

STATUTE OF "MALTA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION"

NAME

1. An organization named "Maltese Beekeepers Association" was established. This association will have no ties or be biased to any political party or trade union, and does not take part, directly or indirectly, in any activities of political parties.

REGISTERED OFFICE

2. The registered office of the association is PO Box 41 Mosta, or any other address the Executive Council will choose from time to time.

THE EMBLEM OF THE ASSOCIATION

3. The emblem of the Association is represented with a queen bee on a honeycomb, which emblem is shown in Annex "Appendix I". The emblem can have the name of the Association on it. No one can use the emblem, the name or address of the Association without the permission of the Executive Council.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

4. The aims of the association are the following:
- a. Protecting, enhancing, co-ordinating the interests of the beekeepers
 - b. To protect local production of honey and other bee products
 - c. To foster, with the general public, the appreciation towards bees.
 - d. To notify the Government and other authorities of the difficulties encountered by the beekeepers and submit proposals leading to a solution

PARTNERSHIP - MEMBERS

5. Who can be a member.
- a. anyone over eighteen years and has an interest in bees or beekeeping.
 - b. anyone who wishes to become a member but does not have bees, can become a member only if approved by the Council.

6. All applications for membership must be made in writing on the appropriate form prepared by the Executive Council, which form is attached to this Statute in Appendix II. The Executive Council has the right to request information and add to the contents of this form according to the exigencies that arise from time to time.

7. The Executive Council has the power to accept or reject any application for membership.

8. Any person who is accepted as a member must pay a "Membership Fee" of ten euro (EUR 10) per year, and will be given a receipt, and a membership card as shown in Appendix III.

9.

a. Partner ceases to be a member if:

- i. on resignation
- ii. Violate the statute or
- iii. Behaving in a way that could harm the Association

b. The Executive Council has the right to decide whether a member has contravened any regulations referred to in paragraph (II) or (III) of subsection (a) of this article. Before taking any decision the Executive Council must study carefully the case and give a chance to the member charged by the breach to defend himself.

A Council member may be suspended or expelled from the Council by a majority of two thirds of the Council members, but retains the right to bring his case before a general meeting.

Any decision on this article will be taken by the Council during a general meeting and will be conclusive.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

10. Who is who

The Executive Council, so-called "council", is in charge of the administration of the Association. The Council must have a President, Vice President, Secretary, Ass. Secretary, Treasurer, Ass. Treasurer and three members. A Chaplain must be appointed as 'ex officio' member and also a "Legal Advisor" must be appointed.

GENERAL MEETINGS - ELECTION

11. Eligibility

Each member of the Association shall be entitled to be elected to the Council except a member who in the last decade has presented himself as a candidate for election to the House of Representatives.

12. Electoral Commissioners

The election of Council members is conducted by a Commission composed of three members appointed in a general meeting. Any member standing for election cannot be a member of the electoral commission.

13. Nominations

Nominations for members of the Council will only be accepted if they are duly signed by who has proposed and seconded them and must be accepted by the candidate himself by not later than seven days before the election.

14. Elections

Elections to the Council, will be held at the general meeting a month before closing the term of office.

15. Right for Vote

Anyone who is registered as a member and has the "Membership fee" paid.

16. Members Elected

Election is made by a secret vote and the members who get the greatest number of votes will fill the vacancies in the Council.

17. Equal Votes

If more than one member gets the same number of votes for the last empty place, an election between them is held until one of them brings more votes than the other.

18. Term of Appointment

The elected members of the Council hold office for two years.

19. Leaving the Post

Member of the Council who ceases to remain a member or who stands for election to the House of Representatives, is considered as having left his seat in the Council.

20. Filling of Post

a. When a seat is empty before the expiry term of office, this place is filled by the candidate who in the last election has obtained the highest number of votes but was not elected.

b. "Co-opted" Member

If there is no candidate who could fill the place as stated in 20a the Council may use the method of "co-option" to fill this vacancy, the number of "Co-opted " members cannot be more than two.

c. A member elected to the Council under this article will goes off duty for the time remaining a member instead took office.

d. If a place of the President, Secretary, or Treasurer is vacant in the Council, this place must be filled at a general meeting.

21. The minimum number of Members in the Council

Unless the number of members of the Council is not less than five, the Council may continue with its work.

22. Agenda

The Association shall convene an annual general meeting and the agenda should include the following:

- Address by the President
- Administrative Report
- Financial Report prepared by the auditors
- Motions in debate
- Election of members of the Executive Council
- Election of Auditors
- Other Things

23. Amendments to the Statute

a. To make an amendment to the statute requires a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

b. Proposals for amendments to the statutes must be on the agenda of the general meeting, but it is not necessary for the proposed amendments are consequential or ancillary thereto, at a general meeting.

c. The Council may make an amendment without notice if this is required and if the members at the general meeting do not object.

