

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE ..... BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION  
FROM ..... 20...

1. The name of the Association will be “The ..... Beekeepers Association”
2. The objects of the Association shall be to enjoin and encourage all interested in apiculture and to provide educational facilities through the promotion of lectures, discussions, practical demonstrations and exhibitions of honey and beekeeping appliances.
3. The members of the Association shall consist of those who are desirous of promoting the objects of the Association and who have paid the subscription in accordance with clause 10 of this Constitution.
4. The Association shall have an Executive Committee consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five ordinary members. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.  
At a meeting of the Executive Committee five shall form a quorum.  
Sub-committees may be set up for special items, by the Committee. The Committee may co-opt other members.
5. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association shall be held within three months of the end of the financial year, normally January. One third of the membership shall form a quorum. At least fourteen days notice of the Meeting shall be given in writing.  
At this Meeting the following business will be transacted:
  - a. adoption of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meetings held since
  - b. presentation of the Secretary’s Report
  - c. presentation of the Treasurer’s Report
  - d. election of members to the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and of Committee Members
  - e. fixing of the Annual Subscription.
  - f. business of any proposed motion which has been received by the Secretary in writing at least twenty eight days before the date of the AGM.
  - g. Any other Competent Business.
6. a) The election of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for a term of one year. The President and Vice President shall not hold office for more than three years in succession. The Vice President shall accede to the office of President on the retirement of the serving President.  
b) Members of the Committee shall be elected for a term of three years, and be eligible for re-election.  
c) In the event of the resignation of any officer or member of the Committee, the Committee may co-opt a member to fill the position until the date of the next Annual General Meeting.
7. Each Candidate for election must be nominated by one member and seconded by another. Nominations may be communicated in writing to the Secretary or they may be made verbally at the Annual General Meeting. If the number of Candidates proposed is the same as the number of vacancies the Candidate(s)

shall be declared to be duly elected. If the number of Candidates is in excess of the number of vacancies a ballot of the Members present at the Annual General Meeting shall be made. In this ballot each member shall be entitled to a number of votes corresponding to the number of vacancies but shall only be allowed to record one vote for any Candidate.

8. Chairman's Voting rights:-  
In the event of a tied vote at any meeting the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
9. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Association may be convened at any time by the Committee and shall be convened within twenty eight days of receipt of a requisition signed by any seven members. At least fourteen days notice of the Meeting shall be given to all members by advertisement or letter. The requisition submitted and notice of the Meeting shall clearly state the purpose for which the Meeting is to be convened.
10. The financial year shall end on 31<sup>st</sup> December. Annual Subscriptions for the ensuing year will be due in January. New members joining after 30th June may be enrolled for the remainder of the year on payment of pro rata fee. Any member failing to pay his or her subscription by 31st March may at the discretion of the Committee be declared no longer a member, and henceforth be excluded from the privileges of membership, until the membership subscription is renewed.
11. Members may be nominated for Honorary Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting for services rendered to the Association. Such honorary members shall be entitled to all privileges extended to ordinary members.
12. An amendment of this Constitution can only be made by a two-thirds majority of those voting either at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose.
13. The Committee may make or amend such rules as are deemed necessary for the efficient administration of any scheme of insurance adopted by the Association, or any other project which may be undertaken.
- 14.a) The Association may be dissolved by at least two-thirds majority of members casting their votes at an EGM for which the relevant period of notice had been given stating the terms of the proposal to dissolve.  
b) Any assets remaining after the settlement of such debts and liabilities shall be given to such other recognised charitable organisation or organisations that have objects similar to those of the Association as the management committee may determine.
15. The ..... Beekeepers Association will affiliate to The Scottish Beekeepers Association and accepts the Constitution and Rules of The Scottish Beekeepers Association.
16. The ..... Beekeepers Association will submit their Constitution to The Scottish Beekeepers Association Executive for approval.