## Rules

## **Classes of Membership**

- (1) Ordinary Membership is open to individuals over 18 years of age.
  - Ordinary Members are entitled to:
  - (a) Vote at the AGM and at an SGM
  - (b) Act as a proposer or seconder at the AGM and at an SGM
  - (c) Be elected to serve as an Association Trustee
  - (d) Benefit from membership of the WBKA
  - (e) Benefit from access to Brood Disease Insurance (BDI) cover
- (2) <u>Associate Membership</u> is open to anyone over 18 years of age with an interest in bees who does not require the Association to provide third party insurance for honey bees. This is generally aimed at Beekeepers spouses, partners or family and full members of other Associations. Associate members are welcome to attend our meetings and courses.
  - Associate Member are entitled to:
  - (a) Vote at the AGM and at an SGM
  - (b) Act as a proposer or seconder at the AGM and at an SGM
  - (c) Be elected to serve as an Association Trustee
- (3) <u>Junior Membership</u> is open to anyone under 18 years of age. If they keep bees they will pay the same as an Ordinary Member and be classified as Junior Ordinary Member. If they do not keep bees they will enjoy free membership and be classified as Junior Associate member. They will enjoy the same benefits except that Junior Members:
  - (a) Can attend the AGM and an SGM but with no voting rights
  - (b) Cannot act as a proposer or seconder at the AGM or SGM
  - (c) Cannot serve as an Association Trustee
  - N.B. On their 18th birthday the word Junior will be removed from their Class of Membership and they will become either an Ordinary or Associate Member with the appropriate entitlements.
- (4) <u>Honorary Membership</u> is open to individuals over 18 years of age and are appointed by a proposal from the Trustees and approval at the AGM. They may be individuals who have rendered assistance in promoting the aims of SCBKA or who by their position or eminence in the field of apiculture or of their experience in matters relating to apiculture appear to be able to render assistance to these aims. There is no charge for this membership.

Honorary Members are entitled to:

- (a) Vote at the AGM and at an SGM
- (b) Act as a proposer or seconder at the AGM and at an SGM
- (c) Be elected to serve as an Association Trustee
- (d) Benefit from membership of the WBKA
- (e) Benefit from access to the minimum Brood Disease Insurance (BDI) cover (at the time of writing, a maximum of 3 hives). N.B. If additional insurance is required the cost will have to be met by the Honorary Member.
- (5) <u>New Members</u> who join the Association between October and December, and pay their fees in full, will not have to pay the following year's fee in addition (i.e. they will have up to 15 months membership for their first year's subscription).
- N.B. New Members joining between October and December will not benefit from receiving the Welsh Beekeeper magazine or BDI Insurance until the following January but will be able to claim the 'early bird' subscription discount.

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