

BOURNEMOUTH AND DORSET SOUTH BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. NAME

The Association shall be called the Bournemouth and Dorset South Beekeepers Association (“the Association”)

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be to promote and encourage apiculture in the area, to stimulate co-operation among beekeepers and to arrange meetings and lectures for the benefit and instruction of its members

3. MEMBERSHIP

a) The membership of the Association shall consist of life members, honorary members, registered members, partner members, associate members and junior members

b) A voting member of the Association shall be one holding either life, honorary, registered or partner membership in the Association (“voting member”)

c) Registered membership is available to any person keeping bees on payment of the annual subscription set at the annual general meeting of the Association (“AGM”) exclusive of premiums payable to Bee Disease Insurance (“BDI”)

d) Partner membership is available to other members of the same household of a registered member on payment of the annual subscription set at the AGM of the Association

e) Associate membership is available to any person interested in beekeeping who does not keep bees or is a full member of another beekeeping association affiliated to the British Beekeeping Association on payment of the annual subscription set at the AGM of the Association

f) Junior membership is available up to the age of 18 on payment of the annual subscription set at the AGM exclusive of premiums payable to BDI

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The annual subscriptions payable by members shall be fixed each year at the AGM of the Association and shall come into force at the beginning of the next financial year of the Association
- b) The financial year of the Association shall run from 1st October to 30th September following
- c) The annual subscription due from each member must be paid by 31st December in each financial year and any member whose annual subscription is not paid by that date shall cease to be a member with effect from midnight of the preceding 1st October
- d) Every member owning bees shall pay the premium determined and set by BDI for bee disease insurance with his/her annual subscription

5. MANAGEMENT

- a) The management of the Association shall be vested in an executive committee (“the Committee”) to consist of a chairman (“the Chairman”) vice-chairman treasurer and secretary (“the Named Committee Members”) and up to six other members of the Association (“the Unnamed Committee Members”)
- b) Six members of the Committee shall form a quorum
- c) The Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members if required for some specific purpose but such additional members shall have no vote in the Committee
- d) The Committee shall meet not less than four times each year
- e) The Committee may appoint sub-committees to deal with special matters but all decisions of such sub-committees shall be ratified by the Committee before being implemented
- f) The Committee shall have no power to make alter or revoke any part of the Constitution and Rules of the Association
- g) A simple majority of the members of the Committee present at a meeting of the Committee shall be sufficient to defeat or carry a motion save that a motion to act under para. 5h) shall not be carried unless 75% of those present and voting shall vote in favour
- h) Subject to para.5g) the Committee shall have power to suspend and/or expel any member of the Association from all activities and meetings of the Association
- i) Any decision of the Committee properly arrived at shall be binding and final

6. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Life members honorary members registered members and partner members only shall be entitled to put themselves forward for election to the Committee. The Committee members shall be elected at the AGM for the terms and in the manner following:

- a) The Chairman may stand in office for three consecutive years but shall be elected annually and shall not be entitled to stand for re-election as chairman or as a Named Committee Member until a period of not less than one year has elapsed from the date of him/her ceasing to be a member of the Committee
- b) The Named Committee Members may stand in office for six consecutive years but shall be elected annually and shall not be entitled to stand for re-election as a Named Committee Member until a period of not less than one year has elapsed from the date of them or any one of them ceasing to be a member of the Committee
- c) The Unnamed Committee Members shall be elected for a term of three years. In each year no fewer than two Unnamed Committee Members shall resign from the Committee and shall be entitled to stand for re-election as an Unnamed Committee Member for only one further period of three years until a period of not less than one year has elapsed from the date of them or any one of them ceasing to be a member of the Committee

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) The AGM of the Association shall be held in January of each year at such time and place as the Committee may appoint to elect members to the Committee in the manner and for the terms set out in Para 6) of the Constitution of the Association
- b) The Committee shall lay before the AGM a report of the proceedings of the previous year and a statement of accounts of the previous year certified by the auditor for adoption or otherwise. The AGM may consider any business brought before it by the Committee or by any two or more members who have jointly given notice in writing to the secretary of the Association of the business concerned not less than 28 days before the date of the AGM and may make recommendations to the Committee
- c) The AGM shall confirm the appointment of the auditor to the Association
- d) A special general meeting of the Association ("SGM") shall be summoned by the secretary to the Association within 28 days of receipt of a request signed by not less than 25% of the voting members of the Association. Such request shall set out the resolution to be discussed and voted on at the SGM and no other

business may be discussed at the SGM. Not less than 50% of the voting members of the Association must be present at the SGM for there to be a quorum

8. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

An alteration or amendment to the Constitution and Rules of the Association shall be made only if agreed to by a two-thirds majority of an AGM or a SGM. Any such alteration or amendment proposed and the arrangements for the meeting at which it is to be considered shall be notified to members not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting. An alteration or amendment to the Constitution and Rules of the Association may be made whether or not the Committee consent

9. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Upon the voting members of the Association at either an AGM or a SGM voting for the dissolution of the Association all assets under the control of the Association ("the Assets") shall be donated for the furtherance of beekeeping research. The Committee in place at the time of such vote in favour of dissolution shall continue in office for the only purposes of determining at its absolute discretion the research body that shall receive the Assets and taking the appropriate steps to vest the Assets in such research body