

7. Extraordinary General Meetings

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by the Committee at any time and shall be convened by the Secretary within two months on the written demand of 25 Registered or Partner Members stating the purpose for which such meeting is required and no other business shall be transacted thereat.

8. Use of Assets.

The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the realisation of the objects of the Association.

9. Limitation of Trading.

No trade or other activity shall be carried on by or on behalf of the Association except in such a way that any profit will be entitled by virtue of section 448 or 452 of the Income Tax Act 1952 to exemption from income tax under schedule D.

10. Dissolution.

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some other Institution or Institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association.

11. Notices.

The Secretary shall at least 14 days before any General Meeting send to every member at his last known address a Notice of Meeting stating the time and place where it will be held and giving an agenda of the business to be transacted thereat.

12. Alteration to the Rules

A resolution for alteration to the rules shall be received by the Secretary at least 28 days before the General Meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. The notice calling the Meeting shall include details of such resolution proposed. The resolution must receive the assent of not less than two-thirds of the Registered Members and Partner Members present and voting at the General Meeting for it to be passed, and the Secretary shall send a copy of the resolution to the Charity Commission.

Appendix A

Membership Class	Benefits						
	BBKA 3 rd Party Public Liability and Product Insurance	BBKA News and other direct communications	CBKA Mailings	BDI Cover	Play a full part in the affairs of the CBKA including voting at all meetings	Attend all meetings and exhibit in the Members' Show Classes	Attend all meetings and exhibit only in the non honey Classes at Members' Show
Registered Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Partner Member	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	
Country Member		Yes	Yes				Yes
Junior Member			Yes			Yes	
Associate Member							Yes
Friend of CBKA			Yes				Yes

THE CHESHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION (April 2013)

1. **Name.** The name of the Association shall be: "The Cheshire Beekeepers' Association".

2. **Objects.** The objects of the Association are to promote and further the Craft of Beekeeping in Cheshire and for the purpose of these Rules Cheshire shall comprise the areas of the following local Government Authorities:

1. The Cheshire West and Chester.
2. Cheshire East
3. The Metropolitan District of Wirral.
4. The Metropolitan District of Trafford
5. The Metropolitan District of Stockport.
6. The Metropolitan District of Tameside.
7. The Metropolitan District of Manchester.
8. The Borough of Halton
9. The Borough of Warrington

3. Branches.

- (a) The Association shall actively foster the formation and continuance of Branches of the Association consistent with the objects of the Association. The objects of such Branches shall be the same as those of the Cheshire Beekeepers' Association.
- (b) Every Branch so formed shall be fully accountable to the Committee of the Association and any property owned from time to time by any Branch shall be owned by the Cheshire Beekeepers' Association and held by that Branch for the benefit of all members of the Association.
- (c) Any Branch may raise such funds as it thinks fit in any manner it may think fit to further the aims of the Branch in accordance with the objects of the Association. Each Branch shall have a financial year end of the 31st December and an Annual Report of Branch activities and an Annual Account of Income and Expenditure and Assets and Liabilities shall be provided by each Branch and furnished within one month of its year end to the County Treasurer who shall consolidate the figures of all Branches with those of the County Association and present such consolidation to the Annual General Meeting of the Association. Additionally, each Branch account of Income and Expenditure and Assets and Liabilities shall be published in the Association Annual Year Book together with the Branch Report of its activities for the Year.

(d) Membership of Branches shall be confined to members of the Cheshire Beekeepers' Association.

4. Membership and Subscriptions.

Membership of the Cheshire Beekeepers' Association shall be open to the following Classes, with the benefits described and the conditions set out in the relevant Section of Appendix A.

- (a) The Association shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Life, Honorary Life, Registered Member, Partner Member, Country Member, Junior, Associate Members and Friends of Cheshire Beekeepers.
- (b) Every Vice-President, Registered Member, Partner Member, Country Member, Junior, Associate Member and Friends Class shall pay such subscription and every Life Member shall pay such single subscription as the Annual General Meeting shall determine from time to time.

