau wedi'i hargraffu o bob un o'r llyfyrnau a'r cardiau clefydau a gyhoeddwyd gan CGC, a hynny yng Nghyfarfod y Cyngor ym mis Mawrth neu mae'n bosibl eu harchebu ymlaen llaw yng Nghynulliad Blynnyddol CGC ddiwedd mis Mawrth. Bydd cyflenwadau'n cael eu hanfon at gymdeithasau dim ond iddyn nhw gytuno i dalu am y costau sy'n codi.

Mae'r Ymddiriedolwyr wedi gweithio gyda nifer o asiantaethau allanol yn ystod 2023 i sicrhau bod gwenynwyr Cymru yn cael gwybodaeth lawn ac yn cael eu cefnogi ar lefel Cymru, y DU ac Ewrop. Rhoddir rhestr o'r cyfarfodydd allanol a fynychwyd gan CGC isod.

Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn (Y DU): Mae'r Bee Health Advisory Forum (BHAf) yn gyfarfod wedi'i drefnu gan Lywodraeth y DU lle mae cynrychiolwyr o bob Cymdeithas Wenyna yng Nghymru a Lloegr, yn ogystal â NBU, APHA, Llywodraeth Cymru, Cyfarwyddiaeth Meddyginiaethau Milfeddygol, ac ati. Mae'n cynnig cyfle i drafod a dylanwadu ar faterion cyfredol ac arfaethedig a all fygwth lles ein gwenyn. Mae'r eitemau a drafodwyd yn ystod y flwyddyn a aeth heibio wedi'u cynnwys yn fwy manwl mewn adroddiad ar wahân.

Fforwm Peillwyr Cymru: Fforwm o dan nawdd Llywodraeth Cymru yw hwn sy'n dod ag amrywiaeth o grwpiau ynghyd sy'n cynrychioli mudiadau sydd â diddordeb mewn diogelu'r amgylchedd gwyllt a gwella rheoli tir er lles peillwyr o bob math, yn amrywio o ieir bach yr haf, pryfed hofran i gacwn a gwenyn mêl. Rydym ni'n credu y bydd beth bynnag sy'n dylanwadu ar y dirwedd gorfforol a rheolaeth y tir i unrhyw beilliwr, ac yn ei wella, hefyd o fudd i wenyng mêl.

CONBA (Cyngor Cymdeithasau Gwenyn Cenedlaethol): Mae Cymdeithasau Gwenyn Cymru, Lloegr, yr Alban ac Ulster yn ogystal â Chymdeithas Ffermwyr Gwenyn (Bee Farmers Association) gyda'i gilydd yn ffurfio CONBA (Council of National Beekeeping Associations) sy'n cefnogi buddiannau pob gwenynwr a gwenyn yn y DU. Mae Ffederasiwn Gwenynwyr Iwerddon, sy'n cynrychioli gwenynwyr yn Iwerddon, yn mynychu cyfarfodydd CONBA hefyd. Mae'n rhoi cyfle inni ddatblygu strategaethau ar y cyd i ymdrin ag amrywiaeth o faterion gan gynnwys cynlluniau'r llywodraeth.

Sioe Amaethyddol Frenhinol Cymru: Fe'i sefydlwyd yn gyntaf yn 1904 ac fel Sioe Amaethyddol Frenhinol Cymru yn Llanelwedd yn 1963 gan gynnwys y Sioe Fêl y mae CGC yn cynnig cymorth a chefnogaeth.

Sioe Fêl Genedlaethol (y DU) / National (UK) Honey Show (NHS): Yn 2022 daeth CGC yn aelod o'r Sioe Fêl Genedlaethol, sef y corff sy'n trefnu ac yn rhedeg Sioe Fêl flynyddol sy'n agored i bob gwenynwr gymryd rhan ynddi. Mae'r NHS yn cynnal Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol o'i aelodau ar y cyd â'r Sioe Fêl.

NDB (Diploma Cenedlaethol mewn Gwenyn): Cafodd CGC ei chynrychioli yng Nghyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol y corff sy'n rheoli ac yn dyfarnu'r cymhwyster 'lefel gradd' mewn gwenyn yn ogystal â rhedeg nifer o gyrsiau byr i addysgu gwenynwyr.

Cyfarfodydd a Fynychwyd yn 2023

Cyfarfodydd Mewnol CGC yn 2023:

10 Ionawr	Y Tîm Golygyddol: rhithiol
18 Ion	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
24 Hydref	Pwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygu: rhithiol
31 Ionawr	Y Tîm Golygyddol: rhithiol
15 Chwefror	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
21 Chwefror	Y Tîm Golygyddol: rhithiol
4 Mawrth cyd	CCB a Chyfarfod y Cyngor, Plas Dolerw: wyneb yn wyneb ac yn rhithiol ar y cyd
14 Mawrth	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
16 Mawrth	Gweithgor IMYB: rhithiol
24 Mawrth	Pwyllgor Digwyddiadau: wyneb yn wyneb
25 Mawrth	Tîm IMYB: wyneb yn wyneb

19 Ebrill	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
25 Ebrill	Pwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygu: rhithiol
10 Mai	Gweithgor IMYB 17 Mai: rhithiol
17 Mai	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
22 Mawrth	Gweithgor IMYB: rhithiol
13 Mehefin	Gweithgor IMYB: rhithiol
19 Mehefin	Gweithgor IMYB: rhithiol
21 Mehefin	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
24 Mehefin	Cyfarfod y Cyngor: rhithiol
28 Mehefin	Gweithgor IMYB: rhithiol
8 Gorffennaf	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
14 Gorffennaf	Y Tîm Golygyddol: rhithiol
18 Gorffennaf	Pwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygu: rhithiol
19 Gorffennaf	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
22 Gorffennaf	Pwyllgor Digwyddiadau: wyneb yn wyneb
5 Medi	Y Tîm Golygyddol: rhithiol
12 Medi	Pwyllgor Gweinyddu a Chymorth: rhithiol
20 Medi	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
11 Hydref	Pwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygu: rhithiol
4 Tachwedd	Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor: rhithiol
15 Tachwedd	Y Tîm Rheoli (Ymddiriedolwyr): rhithiol
12 Rhagfyr	Y Tîm Golygyddol: rhithiol

Cynrychiolaeth CGC mewn Cyfarfodydd Allanol yn 2023:

Caroline Mullinex (C.M.), Jenny Shaw (J.S.), John Bowles (J.B.), Wally Shaw (W.S.), Keith Davies (K.D.), Alan Burford (A.B.)

16 Mawrth	Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn: rhithiol (W.S. a J.B.)
17 Mawrth J.S.)	Arolygydd Gwenyn Rhanbarthol a Llywodraeth Cymru: rhithiol (W.S., J.B. a
21 Ebrill	CONBA: wyneb yn wyneb (J.S.)
27 Ebrill	Gweithlu Peillwyr Llywodraeth Cymru: wyneb yn wyneb (K.D.)

20 Mai	Cinio Diwrnod Gwenyn y Byd Bees Abroad (J.B.)
22 Mehefin	Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn: rhithiol (W.S. a J.B.)
10 Hydref	Pwyllgor Sioe Fêl y Sioe Amaethyddol Frenhinol: wyneb yn wyneb (A.B)
25 Hydref	Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn: rhithiol (W.S.)
27 Hydref	CONBA: wyneb yn wyneb (C.M. a J.S.)
26 Hydref	CCB NHS: wyneb yn wyneb (J.S.)
27 Hydref	CCB NDB: wyneb yn wyneb (C.M.)
3 Tachwedd	Gweithlu Peillwyr Llywodraeth Cymru: rhithiol (K.D.)
7 Rhagfyr	Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn: rhithiol (W.S. a J.B.)

ADRODDIADAU

Adroddiad Trysorydd CGC, Blwyddyn Ariannol 2023

Cyllideb Diwedd Blwyddyn yn erbyn Cyllideb 2023

Y sefyllfa derfynol ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn oedd colled o £5k yn erbyn colled o £9k yn y gyllideb wreiddiol, a hynny oherwydd incwm ychydig yn uwch oddi wrth aelodau unigol ac o'r confensiwn oherwydd i ragor o bobl fynychu. Rydym hefyd wedi cael nawdd ar gyfer IMYB (Cyfarfod Rhyngwladol Gwenynwyr Ifanc) gan Lywodraeth Cymru a gan y Cymdeithasau Lleol a oedd ag aelodau yn cymryd rhan yn yr IMYB; felly rydym wedi gallu cadw at y gyllideb gyffredinol ar gyfer digwyddiad IMYB, sef £1700.

O ran gwariant:

- Dydyn ni ddim wedi gwario'r £1500 a gyllidebwyd ar lyfrynau eleni.
- Newidion ni i frocer newydd, Howden. Mae hyn wedi golygu arbed £1200 yn erbyn aros gyda Jensten.
- Mae costau meddalwedd cyffredinol yn cadw at y gyllideb gan gynnwys y trwyddedau GoTo parhaus.
- Roedd costau hyfforddi ac arholiadau o fewn y gyllideb gyffredinol yn hawdd.
- Roedd costau'r cynulliad ychydig dros y gyllideb, ond gwrthbwysswyd hyn gan yr incwm uwch o werthu tocynnau mynediad.

Cyllideb 2024

Incwm:

- Mae'r swm y pen anuniongyrchol yn dal i fod yn £9 (cyfradd 2023) yn seiliedig ar aelodaeth ar gyfer 2023 o 2103 o aelodau.
- Y cynnig yw na fyddwn yn newid ffioedd aelodau unigol.
- Mae incwm hysbysebu wedi cynyddu 10% gan ddilyn cynigion y Tîm Golygyddol.
- Mae incwm y cynulliad wedi cynyddu 10% gan ddilyn cynnig y Tîm Digwyddiadau.

- Mae'r incwm o'r gweithdai yn rhagdybio rhaglen yn cynnwys cwrs ynghyd â 3 gweithdy yn seiliedig ar 2023.

Gwariant:

- Prosiectau Arbennig:
 - Ar hyn o bryd dydy hi ddim yn glir a fydd yr IMYB yn digwydd eleni, lleoliad posibl yn yr Emiradau Arabaidd Unedig yw'r unig leoliad y soniwyd amdano hyd yn hyn. O edrych ar y gost i gefnogi presenoldeb yn llawn yn y lleoliad hwn, yr amcangyfrif yw £5500. Oherwydd y diffyg a ragwelir ar gyfer y flwyddyn o achos hyn, mae'r Ymddiriedolwyr wedi dod i'r casgliad mai dim ond cyllid rhannol fyddai'n bosibl eleni pe bai'r digwyddiad yn mynd rhagddo, hyd yn oed os bydd hi'n bosibl dod o hyd i nawdd eto.
 - Mae cyllideb ar gyfer ailargraffu llyfryn wedi'i chynnwys.

Canlyniad wedi'i Ragamcanu

Mae'r gyllideb ddrafft fel y'i cyflwynwyd yn rhagamcanu colled o tua £5,000 yn erbyn colled o £9k a ragwelwyd a wnaed ar ddechrau 2023 yn rhan o'r dadansoddiadau y Pen ar y pryd.

Rhagamcanu Cyllideb 2025 a'r Cynnig y Pen

Er mwyn llywio'r drafodaeth ar incwm y Pen ar gyfer 2025, rwyf wedi paratoi rhagamcan ar gyfer 2025. Mae incwm y pen yn seiliedig ar gyfraddau newydd 2024 ac aelodaeth 2023. Rydym yn rhagdybio y bydd prisiau hysbysebu yn cynyddu 10% a'r holl ffrydiau incwm eraill heb eu newid. Mae gwariant ar bob prif eitem yn cynyddu 5%. Y canlyniad yw diffyg rhagamcanol o tua £1k.

