



BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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I wish to apply/renew my subscription of the Birmingham & District Beekeepers' Association and agree to abide by the Constitution and Apiary Rules (see over) and those of the Warwickshire Beekeepers' Association. Subscriptions due 1st December.



Subscriptions 2018/2019	Full Member	Partner	Associate/Family	Junior (Beekeeper)
Totals	£36.50	£23.50	£6.00	£16.50

Full Member	Partner Member and or Junior Member. Please state which. (must reside at the same address as the Full Member.)
Name:	
Address:	
Post Code:	
Email address*	
Home tel. no:	
Mobile tel. no:	

	£	£
Full Member includes BDI for 3 colonies	36.50	
Partner Member (No BDI cover)	23.50	
Associate Member/Family	6.00	
Junior Member	16.50	
Additional BDI Premium. Partner Membership does not include any BDI cover. The Full Member must use this table to cover all the colonies		
-from 4 to 5 colonies	2.00	
-from 4 to 10 colonies	5.25	
-from 4 to 15 colonies	7.75	
-from 4 to 20 colonies	9.50	
-from 4 to 25 colonies	11.10	
-from 4 to 30 colonies	13.60	
-from 4 to 35 colonies	16.10	
-from 4 to 39 colonies	18.10	
BeeCraft Magazine 12 months** Printed and online digital edition <i>Requests for discounted BeeCraft will not be accepted after 30th November. After 30th November purchase subscription directly from BeeCraft publisher.</i>	29.75	
“ “ “ Digital edition only	19.75	
Apiary rent Highbury and/or Winterbourne (one hive only per site) cross out which site doesn't apply	6.50	
TOTAL		

Where do you keep your bees? At your home address, as above yes/no and/or at

*To receive newsletters and other mailings only. Your name, address, phone numbers etc., will be held on a computer database, the sole purpose of which is to provide contact details. This information will not be disclosed to third parties.

**Bee Craft subscribers. I confirm my email address may be given to Bee Craft Ltd. Delete if you do not agree

I confirm that if I keep bees that I have registered the BeeBase at FERA. This is so I can be contacted in the event of any notifiable disease which may affect my bees. Sign up here at <https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/beebase/public/register.cfm>? Delete if you don't agree.

Receipt no.....

Signature:.....Date.....

Send signed form made payable to Birmingham & District Beekeepers Association (B&DBKA) to Janet Willetts, 59, Nigel Avenue, Northfield, Birmingham. B31 1LL. If paying by bank transfer quote your full name in the reference and email a copy to bdbka.mem@aol.com Bank details are: Birmingham & District Beekeepers Association Sort Code: 40.52.40 Account Number 00009560. Please indicate how you will be paying by ticking the box. Cash Cheque or BACS

CONSTITUTION of the Birmingham & District Bee-Keepers Association

- TITLE** The name of the Association shall be "The Birmingham and District Bee-Keeper's Association".
- OBJECTS** The objects of the Association shall be to unite beekeepers and to promote the study and development of apiculture by organising meetings and other events, to provide the benefit of expert advice to its members and such further benefits as the Committee may from time to time determine.
- MANAGEMENT**
 - The Association shall consist of a President who shall hold office for not more than two consecutive years, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Show Secretary, Apiary Manager, Librarian, Newsletter Editor, Honorary Life Members, Full Members, Partner Members, Associate/Family members and Junior Members. (continued overleaf)
 - The business of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of the President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Show Secretary, Apiary Manager, Librarian and Newsletter Editor, who shall be known as the Officers of the Association and shall be elected annually at the Annual General

Meeting of the Association. These Officers shall be joined by not more than six ordinary members of the Association, who shall also be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

- III. Two ordinary Members of the Committee shall retire annually and shall not be eligible for re-election for one year. The Members to retire each year shall be those who have been longest in office. Where there are more than two persons who became Members on the same date, those to retire shall (unless otherwise agreed amongst themselves) be determined by lot.
- IV. The Committee shall have powers to co-opt additional Members and to appoint sub-committees from amongst its Members to assist in the administration of the Association.
- V. Six Members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- I. The Membership categories shall consist of Honorary Life members, Full Members, Partner Members, Associate/Family Members and Junior Members.
- II. In recognition of services to the Association, any Member may be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Association by resolution, proposed by the Management Committee and carried by two thirds majority at an AGM of the Association. An Honorary Life Member shall normally be a Full or Partner Member.
- III. Full Members and Partner Members shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings of the County Association and of the Branch of which they are members; to receive a monthly newsletter (one copy per household) and to receive such other benefits as the Management Committee may from time to time decide.
- IV. Associate/Family Members shall be persons who do not own or manage bees or persons who are Members or Partner Members of another organisation affiliated to the BBKA.
- V. Junior Members shall be under the age of eighteen years.
- VI. Associate/Family and Junior Members may participate in Association and Branch activities, but shall have no voting or other rights within the Association, In the following Rules the word 'Member' refers to a Full Member or Partner Member unless otherwise stated.
- VII. Partner Members shall be beekeeping persons who reside at the same address as a Full Member as defined in clause 4c, subject to there not being more than one Partner member registered at the same address as the Full Member.
- IX. Subscription shall become due and payable on the first day of December each year. Members shall be excluded from Membership if they have not paid their subscriptions either by 28th or 29th February. Such persons shall be notified by the Secretary of the intention to exclude them not later than fourteen days prior to the proposed date of exclusion.
- X. New Members joining after the 30th September in any year, their subscription shall be effective until the end of the following calendar year,
- XI. Any future alteration by the County Association to the membership category shall be automatically adopted

