



The British Association of Flower Essences Producers

BAFEP AGM 2023

Thursday 9th November 2023
11.00 GMT, Via Zoom

Present: Casey Jon, Simon Blackler, Simon Lilly, Amy Murphy-Watts, Sharon Keenan, Vivien Williamson, Pamela Townsend, Sue Lilly, Tony Pinkus, Sam Cremnitz, Rosemary Hanson, Deborah Reiter Julian Barnard

Tony Pinkus introduced this meeting saying that BAFEP is now of an age to show the benefits it has brought to producers in the UK and beyond. BAFEP tries to keep all information on the website BAFEP.co.uk – which is available to anyone or on the members' section on the older BAFEP.com website which requires a login. We are at a point where we can ask ourselves - Do we carry on as we are? Or do we start changing some things?

1 Apologies: Paul Strobe, Jenny Howarth, Elly Yule, Marion Davis, Colin and Diana Kingshott, Julie Bowman, Karen Reid, Jo Jeavons, Andrew Tresidder, Jan Stewart, Rachel Allanach, Caroline Thomas.

2. Minutes from the last Meeting

These were summarized and agreed by everyone. Proposed by Simon Blackler and Seconded by Sam Cremnitz.

3. Vacancy of Secretary

The vacancy could be split easily into

A) Secretary:

- Being the drop address for BAFEP (a PO box could be created)
- Being the phone link for BAFEP (a mobile could be bought for this)
- Checking new member's information*
- Sending new member's information to the Treasurer
- Keeping a members' list (at present on MSAccess & Excel)
- Arranging AGM, taking Minutes, distributing them
- *if the person does not hold permission from the Information Commissioners' Office to hold personal details, BAFEP will deal with this.

B) web admin

(on WIX – BAFEP.co.uk – easy 'drag and drop')

- Keeping the website members' details updated
- Adding new members and their logos
- Updating date information every New Year

(on database – BAFEP.com – done in html – Sue happy to continue doing this)

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Simon B suggested that maybe the Secretary could be attached directly to an existing business. This was not thought to be a good idea.

Sam C reminded everyone that all members are information resources – it does not rely solely on the Secretary.

4. New Posts

There was a lot of discussion, leaving the following for volunteers or other suggestions:

Media Communications

- Opening and maintaining a closed FaceBook page
- Restarting the newsletter

Course Verifier (idea at this stage)

Someone qualified to moderate or verify courses (we have a few already as members)

5. Officers Reports

Chairman: Tony Pinkus's given as the introduction.

Secretary: Sue Lilly as locum, confirmed there were three new members this year. Two requests for help from Ireland (Southern) producers. We have 70 members at present.

Treasurer: Sam Cremnitz:

Income: £3,856.81

Expenses: £569.33

P&L: £3,287.48

Balance: £36,647.86

6. Moving into the Future

Several people confirmed that essence producers in southern Ireland were making themselves known.

Rosemary H asked about sending essences to the USA. Tont explained that Bach essences in the USA come under a medicinal category (historic use of the 1993 Materia Medica). If you send in a 'foods' you have the FDA and FDC to deal with. It is probably best for her customer to investigate how best to do it.

Amy suggested a quarterly zoom session on a specified topic or an open meeting

Simon L suggested a closed group on FaceBook could be very useful

A history session on BFVEA and BAFEP may be useful as a lot of the work done from 1998 – 2010 has now been forgotten as new members have come in. There is a part of the members' section on BAFEP.com, that has The Bioneer in it – the quarterly BAFEP newsletter that ran from 2002 until 2006.

We need people – to take over as Secretary, to take on the WIX website, to take on a FaceBook closed Group.

7. AOB

There was none

8. Next Meeting

The next AGM will be November 2024.

Other meetings may be called as and when needed.

Tony thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 12.21pm