

# **SOUTH TIPPERARY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

## **Constitution**

- 1 The Association shall be known as the South Tipperary Beekeepers Association (STBA)

## **Aims of STBA**

- 2 The aims of STBA shall be the promotion and advancement of the science of Apiculture, in particular the promotion and conservation of the native dark bee, Apis Mellifera Mellifera.

## **Affiliations**

- 3 The association shall be affiliated to FIBKA CLG.

## **Management of the Association**

- 4 The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and elected members to a maximum of 16.
- 5 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of STBA shall be held within two months of the end of the financial year. Seven days notice in writing shall be given to each Member.
- 6 The Officers and Members of the Committee shall be elected at the AGM.
- 7 After the coming into force of the provisions of this constitution, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for a maximum period of 5 years and shall be ineligible to hold the same office for the further period of 3 years.
- 8 The Quorum necessary for an Extraordinary or Annual General Meeting shall be 15.
- 9 Five members shall form a Quorum for committee meetings.
- 10 The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy, which may arise in their number during their year of office.
- 11 Should any Member conduct themselves in such a manner as to bring STBA into disrepute or held to be in breach of any of the association rules, the Committee after calling for an explanation from such member may:
- a. Caution such Member
  - or
  - b. Do either one or both of the things set out in (c) or (d)

- c. Suspend such member from membership of the association for the current year.
  - d. Declare such member to be ineligible for applying for membership renewal of the Association.
- 12 Any Member suspended or declared to be ineligible to apply for membership under provisions of rule 11 shall not be entitled to a refund to any monies paid to the association.
- 13 Fully paid up Members of other FIBKA CLG associations are welcome to join this association as Associate Members. They are not entitled to vote at association meetings.
- 14 Application for membership of STBA can be made to the Secretary. The committee shall have the full authority to refuse any application for membership and shall not be under any obligation to furnish reasons for such refusal.
- 15 Annual membership fee is fixed and approved at the AGM. This fee should be paid to the Treasurer on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of each year. (Members should note that insurance cover runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year)
- 16 In the event of a dissolution of South Tipperary Beekeepers Association, the assets of the association in their entirety shall transfer to a voluntary association with similar aims to that of STBA and to be held in trust as far as is practicable for handover to a new beekeepers association that may be formed in the future.

### **Amendment of Constitution**

- 17 No new rule and no alteration of an existing rule shall be made except at an AGM or EGM called for that purpose. Notice of intention to propose the making of, or altering such rule or rules shall in either case be delivered to the Secretary in writing. Such notice shall contain the terms of the new rule or rules or alteration sought to be made and shall seven days at least before holding of such meeting be forwarded to each member of the association. No rule shall be made or altered at any of the said meetings without a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

### **Extraordinary General Meeting**

- 18 The Committee shall have the power to summon an Extraordinary General Meeting on giving at least seven days notice to members giving details of the subject to be discussed. Discussion at such meeting shall be confined to that subject alone.