

JERSEY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION



JBKA CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Association shall be THE JERSEY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Association shall be incorporated pursuant to Article 4 of the Loi (1862) Sur Les Teneures En Fidéicommis Et L'incorporation D'associations (the 1862 Law).

2. The purpose of the Association shall be:-

- To promote and further the craft of beekeeping and associated interest in Jersey.
- To educate and promote the importance of bees in the environment.

3. The Officers of the Association shall be:-

a President, a maximum of two vice-Presidents, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Assistant.

4. The Council shall be responsible for the management of the Association and shall be answerable to the members at the Annual General Meeting. The Council shall comprise the Officers of the Association, together with five elected Council members and five shall form a quorum. The past President shall remain on the Council as an additional council member for a year after their term.

5. The Officers and Council shall be appointed for a term of twelve months and shall retire at the end of that term; but they shall be eligible for re-election. The President shall not serve in office for longer than three consecutive years. Council members shall not serve for longer than five consecutive years. A vacancy occurring during the appointed term of the Officers and Council shall be filled at the discretion of the Council.
6. Members of the Association shall be persons interested or engaged in apiculture. Nominations for membership of the Association shall be presented to the Council and membership shall be at the discretion of the Council.
7. Members who have rendered exceptional service to the Association may also be elected as Honorary Life Members. Election shall be at the recommendation of the Council and approved at a general meeting.
8. The subscription to be fixed annually at the AGM and become due on that date. Members who have not paid their subscription by 31st March shall cease to be members. Re-application would require Council approval.

Membership categories are:

BBKA Registered Member: Individuals, for whom a membership fee has been paid to their Area Association Member (JBKA) and in respect of whom a capitation is subsequently paid to the BBKA and for whom a contact name and address has been supplied to the BBKA; Registered Charity No. 1185343.

BBKA Partner Member: Individuals, for whom a membership fee has been paid to their Area Association Member (JBKA) and who reside at the same address as a Registered Member, and in respect of whom a capitation is subsequently paid to the BBKA and for whom a contact name and address has been supplied to the BBKA; Registered Charity No. 1185343.

Only one Partner Member per Registered Member is permitted.

BBKA Junior Member: Individuals under the age of 18 years, for whom a membership fee has been paid to their Area Association Member (JBKA) and in respect of whom a capitation is subsequently paid to the BBKA and for whom a contact name and address has been supplied to the BBKA; Registered Charity No. 1185343.

Junior membership shall cease when the Junior attains the age of 18 and shall be automatically and immediately amended to Registered Membership for the remainder of that membership year, without further payment of any additional capitation in respect of that year.

JBKA Individual Member: Local membership with limited benefit of British Beekeeping Association.

9. The upper age limit for Junior Members shall be eighteen years.
10. An EGM can be called by Council or by any group of 10 or more members in writing to Council for the purpose of discussing/agreeing changes to the Constitution or other official business requiring membership agreement. Such

a meeting may be held immediately before an ordinary members meeting already arranged in the annual diary or at a separate time to be arranged.

11. The AGM shall be held in February each year at which all Officers and Council shall be nominated and elected for the year. At all General Meetings eight members shall form a quorum.

12. Nominations for Officers and Council Members may be provided in writing to the secretary, including names of a proposer and seconder, by 15th January to be included in the Agenda for the AGM circulated to all members. Further nominations may be received from the floor at the AGM in respect of both Officers and Council Members. Proposers may give a short statement in favour of their nominee (this can be provided in writing beforehand and read out by the Secretary if required). Elections for each post shall take place if necessary.

13. If the Association resolves by a simple majority of those present and voting that the Association shall be dissolved any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all proper debts and liabilities shall be given to such other charity or charities preferably having objects similar to those of the Association as the Association may decide or transferred to The Association of Jersey Charities for its general charitable purposes provided that no resolution to dissolve the Association shall be considered unless notice in writing setting out the terms of the resolution shall have been sent to every member of the Association not less than eight weeks before the date of the meeting at which it is to be considered.

Subject to the approval of The Royal Court pursuant to Article 10 of the (1862 Law).

14. The Council shall have the power to discipline any member who has been guilty of conduct considered by the Council to bring the Association into disrepute, or to be prejudicial to the interests of the Association This will be in such a manner as the Council sees fit, up to and including the power to suspend or remove a member from the membership.

A member who has been the subject of disciplinary action by the Council has the right to appeal to the Council in writing.

Any Officer of the Charity shall cease to be an Officer:-

- a. If he/she shall fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council except by leave of the President or Vice-President, or
- b. If by notice in writing addressed to the Secretary he/she resigns his office, or
- c. If the Council by a majority of two-thirds of such of the Council members as shall be present at a Meeting duly convened for the purpose shall resolve that an Officer be removed.
- d. If he/she is guilty of misconduct or is incapable by reason of mental or physical disability of performing his/her duties or becomes "non sui juris" or has appointed an attorney without whom he/she may not act in matters real or personal or suffers his/her goods to be declared "en désastre" or commits any act of bankruptcy or indicative of insolvency or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors or suffers any distress or execution to be levied on his goods.

Individual members should contact a Council member in writing should they wish to raise or query any issue related to the Association. The Council will investigate any serious issue raised by the membership in writing and appoint an independent arbitrator to rule on the matter.

15. The Constitution shall not be amended or deleted or added except at a General Meeting and only after due notice has been given at a preceding General Meeting of the intention of any member, or of Council, to propose such amendment, deletion or addition.

Any amendment to the Constitution shall not have effect unless and until it is approved by The Royal Court.

16. Finance

a. The Associations' financial year shall end on the 31st day of December in each year.

b. The Hon. Treasurer shall cause proper books of account to be kept with respect to:-

- i. all sums of money received and expended by the Association and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place;
- ii. all sales and purchases of goods by the Association; and
- iii. the assets, credits and liabilities of the Association.

c. The accounting records of the organisation shall be examined annually by a professional accountant who shall prepare financial statements to the end of the financial year and issue a limited assurance report in accordance with professional accountancy standards as prevail from time to time.

17. The President or (Honorary) Secretary shall represent the Association before the Royal Court of Jersey and before all Tribunals.

18. The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the purposes of the Association.

19. The Association is duly empowered to hold immovable (and moveable) property.