

## Isle of Man Beekeepers' Federation Constitution

1. The Title of the Federation shall be 'The Isle of Man Beekeepers' Federation'.

2. The objects of the Federation shall be:-

- (a) To encourage and advance the practice of good beekeeping in the Isle of Man
- (b) To unite the efforts of all Member Associations to this end
- (c) To deal with those matters which concern Manx Beekeepers as a body
- (d) To become a member Federation of the British Beekeepers Association and to ensure that all Member associations are included in membership of B.B.K.A

3. The Federation shall consist of Corporate Members. Corporate Members are such Isle of Man Beekeeper Associations which elect to become Members of the IOM BK Federation.

4. The Management of the Federation shall be vested in a Council, consisting of elected representatives of Member Associations as set out hereinafter:-

(i) A President shall be elected annually by the Council from its elected members, to hold office until a successor has been appointed. The election shall be made immediately after the AGM and the nomination for President shall be made by each Member Association in rotation.

(ii) The Council shall also at that meeting elect an Hon. Treasurer and an Hon. Secretary, who shall be ex-officio members of the Council, without power to vote at Council meetings.

(iii) The Bee disease/Advisory Officer to attend Council meetings in an ex-officio capacity

(iv) The Education Officer to attend Council meetings in an ex-officio capacity.

5. (a) Each Member Association shall elect three representatives to the Council, a quorum of which shall consist of five members.

(b) Member Associations should elect a nominated deputy to stand in for any Council member unable to attend in the event of unavoidable absence.

6. Representatives shall continue to represent their respective Associations until the names of their successors have been notified to the Secretary of the Federation. Such notification will normally be made in March of each year.

7. Each Member Association shall pay annually in April, the capitation fees to be advised by the Council, based on the membership on the first day of March preceding. Such fees shall be inclusive of the capitation fee due to the BBKA. There shall be a minimum fee.
8. The Annual General Meeting, which all affiliated members may attend, shall be held within two months of the end of the financial year, which shall terminate on 31<sup>st</sup> March. The Council shall meet at least twice during the course of the year.
9. Any Member Association, by giving fourteen days notice, may require the Secretary to include on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting, any business specified in that notice.
10. The Article of the Constitution may be cancelled or amended at the Annual General Meeting, provided that the Secretary receives one month's notice of the proposed alteration, from any Member Association.
11. The Council may organise an Annual Convention of Beekeepers, to be held at such time and place as it may decide.
12. The Council may confer the title of Honorary Life Member on any person, who has rendered outstanding service to the Federation.