Ar sail y rhagamcaniad hwn a'r colledion gwell a ragwelwyd ar gyfer 2023, argymhellwyd i'r Cyngor ym mis Tachwedd y dylai lefelau anuniongyrchol y pen ar gyfer aelodau ar gyfer 2025 gael eu cadw ar lefel 2024. Cymeradwyodd Cyngor mis Tachwedd yr argymhelliad, i'w gymeradwyo yn y Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blyneddol.

Dysgu a Datblygu (L&D) – yn cynnwys Adroddiad yr Ysgrifennydd Arholiadau

Cyfarfodydd

Daliodd yr is-bwyllgor Dysgu a Datblygu ati i gynnal cyfarfodydd rhithwir chwarterol rheolaidd trwy gydol 2023.

Cyflwynodd Emma Davies ei hymddiswyddiad ym mis Hydref felly daeth swydd y Swyddog Ysgolion yn wag. Mae Swyddog IMYB bellach yn adrodd yn uniongyrchol i weithgor bach a sefydlwyd yn benodol i reoli rhan CGC yn IMYB yn y dyfodol.

Mae L&D wedi parhau i weithio gyda'r Pwyllgorau Golygyddol a Digwyddiadau i roi cynnwys i'r cylchgrawn a mewnbwn i Raglen Cynulliad y Gwanwyn.

Arholiadau ac Asesiadau

Llwyddodd 30 o aelodau i basio Asesiad Sylfaenol CGC yn 2023, llawer â chlod ac ychydig â rhagoriaeth.

Penodwyd dau Aseswr Sylfaenol newydd ac rydyn ni'n gobeithio gallu recriwtio rhagor yn y dyfodol i gefnogi cynllunio olyniaeth yn y maes hwn.

Llwyddodd 12 o aelodau CGC i ennill Tystysgrif Iechyd Gwenyn BBKA (BHC) yn 2023 ac mae'r cynnydd sylweddol yn y nifer sy'n sefyll, yn rhannol o leiaf, oherwydd yr anogaeth a roddwyd yng ngweithdy paratoi BHC a gynhalion ni ddiwedd 2022.

O ran y modiwlau, unwaith eto cafodd aelodau CGC rai canlyniadau gwych yn 2023. Cafwyd 18 o lwyddiannau modiwl, gan gynnwys 3 gyda Rhagoriaeth a 10 gyda Chlod. Dyfarnwyd y dystysgrif Theori Ganolradd i 2 ymgeisydd gyda chlod. Hefyd, enillodd un o'r ymgeiswyr hyn y dystysgrif Gwenynwr Cymwys (a ddyfarnwyd ar ôl ennill y dystysgrif Theori Ganolradd ar ôl pasio'r asesiad Hwsmonaeth Gyffredinol cyn hyn).

Darparon ni 2 leoliad arholiad ym mis Mawrth a mis Tachwedd i ymgeiswyr nad oedden nhw'n dymuno sefyll arholiadau'r modiwl ar-lein ac rydyn ni wedi parhau i gefnogi aelodau CGC sy'n sefyll arholiadau ac asesiadau BBKA trwy dalu ffioedd aelodaeth arholiadau drostyn nhw.

Rydyn ni'n llongyfarch pob un o'r ymgeiswyr llwyddiannus ac yn diolch i bawb sydd wedi helpu i hwyluso'r arholiadau a'r asesiadau hyn i'n haelodau.

Gweminarau

Digwyddodd 9 gweminar byw arall yn 2023 ar amrywiaeth o bynciau, gan ddod â chyfanswm gweminarau CGC a gyflwynwyd bellach i 43. Ers i ni ddechrau'r gyfres gweminarau yn 2020, mae bron i 10,000 wedi cofrestru i'w dilyn. Fel arfer, rydyn ni'n gallu rhoi dolen i unrhyw un sydd wedi cofrestru er mwyn gwyllo ar "dal i fyny" am gyfnod cyfyngedig fel nad oes rhaid i unrhyw un golli allan oherwydd gwrthdaro yn y dyddiadur neu oherwydd cysylltedd gwael.

Rydyn ni'n dal i fod yn hynod ddiolchgar i bawb sydd wedi cyflwyno yn ein gweminarau, ac i bawb sydd wedi'u cefnogi nhw, o fewn CGC a thu hwnt.

Ysgolion

Yn ystod 2023, awgrymwyd y dylai CGC ystyried darparu Aelodaeth Ysgolion. Bydd y gwaith ar hyn, a gwaith ar ddatblygu adnoddau CGC i'w defnyddio gan ysgolion yng Nghymru, yn cael eu datblygu pan fydd swydd y Swyddog Ysgolion wedi'i llenwi.

Arian Grant Wax Chandler

2023 oedd blwyddyn 2 cyfnod y cyllid grant a, gyda chymorth uniongyrchol y cyllid hwn, llwyddon ni gynnal/cefnogi'r digwyddiadau canlynol i aelodau CGC: -

Gweithdy yn y Cynulliad ar Reoli Varroa

2 x Gweithdy Microsgopeg Paill – wedi'u cynnal mewn lleoliadau yng Nghanolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru

1 x Gweithdy Anatomeg a Dyrannu – a gynhaliwyd yng Ngogledd Cymru

Cwrs Paratoi 3 diwrnod Hwsmonaeth Gyffredinol – a gynhaliwyd yng Nghanolbarth Cymru

Gweithdy 2 ddiwrnod Dysgu Cadw Gwenyn – a gynhaliwyd ychydig dros y ffin yn Swydd Amwythig (lle cymerodd 10 aelod o CGC ran).

Mae'r ail adroddiad adborth blynyddol yn cael ei anfon at y Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers a bydd hwn yn cael ei gyhoeddi yn rhifyn Gwanwyn 2024 o Gwenynwyr Cymru.

Unwaith eto, rydyn ni'n diolch i bawb sydd wedi helpu i gyflwyno a hwyluso'r digwyddiadau hyn ac yn ategu ein diolch i'r Wax Chandlers y mae eu cyllid hael wedi gwneud y rhaglen hon yn bosibl.

Llyfryn

Dechreuon ni edrych ar gyhoeddi llyfryn CGC newydd yn ystod 2023 a disgwylir i benderfyniad gael ei wneud yn 2024 ynghylch a ddylen ni fwrw ymlaen â hyn ai peidio, ac os felly ym mha fformat.

Pwyllgor Digwyddiadau

Eleni cynhaliwyd Cynulliad y Gwanwyn ar 25 Mawrth. Roedd mwy o fynychwyr, 449. Roedd 11 stondin Fasnach, a 7 stondin o ddiddordeb cyffredinol. Hefyd roedd 2 weithdy y bwriadwyd eu cynnal yn ystod y dydd, un yn cael ei redeg gan Lynfa Davies ar 'Reoli Varroa', canslwyd yr ail 'Arholiadau Modiwl BBKA' oherwydd salwch. Hefyd cafwyd gweithdy anffurfiol wedi'i anelu at wenynwyr ifanc. Cefnogodd 28 o stiwardiaid y gwaith o redeg y sioe ar yr y diwrnod yn ogystal â'r aelodau a helpodd i osod popeth ar y dydd Gwener. Eleni eto, defnyddion ni Sum Up ar gyfer taliadau ymlaen llaw ac ar y drws, felly roedd yr aelodau'n gallu defnyddio cerdyn credyd neu ddebyd i dalu. Oherwydd amgylchiadau annisgwyl bu'n rhaid i ddau o'r siaradwyr dynnu'n ôl ar y funud olaf ond cymerodd Lynfa Davies a Wally Shaw drosodd eu slotiau darlithoedd a diolchwn i'r ddau am gamu i'r adwy ar fyr rybudd.

Yn ystod Gŵyl y Gwanwyn, 19/21 Mai, cefnogodd 12 aelod i stiwardio'r stondin. Helpodd y tîm digwyddiadau, Martin Anderson, Vicky Davies, Jill a Graham Wheeler, i osod y stondin a'i thynnu i lawr. Bu'r stondin yn boblogaidd gan aelodau'r cyhoedd a gwenynwyr, a chodwyd £70 i Bees Abroad wrth rollo canhwylau. Gwaetha'r modd, doedden ni ddim yn gallu dod o hyd i gwch arsylwi gan wenynwyr lleol sy'n aelodau.

Yn ystod y Sioe Frenhinol o 24 i 27 Gorffennaf, roedden ni yn ôl yn Neuadd De Morgannwg. Helpodd 23 aelod i stiwardio'r stondin dros y pedwar diwrnod, cafodd y stondin ei lleoli fel bod modd mynd ati drwy gydol y cyfnod pan oedd beirniadu'r Sioe Fêl yn digwydd. Mae'n rhaid diolch i'r tîm Digwyddiadau a helpodd i osod a rhedeg y stondin yn llwyddiannus, cafodd David Grace ei gyfweld ar gyfer S4C hyd yn oed. Helpodd Martin Anderson, Vicky Davies a Graham Wheeler, i osod y stondin a'i thynnu i lawr.

Darparon ni stondin wybodaeth ar gyfer Cynhadledd BIBBA - 2/3 Medi, ym Mhrifysgol Cymru, Caerfyrddin. Cafodd y stondin ei gosod a'i thynnu i lawr gan Vicky Davies gydag Alison Fraser yn cadw ei llygad ar y stondin yn ystod y digwyddiad.

Mae'r gwaith i gynllunio Cynulliad Gwanwyn 2024 ar y gweill gyda masnachwyr a phedwar siaradwr wedi'u trefnu: Jo Widdicombe - BIBBA, anerchiad agoriadol, Pam Hunter - 'Pheromones - or Bees make it by smell!', Kirsty Stainton - 'Varroa', Andy Pedley - 'Food Safety for the Beekeeper', Clare Densley a Martin Hann - 'What the books don't tell you and why bees change their minds'.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn, ymunodd dau aelod newydd â'r pwyllgor digwyddiadau. Steve Bromwich sydd wedi cefnogi'r cynulliad ers blynyddoedd lawer gyda'i sgiliau TG, ac sydd bellach hefyd yn cefnogi'r Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol gyda'i offer TG ac Alan Burford fel yr Ymddiriedolwr Arweiniol Digwyddiadau newydd.

IMYB (Cyfarfod Rhyngwladol Gwenynwyr Ifanc/*International Meeting of Young Beekeepers*)

Dewisodd CGC dri gwenynwr ifanc i gynrychioli Cymru yn yr IMYB a gynhaliwyd yn Slofenia ym mis Gorffennaf. Y rhai a ddewiswyd oedd Thomas Barclay (Conwy) 16 oed, Emanuel Coles (Caerdydd) 14 oed a Rhodri Terrell (Caerdydd) 14 oed. I fynd gyda'r gwenynwyr ifanc, dewiswyd Richard Pett (Swyddog IMYB) ac Emma Davies (Swyddog Ysgolion). Rydym yn ddiolchgar i Lywodraeth Cymru am roi nawdd a oedd yn talu am holl gostau'r timau tra oedden nhw yn Slofenia. Mae'r digwyddiad yn dod â gwenynwyr ifanc 12 i 17 oed o bob rhan o'r byd ynghyd i gymharu eu gwybodaeth a'u sgiliau, i sefydlu cyfeillgarwch newydd ac i ddarganfod gwledydd a diwylliannau eraill yn ystod digwyddiad 4 diwrnod.

