

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

The Original Rules and Regulations 1884

NBKA Formation and Inauguration into the BBKA 30th April 1884

1. The name of the Association shall be the NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.
2. Its object shall be the encouragement, improvement, and advancement of Beekeeping of the County, with a view to the bettering of the condition of the agricultural and other labouring classes, and to the advocacy of humanity to that most industrious of all labourers – The Honey Bee.
3. The Association shall consist of President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary in Chief, Committee, District Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, Ordinary Members and Cottage Members.
4. Annual Subscribers of five shillings and upwards, shall be Members of the Association. Donors of five pounds and upwards shall be Life Members. BONA FIDE Cottagers, two and sixpence per annum.
5. All subscriptions shall be payable in advance and shall become due on the 1st January in each year; and until such subscriptions be paid, no Member shall be entitled to the privileges of the Association.
6. The Management of the Association shall be conducted by the Committee, including the Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, District Secretaries, and Experts.
7. The Committee of Management shall meet Quarterly on the first Saturday in the months of January, April, July and October. They shall elect a Chairman, who shall have a casting vote. Three shall form a quorum.
8. A General Meeting shall be held as early as convenient in each year at which the Report and audited Balance Sheet of the Association shall be presented by the Secretary; all officers of the Association shall be elected; and all questions relating to the government and management of the Association shall be discussed and voted upon. A drawing for Prize Hives, etc., shall be conducted at this meeting. Members drawing a prize exceeding the value of their subscriptions, shall be debarred from participating in the ballot for the two following years.
9. The Committee of Management shall have the power to make and alter Bye-Laws, provided that they shall in no case contravene a Rule passed at a General Meeting.
10. The Committee shall adopt such measures as may most conduce to the extension and improvement of Beekeeping throughout the County.
11. A Quarterly Balance Sheet shall be submitted to each Quarterly Meeting of the Committee.
12. District Secretaries shall be empowered to select or cause to be selected, one or more representatives of each parish in their District, and shall summon them to attend meetings either monthly, or as often as may be found convenient. At these meetings after the business affecting the Association has been disposed of, papers may be read and questions connected with Beekeeping may be discussed.
13. The Parish Representative shall furnish the District Secretary with a list of all the Beekeepers in his Parish and shall induce as many as possible to become members of the Association. They shall make any suggestions with regard to the working of the Association, which they may have to offer, to the District Secretary.
14. The District Secretaries shall be authorised to receive subscriptions giving a receipt from the book provided for that purpose and shall balance his accounts not later than the 25th of each month.

15. The Chief Secretary shall be authorised to call a meeting of the Committee whenever urgent business may require it, or any three members of the Committee may, by notice in writing, require him to call a meeting of the Committee of Management, within six days after receiving such notice.
16. A Special General Meeting of the Members shall be called by the Secretary at the written request of not less than ten members, and a declaration of the reasons for their request. The Secretary shall give each Member fourteen days' notice of the same and shall state the object for which the meeting is called.
17. All motions at any meetings shall be disposed of by a show of hands, but a ballot of the Members present may be demanded by any three members in the room.