



WOKINGHAM & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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Conditions of Membership (The Constitution)

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1. **NAME:**
The Association shall be called "**The Wokingham and District Beekeepers' Association**".

2. **AFFILIATION:**
The Association shall be affiliated to the British Bee-Keepers' Association (Charity No.212025).

3. **OBJECTS:**
The objects of the Association shall be to encourage good bee-keeping, endeavour to provide a club apiary for the benefit of members and to give members advice, information and help.

4. **MEMBERSHIP:**
Full membership is available to any person paying a full subscription. Any school, club or organisation may apply for full membership.

Family membership is open to the family of a full member living in the same household at no additional cost.

Junior membership. Persons up to the age of their 18th birthday may become junior members on the payment of a discounted subscription, the rate of which will be set annually by the Treasurer.

Friends are members who do not keep bees and consequently do not require BDI insurance. Their membership subscription is at a reduced rate. *

5. **BENEFITS:**
Full members shall receive all club communications, the Audited Annual Financial Statement, Insurance through BDI Ltd.** for compensation in the case of losses from Foulbrood Disease, insurance by affiliation with the B.B.K.A. in respect of their legal liability for Third Party Claims and shall be entitled to vote.

Friends will receive the monthly Newsletter and an annual programme of events.

All members shall have the right to attend all lectures, film shows, demonstrations or other meetings arranged by committee.

6. **OFFICERS:**



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The Officers shall consist of an Honorary President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Learning & Development Officer.

The position of Honorary President of the Association will be held by a person whose services to the Association are such that they are considered worthy of special recognition. This position will be non-executive, held for life (unless resignation is received in writing by the Secretary) and will not require payment of Member Subscriptions (other than any BDI premiums due). The Honorary President will be appointed at an Annual General Meeting having been elected by the Membership by postal vote to be concluded at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting. The Committee will propose eligible Members for election to the position of Honorary President, with details circulated to the Members for voting at least 21 days before the AGM.

The positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Learning & Development Officer shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting. Persons wishing to stand for these offices must notify the Secretary in writing at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. These Officers will be required to pay Member Subscriptions.

7. **COMMITTEE:**

The management of the Association shall be in the hands of a Committee, which shall consist of the Officers, and up to six other members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall elect its own Chairman. The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members if it thinks fit. Four members of Committee shall form a quorum.

8: **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October and fourteen days' notice shall be given.

9. **SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

The AGM will approve the rates of subscription and these will become due immediately. No member shall be entitled to benefits until the annual subscription has been paid. New members joining after 31st March shall be entitled to the benefits of full membership on paying a discounted subscription, the rate of which will be set annually by the Treasurer.

10. **FINANCE:**

The Financial Year shall be from the 1st September to 31st August. All cheques shall be drawn by the Treasurer.

11. **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:**



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The Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting:

- (a) at any time on the instruction of the Committee.
- (b) on the signed request of fifteen members stating the object of calling the meeting.

At such meeting no matter shall be discussed or voted on other than that for which the meeting was called. Fourteen days notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given.

12. **ALTERATION OF RULES:**

These rules shall not be altered or added to except at an Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.

- * As introduced at Annual General Meeting dated 13 November 2002.
- ** Currently three (3) colonies are covered by the standard subscription. Further colonies may be insured on payment of an additional premium.