

IWBKA CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The Association shall be called The Isle of Wight Beekeepers' Association (IWBKA)

2. Objectives

The Association has as its objectives the furtherance of the craft of beekeeping, the encouragement of education in all beekeeping and the protection of the interests of all beekeepers.

3. Officers and Committee

- a. The Officers of the Association shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer.
- b. ***The Committee of the Association shall consist of the Officers together with five Ordinary Members. Officers will be elected annually. Ordinary Members will serve for three years; any vacancies for Ordinary members will be filled by election at the AGM.***
- c. The Committee shall elect a President who shall retire at the end of a three year period and not be eligible for immediate re-election.
- d. After three consecutive years, no Ordinary member shall be eligible for immediate re-election, this subject to section e below.
- e. If more than two Ordinary members have served for three consecutive years, only two shall be required to retire, the selection to be made by ballot at the Committee meeting prior to the AGM.
- f. At a Committee meeting, five members shall constitute a quorum.
- g. The posts of Programme Secretary, Editor of Wightbee, Webmaster, Spray Liaison Officer and Show Secretary can be filled at the discretion of the Committee.
- h. ***The Committee may co-opt an Ordinary Member.***

4. Membership and Finance

- a. Full membership shall be open to all beekeepers over the age of 18 who will be registered with the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA).
- b. Associate Membership (Friends of IWBKA) shall be available to those under 18 and others who are interested in the craft but do not keep bees.
- c. Subscription shall be payable on the first of January each year. The amount of the subscription relating to the IWBKA shall be varied only by resolution at the AGM.
- d. For all Members who keep bees, membership of the BBKA and payment of the minimum Bee Disease Insurance (BDI) premium are conditions of membership.
- e. The Committee shall have power to appoint Honorary Life Members.

5. Teaching Apiary

- a. The Association shall operate a Teaching Apiary to be managed by its own committee, at least one of whom must be a member of and report to the Association Committee.
- b. The Teaching apiary Committee is authorized to run its own bank account, which will be presented annually to Association members at the AGM.

6. Meetings

- a. ***The AGM shall be held in November each year. The agenda for the AGM will be circulated to all members before the AGM. Any motion to be put to the AGM, properly proposed and seconded, must be received by the Honorary Secretary no less than three weeks beforehand in order to be included in the agenda.***

7. ***Complaints: Any complaint concerning the management of the Association must be made to the Honorary Secretary. Any other form of complaint will not be considered by the Committee.***