- (c) Subscriptions are due on the 1st January each year and shall cover membership of the Association and of its Branches. A per capita payment for each Registered Member and Partner Member registered through each branch shall be made from the County Association of an amount to be decided by the Committee of the Association to each of the Branches for each financial year. The basis of the per capita payment referred to shall be the number of qualifying Branch Registered members and Partner members in the previous financial year as determined by the County Treasurer. The first subscription paid by a person joining after 1st October in any year shall cover the period from the date of joining until the 31st December in the following calendar year.
- (d) Members who neglect to comply with a written request for payment of their current subscription within three calendar months after the same shall have been sent to them shall cease to be members at the expiration of such three calendar months unless a reason satisfactory to the Committee shall be given for the delay.
- (e) Associate Members are entitled to attend all Meetings and Conventions and exhibit in Members Show Classes, but to take no further part in the Association.
- (f) Friends of Cheshire Beekeepers are entitled to attend all Meetings and Conventions, receive all Cheshire BKA mailings and exhibit in the non-honey Classes of the Members Show, but to take no further part in the Association.
- (g) The Annual General Meeting may appoint such Honorary Life Members as it thinks fit.
- (h) Applications for membership shall be made to the Secretary. In the interests of members and of the Association the Committee may refuse any application for membership.
- (i) The Committee shall have the power to expel any member whose conduct shall in the opinion of the Committee render him unfit for Membership of the Association. Before any such member is expelled the Secretary shall give him 14 days written notice to attend a Meeting of the Committee and shall inform him of the complaints made against him. No member shall be expelled without first having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering complaints made against him nor unless at least two-thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of his expulsion.
- (j) The definitions of the classes of annual membership are as follows:-

Vice-Presidents - Registered or Partner Members who pay by Standing Order and Covenant/Gift Aid their subscription at a level at least 50% higher than the ruling Registered or Partner member subscription rate.

Life membership - This applies solely to Life members of the Association who were registered as such at the 20th March 1982. This class is now closed to further entrants.

Registered members - For beekeepers who are aged 18 years and over. Individuals, for whom a membership fee has been paid and in respect of whom a capitation is subsequently paid to the BBKA and for whom a contact name and address has been supplied to the BBKA. This includes Honorary Life Members and Life Members who keep bees.

Partner members - Adult individuals who reside at the same address as a Registered member as defined above and who meet the requirements set out for Registered members.

Country members - Individuals, not being active in beekeeping who nevertheless wish to support and be involved with the BBKA and who meet the requirements set out for Registered members. This includes Honorary Life Members and Life Members who do not keep bees.

Junior membership - For beekeepers who are under 18 years of age on the date of membership.

Associate membership - For the wife/husband/partner of any of the above members and for the widow/widower/surviving partner of a deceased member.

Friends of Cheshire Beekeepers - is for NON BEEKEEPERS who have an interest in bees and beekeeping. No Public Liability Insurance cover is provided via the BBKA or disease cover via BDI. Friends of Cheshire Beekeepers are not full members and cannot hold any position of office at branch or county level and have no voting rights. The rate of subscription for each of the above membership classes will be decided by the Annual General Meeting.

5. The Committee.

- (a) The management of the Association shall be vested in a Committee consisting of The President, Secretary, Treasurer and other officers, plus the Chairman and Treasurer from each branch and not more than 12 elected Committee members who shall each be elected for a term of four years. Where the Branch Chairman and Treasurer are the same person, the Branch shall have the right to nominate a second person to represent the Branch on the Committee - this nomination shall be advised to the Secretary of the Cheshire Beekeepers' Association in writing.
- (b) At meetings of the Committee 8 shall form a quorum. The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies among the officers and Committee members until the next Annual General Meeting and shall have power to co-opt up to one quarter of the number of the Committee. The Committee shall at its first Meeting in each year appoint a Chairman and Deputy Chairman. The Committee may appoint such sub-Committees to do such work as it thinks fit.
- (c) Casual vacancies shall be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting. Such vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the term of the Committee member(s) retiring.

6. Annual General Meetings.

An Annual General Meeting of members of the Association shall be held as early in the year as convenient and in any event not later than the 30th April when the following business shall be considered:

- (a) Receipt of the Report of the Committee and its Branches on the work of the Association during the previous calendar year.
- (b) The receipt and if approved the adoption of the audited accounts of the previous financial year.
- (c) The election of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as the Meeting decides and an Auditor and the election of Committee members to fill any vacancies. Anyone wishing to stand must be nominated by a member and seconded by another member, neither of whom are candidates. Nominations for Officers and Committee members must be received, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary at least 7(seven) days before the meeting together with the written consent of the Nominee.
- (d) Such other business as shall have been communicated to the Secretary at least 28 days before the Meeting or as the Meeting agrees to consider.