

BBKA conversion into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

At the 2018 Annual Delegate Meeting (ADM), Delegates voted to approve the conversion of the existing registered charity into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This required a new constitution to be approved. The draft constitution was presented to the 2019 ADM and overwhelmingly approved by the Delegates present. The application was presented to the Charity Commission in April and finally approved 16th September 2019.

I am therefore pleased to confirm that the BBKA is now operating under the new charity number 1185343 and the 2020 ADM will be conducted under the new constitution. This means that proxy voting will be permitted and the standing orders have been amended accordingly. The revised standing orders and guidance on how the proxy voting will be conducted will follow shortly.

The ADM allowed the Board of Trustees to make minor amendments to the wording to meet any requirements set by the Charity Commission. The main change imposed by the Charity Commission was an amendment to the wording of the charitable objects. The wording of the original object to “further the craft of beekeeping” was not acceptable to the Charity Commission and after some discussion the following wording was agreed by the Board of Trustees and accepted by the Charity Commission:

‘To advance the education of the public and beekeepers in the craft of beekeeping and promote the importance of bees in the environment.’

This wording is fundamentally the same as the original and allows the BBKA to carry on as before in supporting and furthering the craft of Beekeeping while meeting the Charity Commission’s requirements.

The new constitution is on the BBKA website at <https://www.bbka.org.uk/bbka-constitution> on the same webpage you will also find Annex C: Trustee Discipline and Dispute Resolution Procedure.

The guide lines for proxy voting can be found in Annex D of the constitution.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at Stephen.barnes@bbka.org.uk

Regards

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