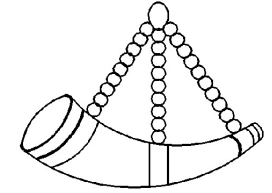


Rules of the County Association (March 2008 edition or such later edition as may be relevant) which particularly affect its branches continued



Rule 3c. 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.

Rule 3d. Membership of branches shall be confined to members of the Cheshire Beekeepers Association.

Rule 5a. The management of the Association shall be vested in a committee consisting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and other officers and not more than 12 elected committee members who shall each be elected for a term of four years, and 2 representatives appointed by each branch whose nomination shall be advised to the Secretary of the Cheshire Beekeepers Association in writing.

Notes:

The original Branch Rules were approved by the Branch AGM held on the 19th January 2001.

At the Branch AGM held on the 16th January 2009 the following was approved :-

1. Rule 1 was amended.
2. In the reference to the Rules of the County Association:-
 - a) The reference date was amended to accord with the current version of the relevant County Rules.
 - b) The word "Members" in Rule 3d was changed to "Membership".

At a Branch EGM held on the 25th June 2011 Rule 2 amended to bring it into line with the County Rules.

At the Branch AGM held on the 13th January 2012 the Minutes of the EGM were approved when these revised Rules became effective.

Cheshire Beekeepers Association
Wirral Branch

Branch Rules

13th January 2012

1. The Branch and its Members are governed by the Rules of the Cheshire Beekeepers' Association and if there is any conflict the Rules of the County Association shall apply.

The Members of the Branch are those members whose names appear as members of the Wirral Branch in the last published Annual Report of the County Association together with those people whose names have been confirmed by the County Secretary as being members of the Branch.

Only those members who are listed by the County Association as Registered Members or Partner Members are entitled to take a full part in the affairs of the Association or the Wirral Branch including serving on the Branch Committee or voting at Annual or Special General Meetings.

Country, Junior and Associate Members of the County listed as members of the Wirral Branch as defined above are entitled to attend all Meetings and Conventions organized by the Branch and exhibit in the Branch Members Show Classes but take no further part in the affairs of the Branch.

Friends of the Cheshire Beekeepers listed as members of the Wirral Branch as defined above are entitled to attend all Meetings and Conventions organised by the Branch and exhibit in the non-honey Classes of the Branch Members Show but take no further part in the affairs of the Branch.

2. The management of the affairs of the Branch shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other officers (except for the Auditor) and not more than five Elected Committee Members. The Committee can fill any vacancy in the officers and members of the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting

The Elected Committee Members shall each be elected for a term of four years after which period they shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election at the subsequent Annual General Meeting.

3. As stated in the Rules of the parent association, the Cheshire Beekeepers Association, the financial year-end shall be the 31st December.

4. An Annual General Meeting of the Branch Members, who shall be given 14 days notice of the meeting, shall be held in January each year.

5. The Committee shall present the annual accounts and a report of the previous years work to each Annual General Meeting for approval.

6. At the Annual General Meeting a chairman, secretary, treasurer, auditor and such other officers as the Meeting decides shall be appointed for the ensuing year.

7. Nomination Forms signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee, for appointment as an Officer or Member of the Committee shall be sent to the Branch Secretary not less than 7 days before the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee can nominate members to the Annual General Meeting for appointment as Officers and Committee members at any time. The Nominee's consent in writing is required.

8. Any ten members of the Branch may demand an Extraordinary General Meeting and the Committee may call one at any time. Fourteen days notice of a meeting is to be given to Members.

9. A proposition for the winding up of Branch can be put to any General Meeting but to be effective a copy of the Proposition must have been signed by five members and sent to the Secretary 28 days before the meeting at which it is to be proposed and a copy must be sent 14 days before the meeting to all Branch Members and must be carried at the meeting by a three quarters majority of those present and voting.

10. A resolution for the alteration of 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 Members present and voting at the General Meeting for it to be passed.

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Rule 2. The objects of the Association are to promote and further the craft of beekeeping in Cheshire.

Rule 3b. Every branch so formed shall be fully accountable to the Committee of the Association and any property owned from time to time by the branch shall be owned by the Cheshire Beekeepers Association and held by the branch for the benefit of all members of the Association.