Teithiodd tîm Cymru gyda'r timau o'r Alban a Lloegr gan gymryd rhan lawn yn y digwyddiad. Dyma'r tro cyntaf i CGC ddewis tîm llawn i gynrychioli Cymru yn y digwyddiad a daeth y tîm yn 22ain credadwy o'r 32 tîm a fynychodd. Roedd aelodau'r tîm yn glod i Gymru, a'r gobaith yw adeiladu ar y profiad a gafwyd er mwyn mynychu'r cyfarfod yn y blyneddoddi ddod. Diolch i bawb a fu'n rhan o'r trefniadau ar gyfer y gwenynwyr ifanc sy'n mynychu'r IMYB ac a aeth gyda nhw.

Mae CGC yn teimlo bod y digwyddiad hwn yn rhoi profiad gwerthfawr i wenywyr ifanc ac yn gobeithio y byddwn mewn sefyllfa i anfon tîm yn y dyfodol. Dydy manylion IMYB 2024 ddim wedi'u cyhoeddi eto. Os bydd cyfarfod IMYB yn 2024, rydyn ni'n gobeithio gallu dewis tîm o blith aelodau iau CGC. Wrth i gostau teithio a chostau eraill godi, bydd angen i ni chwilio am nawdd i helpu i ariannu tîm Cymru sy'n mynychu'r digwyddiad.

Gwefeistr

Dim ond ers mis Medi 2023 mae Google Analytics ar ei ffurf bresennol wedi bod ar gael ar y wefan hon. Felly mae'r canlyniadau isod ar gyfer y chwarter diwethaf yn unig.

Yn y cyfnod hwnnw, rydyn ni wedi cael 876 o ddefnyddwyr newydd, gyda'r mwyafrif yn dod o'r DU. Hefyd, mae gennym ddilynwyr yn UDA, Tsieina, Awstralia, Iwerddon, Canada a'r Almaen, (wedi'u rhestru yn nhrefn niferoedd defnyddwyr, o'r mwyaf i'r lleiaf).

Ar ôl cyrraedd y wefan, ein tudalennau mwyaf poblogaidd yw cyhoeddiadau CGC, Aelod-Gymdeithasau, gweminarau CGC, cylchgrawn CGC, Heidiau, Cyrsiau Hyfforddi Dechreuwyr, Aelodaeth i Gymdeithasau ac i Unigolion, a Pwy Ydym Ni, eto wedi'u rhestru o'r rhai a ddefnyddir fwyaf, i'r rhai a ddefnyddir leiaf.

Mae'r amser ymgysylltu ar gyfartaledd ar gyfer pob tudalen yn debyg iawn i bob defnyddiwr heblaw am 'Aelodaeth i Gymdeithasau ac Unigolion' lle mae'r defnyddwyr yn treulio 60% yn hirach nag ar unrhyw un o'r tudalennau eraill a restrir.

Mae'r amser ymgysylltu ar y wefan gyfan yn dangos mai defnyddwyr o Awstria, Iwerddon, y DU a Chanada sy'n treulio hiraf ar y wefan.

Mae ystadegau cynulleidfara'r wefan yn dangos cynnydd yn agos at ddyddiadau gweminarau ac maen nhw'n dringo eto yn ystod wythnos gyntaf mis Rhagfyr wrth ysgrifennu'r adroddiad hwn.

Yn olaf, mae 52% o'n defnyddwyr yn cyrchu ein gwefan gan ddefnyddio cyfrifiadur bwrdd gwaith/gliniadur, 44% drwy ddefnyddio ffôn symudol a dim ond 3% sy'n defnyddio tabled.

Golygyddol

Mae'r Pwyllgor Golygyddol wedi goruchwyllo'r gwaith o gyhoeddi pedwar rhifyn print o gylchgrawn Gwenynwyr Cymru, ac mae'r rhain ar gael ar-lein ar wefan CGC. Mae'r cylchgrawn wedi bod yn ffordd o gyflwyno newyddion CGC a'r Cymdeithasau ac mae wedi cynnig amrywiaeth o erthyglau o ddiddordeb technegol a chyffredinol i wenywyr, gyda dros bedwar deg o awduron gwahanol wedi cyfrannu. Adroddwyd ar weithgareddau Dysgu a Datblygu yn rheolaidd ac mae ein cysylltiad â'r Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers wedi cael sylw. Mae'r golygydd hefyd wedi gweithio gyda Wally Shaw ar adargraffiad o'r llyfryn 'Mae celloedd brenhines yn fy nghwch gwenyn – beth dylwn i ei wneud?'

Swyddog Technegol

Gwasanaeth Archwilio Gwenyn – Mae CGC yn dal i weithio'n agos gyda Llywodraeth Cymru a'r Gwasanaeth Archwilio Gwenyn yng Nghymru. Dechreuodd Arolygydd Gwenyn Rhanbarthol Cymru, Maggie Gill, swydd ymchwil gyda FERA ar ddechrau 2024. Edrychwn ymlaen at weithio gyda Daniel Baxter sy'n cymryd ei lle fel Arolygydd Gwenyn Rhanbarthol Cymru ar gyfer 2024. Yn y blynyddoedd diwethaf, mae'r adroddiad blynyddol gan y Gwasanaeth Arolygu yng Nghymru wedi bod yn rhan sylweddol o rifyn gaeaf ein cylchgrawn. Rydym yn deall y gallai'r cynnydd yn y llwyth gwaith a grëwyd gan yr adroddiadau ar Gacwn Asia yn yr hydref fod wedi gohirio cyhoeddi'r adroddiad hwn ond gobeithio y bydd ar gael i'w gynnwys yn rhifyn gwanwyn 2024.

Queen Rear-along – Llyfryn oedd hwn, a gynhyrchwyd gan yr Uned Wenyn Genedlaethol (NBU), a gyflwynwyd i CGC gyda chais i'w anfon allan gyda Rhifyn Gwanwyn 2023 o Wenynwyr Cymru. Gofynnodd CGC i unrhyw lyfryn o'r fath a ddosberthir gan CGC fod yn ddwyieithog. Oherwydd newidiadau i bersonél yn y NBU, cafodd y prosiect hwn ei roi o'r neilltu, a dydyn ni ddim wedi clywed rhagor.

Datblygiadau yn ystod 2023 – dydw i ddim yn ymwybodol o unrhyw ddatblygiadau nodedig yng Nghymru yn ystod y flwyddyn ond mae'r cyrchoedd gan Gacwn Asia wedi cynyddu'n fawr 72 o nythod wedi'u lleoli a'u dinistrio wedi hynny. Mae'r rhan fwyaf o'r rhain wedi bod yn ne-ddwyrain Lloegr ond gwelwyd rhai mor bell i fyny'r arfordir dwyrain Lloegr â Swydd Efrog. Mae'n bleser gen i roi gwybod nad welwyd unrhyw nythod cacwn Asia yng Nghymru hyd yma, ond efallai mai dim ond mater o amser yw hi.

Mae hyn i gyd wedi creu llawer iawn o waith i APHA ac mae pryderon bod hyn wedi bod ar draul cadw llygad fel arfer am AFB ac EFB ond does dim tystiolaeth bod hyn yn wir. Mae pob nyth cacwn yn cael ei gasglu a'i gludo i NBU i gael archwiliad post-mortem. Mae hyn yn cynnwys eu cyflwr datblygiad, h.y. a ydyn nhw'n cynnwys unrhyw unigolion aeddfed rhywiol (gwenyn gwryw a breninesau). Dydy hyn ddim mor hawdd o bell ffordd ag y mae gyda gwenyn mêl gan nad yw'n bosibl adnabod breninesau cadwn yn ôl sut maen nhw'n edrych yn allanol. Yn ôl eu pwysau maen nhw'n wahanol i'r gweithwyr yn bennaf a dim ond trwy ddyrannu y mae'n bosibl cadarnhau hyn. Maen nhw hefyd yn cael eu proffilio am eu DNA i wirio a ydyn nhw'n gysylltiedig â nythod y daethpwyd o hyd iddyn nhw mewn blynyddoedd blaenorol a fyddai'n awgrymu poblogaeth sefydledig sydd wedi osgoi cael ei chanfod. Mae'r nifer enfawr o nythod wedi creu ôl-groniad (*backlog*) enfawr, a fydd y canlyniadau ddim ar gael tan rywbryd ym mis Chwefror 2024. Y strategaeth bresennol gyda Chacynen Asia yw ei gwahardd ond os bydd poblogaeth yn ymsefydlu, cyfyngu arni fydd y nod. Gan ei bod yn hysbys bod y ffrynt ymledol yn symud ymlaen tua 60km y flwyddyn, bydd hon yn dasg ddigon diddiolch. Ar hyn o bryd does neb yn gwybod a fydd hinsawdd yn cyfyngu ar Gacynen Asia yn y DU.

Cyfarfodydd Fforwm Ymgynghorol Iechyd Gwenyn (BHAF) – Bu pedwar cyfarfod o'r fforwm (42^{ain}-46^{ain} a phob un yn rhithiol) yn ystod y flwyddyn gyfredol. Roedd yr olaf o'r rhain i fod i fod wyneb yn wyneb yn y Sioe Fêl Genedlaethol ond methwyd gwneud hynny oherwydd pwysau o ganlyniad i Gacynen Asia. Bu John Bowles a Wally Shaw yn cynrychioli CGC yn y cyfarfodydd hyn. Eitem barhaus ar agenda'r cyfarfodydd hyn oedd y Cynllun Gweithredu ar gyfer yr ail Gynllun Gwenyn Iach sy'n estyn hyd at 2030. Mae'r rhan fwyaf o'r fenter yn y rhaglen hon yn dod o dan y pennawd addysg i wenywyr (ac mae'r adroddiad Dysgu a Datblygu yn dogfennu CGC 2023 arwain digwyddiadau yn y gofod hwn). Mae Cacynen Asia wedi dominyddu'r 45fed a'r 46fed cyfarfod ac mae diweddariadau rheolaidd ar y sefyllfa wedi'u hanfon at y rhanddeiliaid drwy gydol diwedd yr haf a'r hydref - ffynhonnell y wybodaeth uchod. Yng nghyfarfod mis Hydref, rhoddodd Nigel Semmence (Swyddog Cynllunio Wrth Gefn a Gwyddonol yr Undeb) adroddiad manwl ar y fethodoleg a ddefnyddiwyd i leoli a dinistrio nythod cacwn. Ailadroddwyd y cyflwyniad hwn yn y Sioe Fêl Genedlaethol. Rhoddodd Maggie Gill gyflwyniad am Gacynen Asia yn y DU i gyfarfod Cyngor CGC ym mis Tachwedd ac mae hwn ar gael ar wefan CGC.

Gweithredu Cynllun Gwenyn Iach 2030 – Un o'r prif bynciau a drafodwyd yn ystod 2023 oedd y cynnydd a wnaed ar y Cynllun Gweithredu ar gyfer Cynllun Gwenyn Iach 2030 a oedd yn ymwneud yn bennaf ag addysg gwenynwyr.

Mae CGC wedi gweithredu'r amcanion o dan y cynllun drwy'r canlynol:

- Darparu llyfrynnau addysgol newydd yn ogystal â dosbarthu llyfrynnau presennol i aelodau newydd
- Y gyfres gweminarau
- Annog gwenynwyr i gymryd y Dystysgrif Sylfaenol gan gynnwys recriwtio dau Aseswr newydd
- Cynyddu'r niferoedd sydd â Thystysgrif Iechyd Gwenyn
- Gwerthuso Cwrs Cadw Gwenyn yr NDB gan y rhai sydd wedi ei ddilyn.

Mae'r Fforwm Gwyddoniaeth wedi cyfarfod unwaith yn ystod y flwyddyn a disgwylir iddo gyfarfod eto yn gynnar yn 2024. Mae rhestr o'r projectau gwyddonol cyfredol sydd ar y gweill yn y DU, eu cynnydd hyd yma a'u ffynhonnell ariannu wedi cael ei pharatoi a'i thrafod. Cynhelir rhagor o gyfarfodydd yn 2024. Datblygiad pwysig yw bod Kirsty Stainton bellach wedi ailymuno â'r Uned Wenyn Genedlaethol fel Rheolwr Technegol.

