

East Carmarthenshire Beekeepers' Association
Cymdeithas Gwenynwyr Dwyrain Sir Gaerfyrddyn

Constitution and Rules

1. TITLE.

The Association shall be known as the East Carmarthenshire Beekeepers' Association.

2. OBJECTS

- a. To promote and further the art and science of Apiculture.
- b. To unite the beekeepers of the district for their mutual benefit.

3. CONSTITUTION

The Association shall consist of a President, President Elect, Executive Committee of Five members, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and ordinary members.

- a. The President shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and shall be an 'ex officio' member of the Executive Committee during his/her term of office and shall hold office for one year.
- b. The President elect shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall succeed to the office of President on the latter's retirement. He/she shall be an 'ex-officio' member of the Executive Committee during his/her term of office.
- c. The Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. It shall be their duty to keep all records, books and accounts of the Association, to attend to correspondence, and to be present at Meetings of the Association and Executive Committee and to take minutes at such meetings.
- d. The Auditor shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

4. MANAGEMENT

The management of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee which shall consist of the President, President Elect, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and five members elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. At the first meeting of the Executive Committee, subsequent to the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee will elect from its own members a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall hold office for one year but will be eligible for re-election if still members of the Executive Committee. No person shall hold the office of Chairman for more than three consecutive years.

- b. In the event of a vacancy occurring, the Executive Committee may, at its next meeting, fill the vacancy but only until the next Annual General Meeting.
- c. The Executive Committee shall appoint sub-committees as required and shall have power to co-opt for special purposes, subject to annual confirmation.
- d. The Executive Committee may appoint a Distribution Secretary who shall be responsible for the distribution of all literature, notices etc. to members.
- e. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year.
- f. Four members shall form a quorum.
- g. Any elected person who fails to put in 50% attendance (unless for special reasons) will not be eligible for re-election the following year.

6. MEMBERS

- a. Members shall pay an annual subscription, due on January 1st, as determined at a General Meeting and any additional sum covering extended Bee Diseases Insurance. Any Bee Diseases Insurance premium paid after the 31st March shall not provide insurance cover until 40 days have elapsed from the date of payment.
- b. Privileges of Members. Members shall be entitled to participate at General Meetings and other meetings. In addition they will be entitled to Third Party and B.D.I. cover arising from the Association's affiliation to the Welsh Beekeepers' Association and B.D.I Ltd.
- c. Honorary Life Members. Honorary Life Members may be elected from time to time at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee in recognition of conspicuous services rendered by them to the Association. They shall be entitled to all privileges of Membership.
- d. The funds of the Association shall be kept in an account or accounts opened in the Association's name, as shall be decided from time to time by the Executive Committee.

7. ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report, Financial Statement and full list of members shall be published each year, and together with the notice of the Annual General Meeting, shall be sent to each member at least fourteen days before the date of the Meeting.

8. MEETINGS

- a. Annual General Meeting of the Association. The Annual General Meeting of the Members shall be held every year within three months of the end of the financial year (31st December) at such time and place as the Executive Committee may decide. At least one month's notice of the A.G.M. shall be given to members. Business brought before it by the Executive Committee or by members shall be considered at this meeting. The Executive Committee shall lay before the meeting a report of the year's proceedings, and audited Statement of Accounts (including all assets) and a complete list of members, all of which shall have been circulated to members together with the Agenda for the meeting.
- b. Special Meetings. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee at any time or shall be called by the Honorary Secretary within 28 days of the receipt of a requisition signed by 10 members. The notice calling the meeting must specify the business to be transacted and no other business shall be considered.

9. AFFILIATION

The Association shall be affiliated to the Welsh Beekeepers' Association and Bee Diseases Insurance Ltd. Delegates to the above shall be elected by the Executive Committee. Such delegates shall hold office for one year. Delegates shall act in accordance with the policy laid down by the Association.

10. ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

No amendment shall be made to Clauses 2 and 11.

11. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the settling of all liabilities any property whatsoever, this shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to such a registered Charity or Charities established for similar charitable purposes as the Association shall decide.