5. FINANCE

- I. The finances of the Association shall be vested in the Committee and may be used for any purpose that the Committee in the exercise of its discretion considers to be conducive or incidental to the attainments of the objectives of the Association.
- II. The Association Treasurer shall deposit all monies received in a banking account in the name of the Association, and such account shall be operated by the Treasurer. Cheques drawn on the Association funds shall be signed by the Treasurer and the Secretary, or such other persons as the Committee may authorise to do so from time to time.
- III. The annual report of income and expenditure and an audited balance sheet of the Association shall be published each year and this together with the notice of agenda shall be sent to Members not less than seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

6. MEETINGS

- I. The Annual General Meetings shall be held prior to the 1st of March each year and notice of this meeting shall be sent to Members in accordance with Rule 5 (III.) above.
- II. Every Member shall be entitled to be present at the Annual General Meeting and with the exception of Family and Junior Members shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- III. The Chair at the Annual General Meeting and Committee meetings shall be taken by the President. If at these or any ordinary meetings the President is not present, the Committee shall choose one of their number to take the chair for that meeting.
- IV. Twenty Members shall constitute a quorum at any Annual General Meeting.
- V. The Honorary Secretary shall call for nomination of Officers and Members of the Committee of the Association at least one month before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations may however, be accepted at the Annual General Meeting.
- VI. An Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the Association may be convened at any time, on Twenty Eight days notice in writing to each Member, either by the Committee, or on written requisition to the Secretary signed by not less than fifteen ordinary Members, which requisition shall state the reason for such a meeting.
- VII. The Association shall appoint two delegates to attend executive meetings of the Warwickshire Beekeepers Association (to whom the Association is affiliated) and such delegates shall act in accordance with the policy laid down by the Association. Normally these delegates shall be the President, Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer but on any occasion when any of these Officers are unable to attend the Committee shall have power to appoint a substitute for that meeting.

7. GENERAL

No rule of the Association shall be made, varied or rescinded except by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of such Members as are present at a General Meeting. Such General Meetings shall be called as provided in Rule 6 (i) or Rule 6 (vi). The notice of the meeting shall incorporate a copy of the proposed alteration. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to any Member shall not invalidate the meeting. *Copy of Constitution as amended March 2012*

APIARY RULES. Apiary Manager for Highbury Park – Colin Bayliss 07771 881065. Apiary Manager for Winterbourne Gardens - Noel Parker 07749 060064

- I. One hive per person unless space permits and is agreed by the Apiary Manager.
- II. Apiary Manager to authorise the location and hiving of a colony in any state: swarm, nucleus or established colony.
- III. Hives should generally remain in the apiary – migratory beekeeping can only be authorised by the Apiary Manager if suitable quarantine arrangements can be made before the bees return to the Association Apiary.
- IV. One colony to be inspected/opened at a time.
- V. Apiary Manager will monitor temperament of the bees and make recommendations, if necessary, and these should be carried out as soon as practicable.
- VI. Spring clean, disease check and Varroa treatment to be attended by all with bees in the apiary where possible, or you will need to authorise someone else to carry out the inspection/treatment.
- VII. Colony record cards will be provided by the apiary manager for the members to record inspections and the characteristics of their colony through the season. All inspections will be recorded on colony record cards.
- VIII. All members will maintain colony records which will be available for review by the apiary manager.
- IX. After reviewing the colony records, the apiary manager will grade each colony against the selection criteria on the record card. Half the colonies will be graded 'A' and the other half 'B'. 'A' graded colonies will be allowed to raise queens and drones of their own, 'B' graded colonies will not be allowed to raise their own queens and drones but will raise the queens and drones from the 'A' graded colonies. In this way less desirable characteristics can be culled, and the more desirable characteristics allowed to dominate.
- X. All colonies will remain the personal property of the individual member whose hive it is. At the same time, keeping colonies at Winterbourne constitutes agreement to form a co-operative breeding stock for the improvement of all the colonies within the apiary.
- XI. In order to facilitate an effective queen breeding/bee improvement program all colonies will be kept on Standard National brood frames. This is to allow generic material to be transferred between hives for the benefit of the improvement program.
- XII. Members must ensure that good hygienic standards are practised at all times in order to promote healthy bees.
- XIII. Medication for the control of pests and diseases will only be carried out when necessary following a health assessment in line with NBU (National Bee Unit) guidelines.
- XIV. All members with colonies in the association apiaries will be registered on Beebase at the NBU (National Bee Unit), see page 1.
- XV. To assist with the control of robbing by honeybees and wasps, entrance blocks will be used all season.
- XVI. The Apiary Manager will ensure these rules are adhered to and will, where necessary, write to anyone that does not conform.