Y Cyfrif Cychod Blynyddol – ailadroddwyd hwn yn 2023 ond does dim canlyniadau ar gael wrth ysgrifennu'r adroddiad hwn.

Lefelau Varroa 2023 – Dim gwybodaeth fanwl ar gael. Atgoffodd Maggie Gill gynrychiolwyr BHAF WBKA ac Ysgrifennydd CGC fod Varroa yn dal i fod yn un o brif achosion colli cytreffi yng Nghymru. Ei chyngor yw y dylai gwenynwyr sy'n dymuno lleihau triniaeth Varroa fonitro lefel y widdon yn eu cytreffi. Dylid defnyddio technegau Rheoli Plâu Integredig pan fydd lefelau Varroa yn mynd yn ddigon uchel i effeithio ar iechyd cytref. Roedd Maggie wedi bwriadu ysgrifennu erthygl am Reoli Plâu Integredig ar gyfer rhifyn yr haf o Wenywyr Cymru. Yn anffodus, ni dderbyniwyd yr erthygl ond mae rhagor o wybodaeth ar wefan BeeBase.

Cyhoeddiadau Technegol CGC – Mae stociau o lyfryn CGC ***'Mae celloedd brenhines yn fy nghwch, beth dylwn i ei wneud?'*** wedi dod i ben ac mae'n cael ei ailargaffu ar hyn o bryd.

Yswiriant

Mae'r newidiadau i ddiffiniadau o'r hyn a olygir gan aelodaeth a wnaed dros y ddwy flynedd ddiwethaf wedi ein galluogi i fod yn fwy hyderus bod y wybodaeth a roddwyd gennym pan wnaethom ofyn am ddyfynbrisiau yswiriant yn gywir. Mae hefyd yn ein galluogi i ganolbwyntio ar faterion eraill megis yswiriant gwenynwyr ifanc (dan 18 oed) a oedd yn cadw gwenyn yn annibynnol.

Eleni gofynnwn ni am ddyfynbrisiau gan ddau frocer, Jensten, ac Aston Lark (sydd bellach wedi newid i Howden), y cwmni sy'n frocer i'r BBKA. Llwyddodd y broses i leihau'r premiwm cyffredinol ar gyfer CGC a'i Haelod-Gymdeithasau tua £1200 ar gyfer yswiriant tebyg (gweler nodyn 1 isod) yn ogystal â darparu yswiriant ar gyfer gwenynwyr annibynnol o dan 18 oed.

Nodyn 1: Mae'r prif wahaniaeth rhwng y ddau bolisi o ran diffiniadau o dan Atebolrwydd Cynnyrch.

Mae geiriad polisi Jensten yn defnyddio'r ymadrodd "Sale of bee-related products including honey, creams/balms and salves made from products of the hive".

Mae Aston Lark (Howden) yn defnyddio'r disgrifiad "Gweithgynhyrchu a chyflenwi cynhyrchion cwch cynradd". Maen nhw wedi nodi na fydd yswiriant yn berthnasol i werthu cynhyrchion sy'n cynnwys cynhyrchion nad ydynt yn cael eu cynhyrchu gan gychod gwenyn. Cynghorir unrhyw un sy'n paratoi cynhyrchion o'r fath i'w gwerthu i ystyried yswiriant ar wahân.

Iechyd a Diogelwch

Yn ystod y flwyddyn ddiwethaf rydym wedi adolygu ein Polisi Iechyd a Diogelwch ac wedi argymhell bod ein Haelod-Gymdeithasau'n gwneud y canlynol:

a. Cynhyrchu dogfen debyg.

b. Enwebu aelod o'r pwyllgor i fod yn gyfrifol am sicrhau bod asesiadau risg priodol yn cael eu cynnal ac unrhyw gamau angenrheidiol yn cael eu cymryd yn unol â'r awgrymiadau a wnaed yn "Asesiadau Risg – Canllaw syml" sydd ar ein gwefan.

Hyd yn hyn dydy pob Cymdeithas ddim wedi cynhyrchu tystiolaeth o eu bod yn cydymffurfio â'r arweiniad hwn sydd wedi'i fwriadu'n dda.

Atgoffir Aelod-Gymdeithasau bod angen iddynt gymryd camau i nodi risgiau a sicrhau bod y rhai sydd angen gwybod beth a ddisgwylir ganddynt i ddangos tystiolaeth o'r ddyletswydd gofal ofynnol. Os na chymerir y camau hyn, nad oes angen iddyn nhw fod yn feichus, gallai diogelwch ac iechyd y cyhoedd ac yn enwedig aelodau newydd, nad ydyn nhw efallai'n ymwybodol o risgiau posibl, gael eu peryglu. Gallai hyn arwain at ganfod bod yr Aelod-Gymdeithas ar fai mewn unrhyw ymchwiliad.

Diogelu

Fel y soniwyd yn flaenorol yn yr adroddiad hwn, mae Polisi Diogelu CGC newydd wedi'i gyhoeddi eleni ac ategir hwn gan Ganllawiau Diogelu a DBS. Mae hyn yn cysylltu â deddfwriaeth a chanllawiau cyfredol sy'n berthnasol yng Nghymru. Y bwriad yw cefnogi Aelod-Gymdeithasau i sicrhau bod ganddyn nhw bolisiau ac ardystiadau priodol ar waith, sy'n berthnasol i'w gweithgareddau penodol.

Cyswllt Chwistrellu

Bu digwyddiad chwistrellu anfaleisus ac anfalaen, diolch byth, yn ne Rhanbarth Meirionnydd ym mis Mehefin y llynedd yn sbardun i wneud adolygiad o gyfathrebu a chynghor chwistrellu Cenedlaethol. Nododd yr adolygiad ddogfen ganllaw HM Gov y DU a oedd wedi'i hysgrifennu'n dda, sef y Cod Ymarfer ar Ddefnyddio Cynhyrchion Diogelu Planhigion, nad oedd yn hawdd dod o hyd iddi a'r pryder mwyaf oedd bod y wybodaeth gyswllt ar gyfer CGC yn hen.

Cysylltwyd â phob un o Aelod-Gymdeithasau CGC i weld a oedd ganddynt brosesau rheoli chwistrellu (i weld a oedd gan unrhyw un system dda iawn) a gofynnwyd am wirfoddolwr â gwybodaeth pwnc (SMK) fel cynrychiolydd CGC. Dechreuwyd cyfathrebu â'r NBU i gael y cynghor chwistrellu diweddaraf (ac efallai i helpu i ddiwygio'r Cod Ymarfer ar gyfer Defnyddio Cynhyrchion Diogelu Planhigion) a gofynnwyd i dîm Bee Connect, sydd wedi cael canmoliaeth fawr, am gymorth/arweiniad.

Wrth ysgrifennu'r adroddiad rydyn ni'n aros am ymatebion gan yr NBU a Bee Connect. Dydyn ni ddim wedi dod o hyd i wirfoddolwr SMK. Rydyn ni'n awyddus i beidio ag ailddyfeisio'r olwyn er ein bod wedi cael cynigion i gynhyrchu map chwistrellu nad yw'n annhebyg i'r map casglu heidiau presennol. Mae'n ymddangos bod Bee Connect yn gwneud popeth y byddai ei angen arnom fel gwenynwyr, ond bod yr holl wenynwyr ac unrhyw un sy'n chwistrellu yn ei ddefnyddio. Felly mae'r canolbwynt ar hyn o bryd ar gywiro'r Cod Ymarfer ar gyfer Defnyddio Cynhyrchion Diogelu Planhigion i gyfeirio at wefan CGC a/neu Bee Connect; ar yr amod y bydd Bee Connect yn caniatáu hyn.

Mae'r prosiect yn un sy'n mynd i bara tipyn o amser. A gallwn ddeall gyda'r holl weithgaredd ynghylch cacwn Asia pam nad yw'r NBU yn arbennig wedi ymateb eto. Mae'n ymddangos bod yr Aelod-Gymdeithasau wedi cael llawer o adroddiadau am chwistrellu o awyrennau ac er bod chwistrellu'n fygythiad sylweddol i bryfed peillio, dydyn ni ddim wedi cael gwybod am unrhyw ddigwyddiadau diweddar sy'n peri pryder.

Mae cyfathrebu'n allweddol i'r broblem hon. Mae angen i'r Cod Ymarfer ar gyfer Defnyddio Cynhyrchion Diogelu Planhigion fod yn haws dod o hyd iddo ac mae angen ei gywiro. Mae angen i ni helpu unrhyw un sy'n chwistrellu i ddod o hyd i'r Cod Ymarfer a gobeithio mai Bee Connect fydd y cyfrwng rhwng chwistrellwyr a gwenynwyr.

Pe hoffai unrhyw un sy'n darllen hwn ein helpu, cysylltwch â paul.pearce@wbka.com

Tasglu Peillwyr Cymru

Cynrychiolwyd CGC mewn dau gyfarfod yn 2023.

Roedd y themâu allweddol a drafodwyd yn 2023 yn ymwneud yn bennaf â chacwn Asia, glaswelltiroedd, eu hamrywiaeth, eu cysylltedd a'u rheolaeth:

- a) Yn berthnasol i Wenynwyr, rhoddodd Arolygydd Gwenyn Rhanbarthol Cymru, Maggie Gill, gyflwyniad byr ar gacynen Asia, *Vespa velutina*. Roedd hyn yn cynnwys ei bod wedi'i chyflwyno i Brydain Fawr mewn pot clai a'r dosbarthiad diweddaraf gan gynnwys nyth a ddarganfuwyd cyn belled â Gogledd Swydd Efrog ac un yn Norfolk. Cafwyd mwyafrif y nythod, tua 70, ar hyd arfordir de Lloegr yng Nghaint. Ni chredir i bob nyth gael ei ddarganfod.

- b) Gwella coridorau bywyd gwyllt yn Ne Cymru yn bennaf ar gyfer gloŷnnod byw Britheg y Gors trwy blannu plygiau'r planhigyn bwyd, Tamaid y Cythraul, a magu lindys yng Ngardd Fotaneg Genedlaethol Cymru i'w dychwelyd i'r gwyllt.
- c) Gwerth rheoli ymylu ffyrdd drwy un weithred o dorri a chasglu er mwyn gwella amrywiaeth blodau a gyflwynir gan Grid Gwyrdd Gwent a Chyngor Sir Ddinbych. Mae'r rhan fwyaf o Gynghorau yng Nghymru bellach yn gwneud toriad sengl gyda chasgliad ar gyfer ymylon penodol a mannau agored.
- ch) Pwysigrwydd dolydd blodau gwyllt a sut i'w creu gan ddefnyddio planhigion plwg ar gyfer dolydd bach a gwair gwyrdd ar gyfer dolydd mwy, yn ogystal â rheoli torri a chasglu ac aberthu i ganiatáu tir moel er mwyn i hadau egino. Yn gysylltiedig â hyn arweiniwyd astudiaeth dichonoldeb cynaeafu hadau gan Barc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog a'r Ardd Fotaneg Genedlaethol Caerfyrddin gyda'r nod o ddatblygu rhwydwaith ar gyfer rhannu hadau blodau gwyllt brodorol o ffynonellau lleol y gellir eu defnyddio i greu, adfer neu wella cynefinoedd glaswelltir
- d) Yr effeithiau y mae coed a llwyni sy'n bargodi yn eu cael ar ddolydd, o ddail yn cwmpo gan gyfoethogi'r glastir ar draul blodau gwyllt.
- dd) Bu trafodaeth hefyd ar Isadeiledd Gwyrdd mewn ardaloedd trefol e.e. toeau gwyrdd ar gyfer toeau fflat a hefyd llochesi bysiau.