24. Extraordinary General Meetings

Regardless of article 22, an extraordinary general meeting can be called either by the Council or following a written request by at least 20 members.

25. Notice

a. notice of a general meeting shall be sent to all members not less than fifteen days before.

b. Notice of an extraordinary general meeting shall be sent at least one week before, with the exception of urgent matters, where two days prior notice shall be sufficient.

26. Motions

Proposals of motions duly seconded as required must reach the Secretary not later than ten days before the day of the meeting.

27. Quorum

- a. At the general meeting the quorum is of 20 members. However, if after half an hour this number is not reached the meeting will still take place by the members present.
- b. Proxy: Each member who is unable to attend a general meeting may appoint another member on his behalf. These nominations must be made in writing on the appropriate form and must be given to the secretary before the meeting.

28. Procedure

General meetings shall be conducted in Maltese

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

29. Meetings

The Council must meet one week after it is set up and, at least six times a year. The President, will call the meetings, however but if there is a written request from the majority of the Council members for other meetings, the President will oblige. A member who does not attend the meetings for four consecutive times without a good reason, he will be considered that he resigned from the Council.

30. Appointment of Officers

At the first meeting of the Council, officers are appointed under article 5, as well as other officials as needed to best serve the Council duties.

31. Duties of the President

- a. directing and controlling the work of the association
- b. corresponds with the Government and other authorities
- c. approves any ordinary expense
- d. chair all meetings

32. Duties of the Vice President

Helps the President as needed, and exercise the duties of the President in his absence, besides other work assigned to him, from time to time, by the committee.

33. Duties of the Secretary

- a. The secretary, in consultation with the President manages the correspondence of the Association and signs all letters and notices
- b. must attend and take minutes of all the meetings of the Association

- c. take or sees that action is taken on all the decisions reached by the committee on any correspondence
- d. controls all the registers and account books of the Association
- e. be responsible, if necessary, of the premises or any other property of the association, as well as its employees.

34. Duties of the Treasurer

- a. keeps the account books in order
- b. collects the membership fees and other money owed to the association
- c. prepares and submits a financial report certified by the auditors, during the last Council meeting before it is submitted for approval during the General Meeting, or if he terminates his post prematurely.

35. Chairing the meetings

In the absence of both the President and Vice-President of the Council, the Secretary will preside the meetings

36. Quorum

The quorum required to hold a Council meeting is five.

37. Decisions

All decisions of the Council are taken by a majority of votes and in case of a tie, the President or whoever is chairing, is entitled to another casting vote.

38. Personal Interest

When the Council is to discuss and vote on any matter that a particular Council member has any personal interest, that member shall declare his interest but shall not be present at the meeting during the discussion or vote on the matter.

39. Minutes of the Meeting

Written minutes to be retained of each Council meeting.

40. The language of reports

The reports and all records maintained shall be in either Maltese or English.

41. Legal Representation

The President and the Secretary together have the legal representation during the Meeting. If one of them cannot act, the Council with a resolution will delegate another member.

42 States selected

The Council has the power to take advice from any person with experience, with the knowledge, or whose interests may assist the Council. The Council may choose that person to take part in the Council meeting, without the right to vote.

43 Sub-Committees

The Council has the right to appoint sub-committees. Sub-committees will be chaired by a member of the Council and any other member of the Council may attend the meetings.

44. Information to Members

The Council must keep its members informed about the Council's work. Therefore, the Council must communicate with its members at least once every four months.

45. Correspondence

All correspondence must be addressed to the President or the Secretary.

46. Procedure for meetings

The Council must regulate its own procedures about any other thing.

FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

47. Collection of money

The association will collect the money required to work or for any other purpose that it feels is necessary.

48. Administration

The Council is responsible for any money collected and has the right to administer such money. The Treasurer must keep the required books. The Auditor chosen during the General Meeting must examine these books and give a certified financial statement for approval during the general meeting.

49. Payments

The Association's money will be kept by the Treasurer on its behalf. In case a bank account is opened, the cheques must be signed by both the Treasurer and the President or Secretary.

50. Activity

The Council may hold all sorts of activities to collect money.

WINDING UP OF THE ASSOCIATION

51. The Association may terminate during a specially called general meeting and where not less than two thirds of the members present vote for dissolution.

52. What happens with the money

In case of dissolution of the Association, the money and all its property will be given to an institution or as charity as decided during the same general meeting.

INTERPRETATION

53. The Council is responsible for giving meaning to any of this statute whenever necessary.

APPENDIX 1

MALTESE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



Application for membership in the Malta Beekeepers' Association

I _____, I.D. No. _____ Tel. _____ Mob. _____

Address _____

Wish to join as a member of the Malta Beekeepers' Association.

Date. _____ Signature . _____

APPENDIX 2

This card must disclose it to Council officials when requested.

As a member you are obliged to comply with any content regulation in the statute as amended from time to time.

Member No. _____ Name . _____ I.D. _____

Address. _____

Tel . _____

President

Secretary