

EAST DORSET BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
(A Branch of the Dorset Beekeepers Association)
Affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association.

CONSTITUTION & RULES

1. Name. The name of the Association (hereinafter called "The Association") is the East Dorset Beekeepers Association

2. Objects. The objects for which the Association is established are:-

(a) To promote and provide education in and advancement of apiculture; the stimulation of co-operation among beekeepers; to provide for the holding of lectures, shows, and all matters relating to apiculture.

(b) To increase honey production and consumption, and to advise and assist members in the profitable disposal of bee products.

(c) To collect statistics and other information relating to apiculture and to disseminate among members information relating to the objectives of the Association.

(d) To administer funds acquired by means of subscriptions by members, donations, exhibitions and sale of bee products and by such other means as may seem from time to time desirable.

(e) To take out such policies of insurance against third-party claims and disease of brood and adult bees for the benefit of members as may seem desirable.

3. Membership. The Association shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Full Members, Partner Members, Junior Members, and Associate Members.

4. Subscriptions. Every member shall pay an annual subscription which shall be fixed by the Rules of the Association for the time being and shall be as agreed and due for payment following the Annual General Meeting.

5. Management. The management of the Association shall be vested in an executive committee which shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, consisting of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Show Secretary, Apiary Manager, Training Officer, Asian Hornet Officer and three other members, who shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election

The Committee may co-opt no more than three other persons to serve on the Committee. Six members shall form a quorum.

6. General Meetings.

(a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the first Saturday in November each year, at such time and place as the Committee appoint, to elect a President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Show Secretary, Apiary Manager, Training Officer, Asian Hornet Officer and up to three other committee members.

The Committee shall lay before the Meeting a report of the year's proceedings and a statement of accounts certified by the Auditor, for adoption or otherwise. Such meetings may consider any business brought before it by the Committee or by the members and may make recommendations to the Committee thereon.

Other General Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Committee

(b) A Special General Meeting shall be called within 28 days of the receipt by the Secretary of the requisition signed by twelve members of the association, or six members of the Committee, setting out resolutions to be proposed at the Meeting. The agenda of any Special General Meeting shall be announced at the time of giving notice of the meeting, and no other propositions shall be considered at such meetings, except those detailed on the agenda.

7. Alterations. An alteration or amendments to this constitution shall only be made if agreed to by the majority at the Annual General Meeting. The consent of the Committee shall not be necessary to an alteration or amendment to this Constitution.

8. Rules. The Committee may make, alter and revoke rules for the management and good government of the Association, provided that such rules and any alterations thereto are consistent with the Constitution of the Association.

Any proposed alteration and date of the meeting at which it is to be considered shall be notified to all members of the Committee not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting. Any such alterations made to the rules shall be published to the members with the agenda for the General Meeting.

9. Vice Presidents. The Committee or any individual may propose at an Annual General Meeting any person whom they consider deserving of the title Vice President for services rendered to the Association.

RULES

1. Finance.

(a) The Committee shall raise and administer the funds of the Association.

(b) The year shall end on the 30th of September

2. Subscriptions.

(a) The Annual Subscription shall be as agreed by members at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) Bee disease Insurance. The annual subscription shall include the minimum premium payable to B.D.I .Ltd.

3. Management.

(a) The Committee shall meet at least six times per year.

(b) Six members of the Committee shall form a quorum; the Chairman may use a casting vote

(c) A simple majority of the Committee members present shall be sufficient to carry or defeat a motion, except motions having reference to Rule 4. Any motion under Rule 4 shall not be carried unless two-thirds of those present and voting shall vote in favour of it.

(d) Any decision of the Committee properly arrived at under the Constitution & Rules of the Association shall be binding and final.

(e) The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees to deal with specific matters.

4. Expulsions. The Committee shall have the power to expel from the Association any member whose conduct they may consider injurious to the welfare of the Association, such expulsion to be confirmed at the Annual General meeting.

5. Dissolution. On dissolution of the Association and after satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, all assets shall be released and passed to the Dorset Beekeepers Association to be invested and held in trust for a period of twenty years after which they become the property of the Dorset Beekeepers Association.

The Association does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry),

disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status in any of its activities or operations

Approved by Committee October 2018.