COLOSS

Yng Nghyfarfod y Cyngor ym mis Tachwedd, pleidleisiodd cynrychiolwyr o Aelod-Gymdeithasau CGC i roi'r gorau i ddosbarthu a chwblhau arolygon COLOSS oherwydd yr ymateb gwael iawn gan yr Aelod-Gymdeithasau i Arolwg 2023.

NDB (Diploma Cenedlaethol mewn Gwenyna)

Aethom i Gyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol 2023 a gynhaliwyd yn ystod y Sioe Fêl Genedlaethol ym Mharc Sandown. Ymddiswyddodd Margaret Thomas fel Llywydd ac mae Clive De Bruyn bellach yn Llywydd dros dro. Bydd Cwrs Uwch 2024 ar 5-10 Gorffennaf yn Pershore. Bydd arholiad NDB yn 2024. Trafododd y cyfarfod ffyrdd o godi proffil NDB. Mae'r cyrsiau byr a gyflwynwyd wedi'u harwain gan alw.

CONBA (Cyngor Cymdeithasau Gwenyna Cenedlaethol)

Cynrychiolwyd CGC yn y ddau gyfarfod yn 2023. Mae Cyfarfod Rhyngwladol Gwenynwyr Ifanc wedi bod yn cael ei drafod a'r posibilrwydd o gynnal digwyddiad yn y DU i baratoi gwenynwyr iau at yr un Rhyngwladol. Hefyd, mae'r ymateb i gacwn Asia a llygru mêl hefyd wedi'u trafod. Mae pryder wedi'i godi am y gostyngiad yn nifer y Beirniaid Mêl a'r broses hirfaith i ddod o hyd i bobl yn eu lle. Mae'r pynciau hyn i gyd yn rhai parhaus. Ar gyfer 2023 dechreuodd Ffederasiwn Gwenynwyr Iwerddon (FIBKA) fynychu cyfarfodydd eto. Roedd hyn yn ychwanegiad i'w groesawu at y Cyngor.

Archif.

Mae'r archifau'n dal i fod yn Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru yn Aberystwyth ac rydyn ni'n ychwanegu atyn nhw pan mae'n rhaid.

ADRODDIADAU A ATODWYD

Atodiad 1: Aelodaeth 2023

Atodiad 2: Cyfrifon Blwyddyn Ariannol 2023

Atodiad 3: Cyllideb Diwedd Blwyddyn 2023 a Chyllideb 2023

Datganiad: Mae'r Ymddiriedolwyr yn datgan iddynt gymeradwyo adroddiad yr ymddiriedolwyr uchod

Llofnodwyd ar ran ymddiriedolwyr yr elusen.

Llofnod:

Enw llawn: Caroline Mullinex

Swydd: Cadeirydd

Dyddiad:

Welsh Beekeepers' Association

Accounts for the Year ended

31st December 2023

Registered Charity No 509929

Prepared by Graham Wheeler, Honorary Treasurer

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<u>Income</u>						
Capitation	1		18,180.00		17,811.00	
Individual Members - Fees	2		1,185.30		822.90	
Welsh Beekeepers Advertising	3		4,844.36		4,374.35	
Donations and Sundry Income	3a, 4		2,172.34		6,415.82	
<u>Convention</u>						
Income	4		6,556.10		5,608.74	
<u>Other Income</u>						
Bank Interest			91.68		13.95	
Exams Income	5		600.00		765.00	
Training	6		2,255.48		1,283.11	
Miscellaneous					7.98	
				35,885.26		37,102.85
<u>Expenditure</u>						
Administration	7		72.30		295.64	
Special Project	8		3,332.47		4,469.00	
Donations and Subscriptions	9		791.88		270.00	
Translation Costs	10		601.00		1,562.66	
Sundry expenses			123.03		165.33	
Bee Disease Insurance			201.50		187.90	
Software	13		3,287.01		3,118.63	
Insurance	11		2,699.49		3,518.56	
Exams Expenses	5		714.52		649.53	
Training costs	6		5,702.71		4,531.65	
Webinar Speaker Costs			290.00		200.00	
Meetings Internal					138.40	
Meetings Education			34.20		103.95	
Meetings External			83.40		49.80	
Meetings Editorial						
Meetings Council			37.80		33.60	
Meetings Trustees						
Welsh Beekeepers Magazine			14,995.92		13,750.91	
RWAS Spring Fair			356.54		365.11	
RWAS Summer			286.93		247.71	
WBKA Spring Convention	4		6,388.00		5,738.71	
Depreciation	12		927.74		1,037.63	
				40,926.44		40,434.72
Surplus for the Year				- 5,041.18		- 3,331.87

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

		Opening value	Depreciation	Closing book value	Net. Book Value			Original cost
		2023			2023	2022	2021	
	Notes	£	£	£				
<u>Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Location</u>							
Banner	Events Sec.	171.97	34.39	137.57	137.57	171.97	214.96	1,026.00
Banner	Events Sec.	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	186.00
Editors Laptop HP250 G8	Editor	575.36	115.07	460.29	460.29	575.36	719.20	899.00
Treasurer's Laptop	Treasurer	94.77	18.95	75.82	75.82	94.77	118.46	451.90
Display Hive	Events sec.	71.70	14.34	57.36	57.36	71.70	89.62	273.50
6 Microscopes	Lynfa Davies	3,236.73	647.35	2,589.38	2,589.38	3,236.73		4,045.91
Epson Projector	Lynfa Davies	488.18	97.64	390.54	390.54	-	-	488.18
Total Depreciation	12		927.74					
Total Fixed Assets value		<u>4,688.70</u>		<u>3,760.96</u>	<u>3,760.96</u>	<u>4,200.52</u>	<u>1,192.24</u>	<u>7,370.49</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>			2023			2022		
HSBC Bank Account			10,166.11			20,779.55		
Scottish Widows 90 Day Account			10,344.38			10,252.70		
				20,510.49		31,032.25		
Total Assets :				<u>24,271.45</u>		<u>35,232.77</u>		
<u>Debtors</u>			4,804.36		3,105.60			
				4,804.36		3,105.60		
				29,075.81		38,338.37		
<u>Creditors</u>								
Creditors		-	0.45		4,164.58			
Prepayments			586.50		642.85			
				586.05		4,807.43		
Total Assets				<u>28,489.76</u>		<u>33,530.94</u>		
				=====		=====		
Opening Accumulated Funds				33,530.94		36,862.81		
Surplus				-5,132.86		-3,331.87		
Closing Accumulated Funds				<u>28,489.76</u>		<u>33,530.94</u>		
				=====		=====		

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

1 Capitalisation

2020 members and increase of 41 on the previous year

This constitutes the major income of the Association at £9 per member. Out of this is paid the publishing costs of the Welsh Beekeeper Magazine, Members Public Liability insurance and the Officers Insurance.

The balance is used to fund the running costs of the Association and initiatives for the benefit of members such as booklets and training.

2 Individual Membership

This is made up of £30 capitation per member an increase from £20 in the previous year plus their BDI premium

3 Welsh Beekeeper Magazine Advertising Revenue

3a Donations & Sundry Income

Donations	£
Welsh Government IMYB (International Meeting Young Beekeepers) Sponsorship	268.34
Local Association Sponsorship of IMYB Candidates	904.00
BDI sponsorship for convention	750.00
	250.00

2172.34

4 Convention Accounts

Income	£	£
Entrance Money	1792.71	
Early Bird Ticket sales	1725.39	
Trade Stands	3038.00	
BDI Donation	250.00	
		<u>6806.10</u>
Expenses		
Venue Hire	2736.00	
Equipment Hire	1157.70	
Accommodation	727.00	
Advertising	0.00	
Speakers	389.50	
St Johns Ambulance	249.60	
Sound System	504.90	
Programme	389.00	
Sundry expenses	234.30	
		<u>6388.00</u>
Surplus		<u>418.10</u>

5 Examinations

Income		
Basic Assessment fees	600.00	
		<u>600.00</u>
Expenses		
Exams Sundry Expenses	202.00	
Exams venue	35.00	
Exam Assessors' expenses	325.60	
Exams expenses (postage certificates)	151.92	
		<u>714.52</u>
Deficit		<u>-114.52</u>

6 Training Income & Expenditure

In 2022 the WBKA was awarded a grant of £6000; the award for use over 3 years in supporting the delivery of a programme of courses and workshops, on microscopy and other topics, which will contribute to increasing the knowledge and skill levels of WBKA members.

Income	-
Workshop receipts	2255.48
Expenditure	
Training Venues	2405.56
Sponsorship of members on teaching beekeeping course	440.00
Courses and Workshop provision	<u>2857.15</u>
	<u>5702.71</u>
Net. Expenditure:	<u>3447.23</u>

7 Administration

Bank charges	<u>72.30</u>
	<u>72.30</u>

8 Special Projects

	IMYB (International Meeting Young Beekeepers) Entry Fee	904.00	(Welsh Government Sponsored this with a donation)
	IMYB Travel	2,282.40	(Attendees home local associations donated £750 towards this)
	IMYB Sundry expenses	146.07	
		<u>3,332.47</u>	(Balance of £1678.47 after sponsorship)
9	Subscriptions and donations		
	RWAS Membership	190.00	
	CONBA Membership	102.50	
	Apimondia Membership	95.68	
	UK National Honey Show Membership	80.00	
	RWAS Honey Show	250.00	
	Bees Abroad donation	73.70	
		<u>791.88</u>	
10	Translation Costs		
	Annual report, and policies	601.00	
		<u>601.00</u>	
11	Insurance		
	Members Combined Liability, Trustee's and Officers Liability	2595.64	
	Microscopes	103.85	
		<u>2,699.49</u>	
12	Depreciation		
	Items over the value of £100 are depreciated at a rate of 20% until there is a residual balance of £50. They are kept at this value until such time as it is decided to dispose of the asset.		
13	Software		
	Webinar and Meetings Software	1,942.41	
	Web Page & Domain	109.99	
	Virus protection	99.99	
	Adobe Indesign and photo manipulation software subs.	357.63	
	MS Office 365 subscription	79.99	
	eR2 subscription	697.00	
		<u>3,287.01</u>	

Schedule of Income for the year ended 31st December 2023

	£
Capitation - Income from member Associations	18,180.00
Individual Membership	1,185.30
Advertising Income	4,844.36
Sundry Income & Donations	2,172.34
Income from the Convention	6,556.10
Bank Interest	91.68
Examinations	600.00
Workshop fees	2,255.48
Misc.	0.00
	<u>35,885.26</u>



Report to the trustees/
members of

Welsh Beekeepers' Association

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

509929

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and basis
of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011
("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's
statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me
cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter
considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in
order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

28/03/2024

Name:

Stephanie Craney (MAAT)

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

Association Of Accounting Technicians

Address:

Anwylfa, Tan Lan, Holywell, CH8 9UU

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern
(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and
guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details
of any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**

Accounts



THE WELSH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

CYMDEITHAS GWENYNWYR CYMRU

Established/Sefydlwyd 1943 Registered Charity – No 509929

Annual Report

1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Trustees:

Chair

Caroline Mullinex (elected AGM 2022)

Vice Chair

Jill Wheeler (elected SGM 2019, Chair Pro Tem since 27.04.21)

Karen Pratt (elected AGM 2022)

Treasurer

Graham Wheeler (re-elected AGM 2021) – Trustee since AGM March 2014

General Secretary

Jenny Shaw (elected AGM 2020)

Christopher Clarke (re-elected AGM 2021)

David John Bowles (re-elected Trustee AGM 2020)

Keith Davies (re-elected AGM 2021)

David Grace (elected AGM 2022)

Jill Wheeler (elected SGM 2019)

Officers:

President

David John Bowles (elected AGM 2021)

Vice-presidents

Fred Eckton

Membership Secretary

Trish Calderbank

Minutes Secretary

Jill Hill

Convention Secretary

Jill Wheeler

Exam Secretary

Caroline Mullinex / Liz Childerley

Basic Assessment Officer

Nicola Oulton / Liz Childerley

Website Manager

Alison Mason

Editor

Basil Wolf

Subeditor

Elin Meek

Proofreader

Chris Clarke

Technical Officer

Wally Shaw

Insurance Officer

John Bowles

Health & Safety Officer

John Pilgrim

WBKA Archive

Karen Pratt

WBKA COLOSS officer

Karen Pratt

IMYB Officer

Richard Pett

Schools Officer

Emma Davies

All trustees and WBKA officers give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits. The WBKA is indebted to these volunteers for their continued goodwill and efforts on behalf of the Association.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our Aims & Objectives:

The encouragement, improvement and advancement of beekeeping throughout Wales by:

- developing co-operation amongst all beekeepers throughout Wales and interchanging ideas and experiences,
- improving the standard of beekeeping by:

- i. publication of literature,
- ii. providing and supporting the provision of apicultural educational aids and materials,
- iii. encouraging the training and qualification of beekeepers,
- arranging for national examinations at various levels,
- encouraging community participation in observing and learning about bees in safety and developing an appreciation of the value of bees in the environment.

