

WYE VALLEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

- 1) Title The name of the association shall be 'The Wye Valley Beekeepers Association'. (Hereafter called the association).
- 2) Objects The objects of the association shall be the encouragement, improvement and advancement of beekeeping in the Wye Valley and district.
- In furtherance of these objects the association shall encourage the detection and eradication of bee diseases, provide an exchange of information between beekeepers, do all such lawful things as shall further the objects of the association.
- 3) Ordinary Membership Membership shall be open to all persons interested in actively furthering the objects of the association upon payment of the appropriate annual subscription, subject to clause 5, paragraph 7.
- Subscriptions shall be due on the 31st. January together with any additional bee disease insurance premiums required. Membership shall lapse if subscriptions are unpaid by the AGM.
- Any person joining after the 30th. September will renew their subscription at the end of the following year.
- 4) Constitution The association shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer (the officers), and five other members of the executive committee elected from amongst the members, and the members.
- 5) Financial Year The financial year will end on 31st. December.
- 6) Annual General meeting An AGM of all paid up members of the association shall be held within three months of the end of the financial year.
- The AGM shall have the power to:
- 1) Elect the executive committee, including the officers.
 - 2) Receive the annual report and a financial statement.
 - 3) Set the level of subscriptions.
 - 4) Determine honoraria.
 - 5) Debate policy motions.
 - 6) Do or cause to be done all things consistent with the objects of the association.
- ii Extraordinary General Meetings EGMs may be called by the executive committee at any time or must be called within 14 days, or in the case of proposed rule changes within 4 weeks, of a requisition being received by the Hon. Secretary signed by 12 members of the association, stating the business to be transacted at the EGM. Only matters of which notice has been so given may be dealt with by the meeting.
- 7) Management The management of the association shall be vested in an executive committee consisting of the officers together with 5 other members.
- Members of the executive committee shall retire at the AGM and, with the exception of the Chairman who is limited to three consecutive years in office, shall be eligible for re-election, further excepting that 30

members who have attended less than half of all EC meetings without sufficient excuse shall not be eligible for re-election.

The Chairman

Shall preside at all meetings of the association, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman, and shall have an original & A casting vote.

Hon. Secretary

Shall take the minutes of the meetings of the EC and AGMs and EGMs. S/he shall arrange for each member of the association to receive an annual report, financial statement, a list of members and notice of the AGM at least 14 days prior to the meeting. S/he shall give notice of EGMs when necessary.

Hon. Treasurer

Shall be responsible for such sums of money as may be paid into his/her hands on behalf of the association. S/he shall administer the funds which shall be deposited into a bank or building society in the name of the association nominated by the EC. S/he shall each year pay the reasonable travelling expenses of EC members for attending EC meetings. S/he shall be responsible for keeping an up to date record of all assets of the association such as books, records, office equipment, cups, trophies, printing blocks etc.

The executive committee

Shall meet at least 4 times a year. 5 members will constitute a quorum. The executive committee shall have the powers

- 1) To arrange meetings, shows, exhibitions etc.
- 2) To appoint any sub-committee for any purpose at the first meeting of the EC after the AGM or at any other time provided that any such sub-committee shall make full and regular reports back to the executive committee.
- 3) To co-opt onto the EC any members of the association for any special purpose subject to annual confirmation by the EC.
- 4) To fill any casual vacancy in any office.
- 5) To, for good and sufficient reason, refuse membership to and expel any member from the association whose conduct shall in the opinion of the EC render him/her unfit for membership of the association, provided that no member shall be expelled without first having the right to attend and be heard by the executive committee before the decision is made.
- 6) To appoint an auditor.
- 7) To appoint technical advisers to provide free advice for the members by post and to pay their reasonable expenses.
- 8) Do or cause to be done all such lawful things consistent with the objects of the association subject only to the overriding authority of the AGM or an EGM.
- 9) To interpret the rules of the association.

8) Special Membership

i Family Members

The spouse and any child under 18 living at the same address as a member paying the full subscription shall upon payment of a family member subscription, set by the AGM, be enrolled as a family member, subject to clause 5 paragraph 7.

Family members may attend shows and enter the Honey cake class only and all the meetings of the association, but may not vote.

ii Persons not owning bees

Will pay the same subscription and receive the same privileges as the family member, subject to clause 5 paragraph 7. Additional material will be sent upon payment of a fee equal to the extra postage.

The special member is required to pay the balance between his/her subscription and the full member's upon acquiring bees and to transfer to full membership.

9) Dissolution

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 to or distributed among the members of the association, but shall be given or transferred to such charity or charities established for such similar charitable purposes as the association.

10) Amendment

Additions or alterations to the rules of the association may only be made by a majority vote of the members present at a general meeting of the association provided that no amendment shall be made that will cause the association to cease to be a charity in law or to change rule 2 and rule 9.

Proposed rule changes must be submitted in writing to the secretary by the 31st. January in the case of the AGM or 4 weeks in advance in the case of an EGM.

approved by Wye Valley BKA
Annual General Meeting on
23rd March 1985

Ch. Williams

CHAIRMAN.