

Tribes Beekeepers club
Constitution and By -Laws

Article 1: Name & Purpose

- a: The name of the club shall be Tribes Beekeepers Association
- b: National Affiliation - The club is a member of **FIBKA**. The rules and regulations of the National Constitution shall be followed when not inconsistent with the rules and regulations of Tribes Beekeepers Association.
- c. Purpose of this association shall be:
 - 1) To promote the art of bee keeping in all of its facets'
 - 2) To raise an awareness of bee in our lives

Article ii: Membership & Dues

- a. Eligibility - Membership is open to all members in good standing and by application to the committee by way of a letter of application and the support of one current member.
- b. Membership fees shall be fixed at AGM
- c. Membership fees shall be paid within 30 days, following the AGM
- d. Membership dues are to be paid by standing order or by arrangement with the treasure (this is to cut down on the work load of the treasure in trying to collect fees)
- e. It is the members duty to resign by writing as club fees fall due unless this action is carried out
- f. A category of membership for those who are not beekeepers but who wish to support the work of the association shall be call called friend of Tribes Beekeepers ass. The due are not fixed but as a donation. This category of member has no vote or access to meeting.

Article iii: Officers

- a. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and education officer

- b. Eligibility- To hold a post is open to all fully paid up members
- c. Election- The officer shall be elected by ballot at the AGM and proposal to office shall be posted by email 21 days before said meeting.
- d. if a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the office for the remainder of the term and vacancies in any other office shall be filled by a special election.

Article iv: Duties of Officers.

The President - It shall be the duty of the president to :

- Preside at meetings
- vote only in case of a tie
- represent the club
- promote the objectives of the association

The Vice-President- It shall be the duty of the Vice- president to :

- Preside in the absence of the president
- to support the duties of the president
- to help the officers to carry out their duties.

The Secretary- It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

- Record the minutes of all meetings
- Keep a file of club's records
- Maintain a current roster of club membership
- Issue notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the club
- Conform to state law in relation data protection of membership detail and email and contact details

The Treasurer- It shall be the duty of the Treasure to:

- Receive all funds and process request for payment, deposit slip, and officer signature forms.
- keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures and make reports as directed

The education officer- it shall be the duty of the Education officer to:

- To set up and maintain a training program for the current year as set down at the AGM.
- To set up and maintain a support system for the new beekers for the current year of their office.

- to appoint members to help with club apiary

Article V: Meetings

Meeting_ Regular meetings shall be held on a 3 monthly basis to coincide with the seasons. (spring, summer etc,)

Special Meetings- Special meeting may be called by the President with approval of the committee

Quorum - a quorum shall consist of a 1/3 of membership.

Article VI Amendments

- Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds(2/3) majority vote of current members
- All members shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendments at least ten days before the meeting.
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Article VI: Honorary membership

Honorary membership shall be granted to those who have served the club and deemed by the membership by vote at the AGM or by a special EGM

The roll of the honorary will be to sit on a special committee with the current President to ensure the governance and direction of the club