Administration

The Trustees listed above meet as the WBKA Management Team. A list of meetings during the year can be found at the end of this section of the report.

The Trustees met with the WBKA Council three times (March, June, and November) to report on the actions of the Management Team and to seek guidance from the membership. Despite the easing of coronavirus restrictions on group gatherings all but the March meeting were held virtually. At each of these meetings a minimum of 63% (12) of the WBKA Member Associations were represented and overall, 84% (16) Associations attended at least one meeting. Minutes of all Council meetings have been circulated via Association Secretaries. Council meetings are scheduled for March 4th, June 24th and November 4th in 2023.

Management Team met eleven times in 2022 and to reduce travelling all the meetings were virtual. The Management Team will meet at least four times in 2023 and the first meeting is scheduled for January 18th. The method and date for Management Team meetings reflects the availability and home addresses of the Trustees to ensure that there is maximum attendance and that minimum travelling expenses are incurred. Full minutes of all Management Team meetings have been circulated via the Member Association secretaries. Both the Webinar and virtual meeting licences were renewed in October 2022 and the majority of Management Team meetings will continue to be held virtually to reduce the requirement to travel. The virtual meeting licences are available for Member Associations of the WBKA to use for their meetings.

Where appropriate to their roles non-Trustee officers of the WBKA have been invited to attend Management Team meetings during 2022 to assist the work of the trustees.

The policies of the WBKA have been updated and amended where necessary. In 2020 a review of the structure of the WBKA was begun and this was completed in December 2022. The terms of reference for all WBKA committees are being reviewed as part of this undertaking.

Insurance: The WBKA Insurance cover is based on several conditions including the need for capitation to be paid on time. Payment of capitation is due from Associations on the 1st of January each year, but an allowance is made providing that all monies due are received by the 31st of March in that year. Member Associations are reminded of the need to make payment punctually. More details can be found in the combined Insurance and Health & Safety Report later in this document.

Following a request from the WBKA Council the membership categories of the WBKA have been reviewed and revised to ensure that all Indirect Members of the WBKA are covered by our insurance policy. Currently our insurance policies do not cover any beekeepers under the age of 18 to own or manage bees without direct supervision from an adult Indirect member. Discussions are ongoing to try and provide cover for these young beekeepers to manage bees without supervision.

Finance Reserves: The Reserve policy states that the Charity (WBKA) shall maintain a reserve of £10,000-£13,000. This reserve is required by Charity Law to cover operational and contractual expenses should the need arise. This policy is monitored and updated annually.

Monies held on the HSBC current account are used to not only cover the running costs of the Association but to fund various projects such as the running of courses and the dissemination of information by various means such as the website, booklets and other publications. A detailed financial report accompanies this document.

Governance: The 2022 AGM saw the election of Caroline Mullinex as WBKA Chair, Karen Pratt as WBKA Vice Chair and the election of David Grace as a WBKA trustee.

The Constitution of the WBKA has been reviewed and several minor changes to aid clarification will be recommended to the 2023 Annual Meeting of the WBKA for adoption. The Structure Review of the WBKA has recommended that much of the work to run the WBKA is delegated to four sub-committees, one of which, Governance, has been newly created and is yet to meet. Each sub-committee (Governance, Learning & Development, Editorial and Events) will agree formal Terms of Reference, where they do not currently exist. All meetings of sub-committees will be Chaired by a WBKA trustee and matters requiring Management Team input, decision or sign-off will be escalated accordingly. It is hoped that by delegating activities to sub-committees the Management Team meetings can become shorter and less frequent which we hope will encourage others to become trustees in the future. Details of the new structure will be shared with the WBKA Council at their March 2023 meeting.

Jill Wheeler has resumed the role as WBKA Events Secretary now that the WBKA has a new Vice Chair who has become the Events sub-committee Chair. Nicola Oulton resigned the role of Basic Assessment Officer in 2022. Liz Childerley was appointed and welcomed to the role in Autumn 2022 and has agreed to also become the WBKA Examinations Secretary, a role previously allocated to Caroline Mullinex. This once again brings all assessments and examinations under one person as was the case in the past. The WBKA would like to thank both Nicola and Caroline for their work in organising assessments and examinations for beekeepers in Wales over several years.

David Grace has produced a draft document looking at legislation and good practice in Safeguarding which has been presented to the Management Team. When reviewed this will be shared with the Member Associations.

Membership: The WBKA has nineteen Member Associations who represent 2022 Indirect Members as well as two Specialist Member groups. As part of the annual capitation fee levied on each Member Association the Indirect members benefit by receiving four editions of the 'Welsh Beekeeper' and third-party Public and Product Liability Insurance. There are currently thirty-two Individual and six Honorary Members of the Welsh Beekeepers' Association. A detailed breakdown of membership accompanies this report.

At the 2022 AGM both Prof. Robert Pickard and Frank Gellatly were awarded Honorary Life-time membership of the WBKA for their services to beekeeping throughout Wales over many years. We continue to work with the Welsh Government. Both Kathleen Carroll (Welsh Government) and Maggie Gill (Wales Bee Inspection Service) have attended at least one WBKA Council Meetings in advisory roles.

Following queries from Member Associations, the WBKA Council reviewed the membership categories of the WBKA to ensure that they met their requirements. It is now a requirement that only one name is used for each entry in eR2 and only that named person will be eligible for appropriate WBKA insurance cover. Partners residing at the same address as a registered member

and managing the same bees are insured if they are entered individually in the eR2 system. Junior members under the age of 18 should also be listed separately in eR2 and for insurance cover should always work with either a registered or partner member. Only named juniors will be considered to represent the WBKA at the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers. As already mentioned, discussions are ongoing to see if under 18s can be covered by insurance as for Registered and Partner members.

Country membership is used for people without bees who wish to be Indirect Members of the WBKA and again they should appear as individual entries in eR2. The final membership category is for Local members who should again appear in eR2 as individual entries. Local members have no bees and are members of the Member Association who are not Indirect members of the WBKA and are not entitled to any of the benefits that accrue from WBKA membership. The majority of WBKA Member Association are now using the eR2 membership service and training for users has been continued to be made available by Trish Calderbank, WBKA Membership Secretary. We would like to thank Trish for her continued hard work in assisting Associations. The WBKA continues to work with BDI to ensure that the eR2 system accommodates the requirement of Associations in Wales.

Website: The new website was launched in 2022 and work is continuing to ensure that it is kept up to date and reflects the language policy of the WBKA. We thank Alison Mason for her work in developing and maintaining this new website.

Welsh Beekeeper Magazine: All four quarterly editions have been completed during the year. We would like to thank our Editor, Basil Wolf for his dedication to producing the magazine. We are also thankful to the many members of the WBKA who have provided articles and photographs for the magazine. The last four copies of the magazine can be downloaded from the WBKA website and previous electronic editions are available from the archivist, Karen Pratt as electronic files karen.pratt@wbka.com.

Publications: The bilingual cards 'Diseases & Pests of the Honey Bee' were re-printed in 2022 to provide a stock for Association use. Printed copies of the six booklets published by the WBKA can be collected by Association Representatives at the March Council Meeting or can be pre-ordered for collection at the annual WBKA Convention in late March.

A new WBKA booklet aimed at new and prospective beekeepers was published in 2022 and each Member Association was sent a supply. Further copies may also be ordered for collection at the March Council meeting or the Spring Convention. The WBKA leaflet 'You've got the Buzz, what next' has been revised and is available from the WBKA website.

The Trustees have worked with several external agencies during 2022 to ensure that Welsh beekeepers are kept fully informed and supported at a Wales, UK and European level. A list of the external meeting attended by the WBKA is given below.

Bee Health Advisory Forum (UK): The Bee Health Advisory Forum (BHAF) is a UK Government arranged meeting where all National Beekeeping Associations are represented as well as the NBU, APHA, the Veterinary Medicines Directorate, Bee vets etc. It offers an opportunity to discuss and influence current and forthcoming issues which may threaten the welfare of our bees. The items covered in the last year are included in more detail in a separate report.

Wales Pollinators Taskforce: This is a Welsh Government sponsored forum which brings together a variety of groups who represent organizations that have an interest in protecting the wild environment and improving land management for the benefit of pollinators of all types varying from butterflies, hoverflies to bumble bees and honeybees. We believe that whatever can influence and improve the physical landscape and the management of land for any pollinator will also benefit honeybees.

CONBA: The Beekeeping Associations of Wales, England, Scotland, and Ulster as well as the Bee Farmers Association jointly form CONBA (Council of National Beekeeping Associations) which supports the interests of all beekeepers and beekeeping in the UK. It gives the opportunity to develop joint strategies to deal with a variety of issues including government plans

National (UK) Honey Show: In 2022 the WBKA became a member of the National Honey Show being the body that organizes and runs an annual Honey Show that is open to all beekeepers to enter. The NHS holds an Annual General Meeting of members in conjunction with the Honey Show.

National Diploma in Beekeeping: The WBKA was represented at the Annual General Meeting of the organization that controls and awards the 'degree level' qualification in beekeeping as well as running several short courses to educate beekeepers.

Meetings Attended in 2022

Internal WBKA Meetings 2022:

14 th January	Editorial Team - virtual
22 nd January	Management Team (Trustees) – virtual
4 th February	Editorial Team – virtual
17 th February	Management Team (Trustees) – virtual
5 th March	AGM and Council Meeting – joint Plas Dolerw and virtual
14 th March	Learning & Development Committee - virtual
23 rd March	Management Team (Trustees) – virtual
20 th April	Management Team (Trustees) – virtual
25 th April	Editorial Team - virtual
10 th May	Editorial Team - virtual
18 th May	Management Team (Trustees) – virtual
13 th June	Learning & Development Committee - virtual
15 th June	Management Team (Trustees) - virtual
25 th June	Council meeting – virtual
19 ^{-th} July	Editorial Team – virtual

27 th July	Management Team (Trustees) - virtual
2 nd August	Editorial Team - virtual
21 st September	Management Team (Trustees) - virtual
17 th October	Learning & Development Committee - virtual
19 th October	Management Team (Trustees) - virtual
25 th October	Editorial Team – virtual
5 th November	Council meetings – virtual
8 th November	Editorial Team - virtual
23 rd November	Management Team (Trustees) - virtual
14 th December	Management Team (Trustees) - virtual

WBKA representation at External Meetings 2022:

Caroline Mullinex (C.M.), Karen Pratt (KP) Jenny Shaw (J.S.), John Bowles (J.B.), Wally Shaw (W.S.), Keith Davies (K.D.),

3 rd March	Bee Health Advisory Forum: Virtual (W.S. and J.B.)
13 th March – 26 th April	7 Meetings with BBKA discussing a joint submission to develop an educational platform: virtual (C.M., K.P. and J.S)
6 th April	Wales Pollinators – Roadside and Amenity Grassland: virtual (K.D.)
20 th April	CONBA: virtual (J.B. & J.S.)
11 th May	Wales Pollinator Task Force: Virtual (K.D.)
7 th July	Bee Health Advisory Forum: Virtual (W.S. and J.B.)
8 th September	Bee Health Advisory Forum: Virtual (W.S. & J.B.)
26 th October	CONBA: face to face (J.S.)
27 th October	NHS AGM: face to face (K.P. & J.S.)
28 th October	NDB AGM: face to face (K.P.)
3 rd November	Wales Pollinator Task Force: Virtual (K.D.)
8 th December	Bee Health Advisory Forum: Virtual (W.S.)
13 th December	CONBA: virtual: (J.B. & J.S.)

REPORTS

WBKA Treasurer's Report Financial Year 2022

Capitation was up against the previous year recovering the loss seen in the pandemic period, but also showing growth against previous years too.

There was a deficit this year of £3332 against the budgeted deficit of £1229

The increase in deficit against budget is mainly attributable to cost increases in all areas particularly on insurance and magazine costs, plus higher than forecast special project costs brought about by reprint costs for the Disease cards and the Printing of The Bee Keeping Year originally scheduled for the previous year.

Income has grown significantly this comes from:

- A decision to show Convention income and costs separately rather than as an amalgamated figure, which more clearly shows all incomes received and costs incurred from this activity; overall the convention broke even this year.
- A new income stream from workshop fees
- A one-off Grant from the Wax Chandlers of £6,000 given in support of the education initiatives detailed in the annual report.

The significant overall increases in Expenditure are mainly from:

- Inflation across the board
- Reprints of Disease cards and The Beekeeping Year
- Training costs for workshops and sponsorship for intermediate courses which are new initiatives.
- The change in declaration of Convention income and costs separately

Forecast increases in yearly deficits (~£9,000 for 2023) going forward resulted in a recommendation from the Trustees to increase Capitation for indirect members from 2024, this is due to be approved at the 2023 AGM.

Learning & Development (L&D) - incorporating Exam Secretary Report

Meetings

The L&D sub-committee (Caroline Mullinex, Karen Pratt, Jenny Shaw, Wally Shaw, Trisha Marlow, Lynfa Davies, Nicola Oulton/Liz Childerley, Richard Pett & Emma Davies) continued to hold quarterly virtual meetings throughout 2022.

Liz has replaced Nicola within L&D having taken over as Exam Secretary (covering both Basic & Junior Assessments, as well as modules and the Higher Practical Assessments), towards the end of the year.

L&D have worked with both Editorial and Events to provide magazine content and input to the Spring Convention Programme including, for the first time in 2022, two workshops for Convention attendees.

Exams & Assessments

26 members passed the WBKA Basic Assessment in 2022, most with either distinction or credit. Work began on reviewing processes around the planning and delivery of our Basic Assessments ahead of the 2023 round. Two new Basic Assessors have been recruited and this will help build capacity as we continue to try and encourage members to take this practical assessment. We still need more members to become Basic Assessors to support succession planning in this area.

It is particularly pleasing to note that 2 candidates passed the Junior Assessment in 2022 and we hope that, going forward, more young beekeepers will consider this.

2022 also saw the first successful Bee Health Certificate WBKA candidate and it is hoped that the preparation workshop which ran in Newtown in November will result in more candidates taking this relatively new assessment in 2023.

On the module side, WBKA members again achieved some fantastic results in 2022. There were 11 module successes, including 4 with Distinction and 4 with Credit and 2 members were awarded the Advanced Theory Certificate (for completing all the modules), both with Credit.

We congratulate all the successful candidates and thank everyone who has helped to facilitate these exams and assessments for our members.

New WBKA booklet – The Beekeeping Year

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, copies of this new booklet were distributed following its publication. Thanks to everyone involved in its production, in particular the author Lynfa, and the WBKA Editor Basil.

Webinars

We delivered 9 live webinars on a range of topics during 2022 bringing the total number of registrants for our webinar series up to almost 8000, with the actual attendance rate remaining close to 70%.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who has presented at these webinars, and to all who have supported them.

Schools

Schools Officer Emma has provided a list of useful links for the school's section of the WBKA website.

IMYB (International Meeting of Young Beekeepers)

There has been little to report on this event in recent years due to the pandemic, but we have confirmed our interest in participating in a UK based, possibly virtual, event should one proceed. (Just as this report was being written, WBKA received an invitation to participate in the 2023 international event being held in Slovenia).

Wax Chandler Grant Funding

During 2022, with the direct support of this funding, we have been able to deliver/support a range of events for WBKA members: -

2 x Convention workshops – An Introduction to Queen Rearing, and Varroa Management

3 x Pollen Microscopy Workshops - held in locations in North, Mid & South Wales

1 x Anatomy & Dissection Workshop

2 x Online Microscopy Study Groups of 6 sessions each

A one-day Honey Bee Health workshop

A two-day Teaching Beekeeping workshop

The first annual feedback report has been sent to the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers who have responded to say they are delighted to learn how the events which their funding has supported are benefiting our members.

Thanks to everyone who has helped deliver and facilitate these events and also to the NDB who agreed to run some of their short courses in Wales during 2022.

BBKA Collaboration

In the early part of 2022, we worked closely with the BBKA in connection with a joint bid to provide an e-learning platform for beekeepers in England & Wales. Though our bid was unsuccessful, the collaboration with BBKA colleagues was a very worthwhile and positive experience and one which has built relationships across the two Associations.

Events Committee

This year saw a return to the face-to-face Spring Convention on March 26th. The number of attendees were down, 351, but this could have been due to a spike in covid cases just before the show. There were 12 Trade stands, and 6 general interest stands. There were also 2 workshops that were full during the day, one run by the NBU on 'Management of Varroa', the second 'An introduction to Queen' rearing run by Lynfa Davies. An informal workshop aimed at young beekeepers also took place. 33 stewards supported the running of the show on the day as well as the members who helped with the set up on the Friday. This year we used Sum Up for both pre-payments and on the door, this allowed members to use a creditor/debit card for payments for the first time.

The Spring Festival, May 21st/22nd, was supported by 15 members stewarding the stand. The events team, Martin Anderson, Vicky Davies, Keith Hall, Jill and Graham Wheeler, helped set up and strike the stand. The show was quieter than previous years, but the stand proved to be popular to both members of the public and beekeepers. Fred Eckton once again provided an observation hive with support from a couple of Brednock and Radnor beekeepers.

The RWAS 18th to 21st July saw us in the Horticultural tent. This year the feature county was unable to provide a display, so we expanded our display to fill one end of the Honey Show space. We also saw a new feature on our display that of a screen with bee related videos playing. Thanks to Keith Hall who sourced and set up this feature. 17 members helped to steward the stand over the four days, the stand was positioned so that it would remain accessible throughout the Honey Show judging. Thanks must go to the events team who helped with the successful setting up and running of the stand, we even had a Royal visitor.

Planning of the 2023 Spring Convention is underway with traders and four speakers booked: Tim Maile - Wax Chandlers opening talk, Pam Hunter – ‘Pheromones – or Bees do it by smell!’, Giles Budge – ‘Chronic Bee Paralysis Virus’, Trisha Marlow – ‘Bees Abroad’, Bob Smith – ‘Beyond the Basics – beekeeping for improvers. Once again, the committee did not have a chair for most of the year, the new Vice-chair has now stepped into the role supporting the organisation of the Convention.

Webmaster

The new website has been completed and is updated regularly. Currently the most popular pages are: WBKA Publications, followed by member Associations and Exams and Assessments.

Editor

The Editorial Committee consists of Jenny Shaw (Chair), Jill Hill (Secretary), Basil Wolf (Editor), Wally Shaw (Technical Officer), Chris Clarke (Proofreader), Caroline Mullinex (L&D), Emma Davies (Schools) and Jill Wheeler. Wally Shaw was recruited during 2022 to give technical advice on articles where questions of scientific or technical merit arose. Four editions of the magazine have been published using a design template created by Claire Waring and these have been made available in print and online on the WBKA website. The magazine has acted as a vehicle for WBKA and Association news and a range of articles of technical and general interest to beekeepers. The activities of L&D have been a strong theme throughout, with promotion of the Basic Assessment and General Husbandry Certificate in particular, and reports of successful candidates. The young beekeeper pages have been well supported by schools and individual young beekeepers. There have also been satisfying numbers of articles volunteered by members on a diverse and interesting range of subjects and we have also published the results of the Welsh National Honey Show. The number of entrants to the photo competition have grown and the quality of the submissions has improved after publication of an article about photography by Claire Waring who judges the competition. We are grateful to our competition sponsors during the year: BeeCraft, Northern Bee Books, Abelo and Wyefield Apiaries. The cost of publishing the magazine has increased as inflation has affected the costs of raw materials and labour. We decided to continue publication through S&G, having evaluated competitive quotes from printers throughout Wales. The price of advertising in the magazine has increased by 10%. Apart from the magazine, the Editor was involved with Caroline Mullinex in the preparation and publication of a new bilingual handbook for beginners ‘The Beekeeping Year’ by Lynfa Davies and, with Jill Wheeler, in the preparation and publication of the Convention Programme.

Technical Officer

Bee Inspection Service – The season started with a new Regional Bee Regional Bee Inspector (RBI) in post. Maggie Gill was recruited from with the existing team of Seasonal Bee Inspectors, so she was already known by many people. An extremely comprehensive report on bee health and related matters appears in the 2022 Winter Edition of Welsh Beekeeper

Developments During 2022 – I am not aware of any notable developments in Wales during the year. Although there was one Asian hornet nests found in south-east England, there have been no reported sighting in Wales. The nest in question was rapidly found and destroyed. A post-mortem investigation of the nest indicated that it had no genetic affinities with those found in previous years suggesting

that it is unlikely that the species has become established anywhere in the UK. The genetic affinities of the nest were consistent with an origin in western Europe and was not a fresh import from China. North-west Wales had its first case of EFB for many years, but its source could not be established.

Bee Health Advisory Forum (BHAF) Meetings - There have been three meetings of the forum (39th-42nd and all virtual) during 2022. Representing WBKA at those meeting were John Bowles and Wally Shaw. An ongoing item on the agenda at these meetings was the Implementation Plan for the second Health Bee Plan which extends up to 2030. Most of the initiative in this programme fall under the heading of beekeeper education which will be covered in the Learning and Development report.

During the year a new Science Forum has been set up and three Science Advisers appointed. A list of current scientific projects that are underway in the UK, their progress to date and their source of funding has been prepared and discussed. Further meetings will be held in 2023.

The Annual Hive Count was repeated this year, but no results have become available at the time of writing.

Varroa Levels 2022 – No information available

WBKA Technical Publications – One new booklet (*The Beekeeping Year*) by Lynfa Davies NDB was published during the year and copies distributed to all member associations of the WBKA.

Insurance

A process to ensure that we were providing our insurers with all the information necessary for them to truly assess the risk associated with insuring the WBKA was started last year and alluded to in the 2021 report where we set out a definition of who would be insured as an Indirect member of the WBKA i.e. a member of one of the 19 local associations in Wales. This re-examination of our membership numbers was to a large extent caused by our adoption of the eR2 system which identified a number of anomalies in how different associations counted their members and how they defined those members. You will be aware that this process has continued in consultation with Associations through Council in the last year and further anomalies have been and probably will be identified in the future. One of these is the position of the very few junior members (under 18s) who keep bees independently of an adult. Our current insurer does not insure any individual under 18. We are seeking to resolve this issue as a matter of urgency. It is important that we are able to accurately measure all types of membership as we would not wish our insurer to have grounds to reject or reduce the value of a claim. More generally, we have insured again through the same broker and our premium increased by some 7%. This is not excessive considering the level of inflation as well as our notification of a larger membership than before. The endorsements on our policy remain the same as were noted in last year's report. One of the most significant of these was the requirement that anyone (who is not their parent) who has contact with minors on behalf their association should be checked and registered with the Disclosure and Barring service. Finally, although we provide copies of our policy documents to all Association Secretaries there does appear to be a lack of understanding, by some members, of what cover is provided. To this end we will shortly publish a brief explanation of what and what isn't covered.

Health & Safety

We are in danger of repeating ourselves year on year in trying to exhort Associations to take basic H&S steps to protect themselves, their members and the public. For that reason, I have restricted myself to a brief paragraph. We have issued simple guidance on Risk Assessment, and I believe that most Associations recognise that there are circumstances where they need to carry these out. What we advise is for Associations to identify an individual who ensures that such assessments are carried out (even if they do not do them themselves). Please ensure that your members are competent to do what you ask them to do and that the public is protected from your and their actions. Failure to follow this advice to formally address Health and Safety issues and be able to provide a simple evidence trail could make the Association and its Committee liable for costs associated with harm to others without having the insurance to back it up. John Pilgrim is very experienced and is always available to advise you.

SAFEGUARDING

As WBKA is a registered charity we have a responsibility ensure that all Beekeeping groups in Wales are supported and informed of their duties in regard to safeguarding.

The Charity Commission and Welsh assembly Government have produced policy and advice documents which are very useful. We have made sure that Associations throughout Wales have been informed of all that would be relevant to them.

Several individual beekeepers have contributed their experience and thoughts to the process during the year which has led to a document outlining these and providing guidance to associations. This document has been circulated to all associations.

It is my experience that throughout Wales, within Associations there are many beekeepers who through their own working lives are very familiar with safeguarding and the need to ensure that policies and guidelines need to be in place to ensure that individuals across the age range are able to enjoy the hobby of beekeeping in a safe environment.

WALES POLLINATORS' TASKFORCE

WBKA were represented at three meetings in 2022

COLOSS

The online COLOSS questionnaire was distributed to beekeepers selected at random in April 2022 and one hundred and sixteen WBKA members completed it. The survey was submitted, and the results will be available hopefully next year.

NDB

We attended the AGM this year, held during the National Honey Show at Sandown Park, where the WBKA encouraged the NDB to run short courses in Wales.

CONBA

WBKA were represented at all the meetings in 2022. The main work of the group was to re-join Apimondia. This means that any WBKA members who attend Apimondia are entitled to claim the discounted entry fees offered to members. With the retirement of the long- standing secretary and treasurer, Phil McAnespie, those roles were passed to Stephen Barnes (BBKA representative) as secretary and the treasurer became John Hill (Ulster Beekeepers' representative). The chair of CONBA has now passed to the BBKA.

Archive.

The archives remain at the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth and are added to on an annual basis.

APPENDED REPORTS

Appendix 1: Membership 2022

Appendix 2: Accounts Financial Year 2022

Appendix 3: 2022 Year End and 2022 Budget

Declaration: The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full name: Caroline Mullinex

Position: Chairperson

Date:

Welsh Beekeepers' Association

Accounts for the Year ended

31st December 2022

Registered Charity No 509929

Prepared by Graham Wheeler, Honorary Treasurer

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<u>Income</u>						
Capitation	1		17,811.00		16,317.00	
Individual Members - Fees	2		822.90		857.80	
Welsh Beekeepers Advertising	3		4,374.35		4,464.45	
Donations and Sundry Income	3a, 4		6,415.82		74.64	
<u>Convention</u>						
Income	4		5,608.74		-	
<u>Other Income</u>						
Bank Interest			13.95		5.12	
Exams Income	5		765.00		470.00	
Training	6		1,283.11		-	
Miscellaneous			7.98			
				37,102.85		22,189.01
<u>Expenditure</u>						
Administration	7		295.64		86.68	
Special Project	8		4,469.00		1,490.00	
Donations and Subscriptions	9		270.00		400.00	
Translation Costs	10		1,562.66		809.50	
Sundry expenses	10a		165.33		39.55	
Bee Disease Insurance			187.90		237.40	
Software	13		3,118.63		3,584.86	
Insurance	11		3,518.56		2,795.14	
Exams Expenses	5		649.53		460.09	
Training costs	6		4,531.65		529.35	
Webinar Speaker Costs			200.00		285.00	
Meetings Internal			138.40		-	
Meetings Education			103.95		-	
Meetings External			49.80		-	
Meetings Editorial					-	
Meetings Council			33.60		-	
Meetings Trustees					-	
Welsh Beekeepers Magazine			13,750.91		13,813.46	
RWAS Spring Fair			365.11			
RWAS Summer			247.71			
WBKA Spring Convention	4		5,738.71		224.00	
Bank Charges						
Depreciation	12		1,037.63		413.88	
Debt Write Off	14				147.00	
				40,434.72		25,315.91
Surplus for the Year			- 3,331.87		- 3,126.90	

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

	Notes	Opening value	Depreciation	Closing book value	Net. Book Value			Original cost
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021	2020	
<u>Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Location</u>	£	£	£				
Banner	Events Sec.	214.96	42.99	171.97	171.97	214.96	268.70	1,026.00
Banner	Events Sec.	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	186.00
Computer - Book Value	written off	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	
Editors Laptop HP250 G8	Editor	719.20	143.84	575.36	575.36	719.20		899.00
Old Editor's Laptop	written off	-	-	-	-	-	78.32	
Treasurer's Laptop	Treasurer	118.46	23.69	94.77	94.77	118.46	148.08	451.90
Display Hive	Events sec.	89.62	17.92	71.70	71.70	89.62	112.03	273.50
6 Microscopes	Lynfa Davies	4,045.91	809.18	3,236.73	3,236.73			4,045.91
Total Depreciation	12		1,037.63					
Total Fixed Assets value		5,238.15		4,200.52	4,200.52	1,192.24	707.12	6,882.31
<u>Current Assets</u>			2022			2021		
HSBC Bank Account			20,779.55			25,164.44		
Scottish Widows 90 Day Account			10,252.70			10,238.75		
				31,032.25			35,403.19	
Total Assets :				35,232.77			36,595.43	
<u>Debtors</u>			3,105.60			4,291.45		
				3,105.60			4,291.45	
				38,338.37			40,886.88	
<u>Creditors</u>								
Creditors			4,164.58			3,356.62		
Prepayments			642.85			667.45		
				4,807.43			4,024.07	
Total Assets				33,530.94			36,862.81	
Opening Accumulated Funds				36,862.81			39,989.71	
Surplus				-3,331.87			-3,126.90	
Closing Accumulated Funds				33,530.94			36,862.81	

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

1 Capitalisation

1979 Members at £9@ an increase of 166 members on the previous year

This constitutes the major income of the Association at £9 per member. Out of this is paid the publishing costs of the Welsh Beekeeper Magazine, Members Public Liability insurance and the Officers Insurance.

The balance is used to fund the running costs of the Association and initiatives for the benefit of members such as booklets and training.

2 Individual Membership

This is made up of £20 capitation per member plus their BDI premium

3 Welsh Beekeeper Magazine Advertising Revenue

3a	Donations & Sundry Income	£	£
	Donations	165.82	
	Wax Chandlers Grant	6000.00	
	BDI sponsorship for convention	250.00	
			<u>6415.82</u>

4 Convention Accounts

	Income	£	£
	Entrance Money	1397.91	
	Early Bird Ticket sales	1261.63	
	Trade Stands	2949.20	
	BDI Donation	250.00	
			<u>5858.74</u>
	Expenses		
	Venue Hire	2436.00	
	Equipment Hire	1189.44	
	Accommodation	457.00	
	Advertising	0.00	
	Speakers	518.40	
	St Johns Ambulance		
	Sound System	489.00	
	Programme	468.00	
	Sundry expenses	180.87	
			<u>5738.71</u>
	Surplus		<u>120.03</u>

5 Examinations

	Income		
	Basic Assessment fees	765.00	
			<u>765.00</u>
	Expenses		
	BBKA Exams Membership fees	207.00	
	Exams venue	90.00	
	Exam Assessors' expenses	307.85	
	Exams expenses (postage certificates)	44.68	
			<u>649.53</u>
	Surplus		<u>115.47</u>

6 Training Income & Expenditure

In 2022 the WBKA was awarded a grant of £6000; the award for use over 3 years in supporting the delivery of a programme of courses and workshops, on microscopy and other topics, which will contribute to increasing the knowledge and skill levels of WBKA members.

	Income	-	
	Workshop receipts	1283.11	
	Expenditure		
	Training Venues	848.50	Including £198.50 from previous year for Bee Husbandry Venue
	Sponsorship of members on Bee behaviour course	275.00	
	Sponsorship of members on teaching beekeeping course	132.00	
	Sponsorship of members on honey bee health	200.00	
	Courses and Workshop provision	3076.15	including microscope cases £230.23
		<u>4531.65</u>	
	Net. Expenditure:	<u>-3248.54</u>	

7 Administration

	Postage of Booklets to Associations	219.05	
	Bank charges	76.59	
		<u>295.64</u>	

8	Special Projects	
	Reprint of Disease Cards	2,137.20
	The Bee Keeping Year Book	2,075.00
	WBKA Badges	256.80
		<u>4,469.00</u>
9	Subscriptions and donations	
	RWAS Membership	270.00
	CONBA Membership	-
		<u>270.00</u>
10	Translation Costs	1,562.66
	Annual report, booklets and policies	<u>1562.66</u>
10a	Sundry Expenses	
	Sumup Card reader and set up	103.99
	Misc.	61.34
		<u>165.33</u>
11	Insurance	
	Members Combined Liability	3042.72
	Trustee & Officers Insurance	375.04
	Microscopes	100.80
		<u>3,518.56</u>
12	Depreciation	
	Items over the value of £100 are depreciated at a rate of 20% until there is a residual balance of £50. They are kept at this value until such time as it is decided to dispose of the asset.	
13	Software	
	Webinar and Meetings Software	1,942.41
	Web Page & Domain	95.60
	Virus protection	89.99
	Adobe Indesign and photo manipulation software subs.	357.63
	MS Office 365 subscription	0.00
	eR2 subscription	633.00
		<u>3,118.63</u>
14	Debt Write Off : Advertiser ceased trading	

Schedule of Income for the year ended 31st December 2022

	£
Capitation - Income from member Associations	17,811.00
Individual Membership	822.90
Advertising Income	4,374.35
Sundry Income & Donations	6,415.82
Income from the Convention	5,608.74
Bank Interest	13.95
Examinations	765.00
Workshop fees	1,283.11
Misc.	7.98
	<u>37,102.85</u>
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity name
Welsh Beekeepers' Association

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any) 509929

Set out on pages

1 + 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2022**.

Responsibilities and basis
of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's
statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Accounting Technicians.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

20/02/2023

Name:

STEPHANIE CRANCY 'MAAT'

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS

Address:

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Hollywell

CH8 9UU

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern
(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and
guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details
of any items that the
examiner wishes to
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