

RULES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH HOBBYIST BEEKEEPERS CLUB INC

**** RULES REVISED – AUGUST 2018 ****

1. **NAME:**

The name of the club shall be the

CHRISTCHURCH HOBBYIST BEEKEEPERS CLUB INCORPORATED

2. **OBJECTIVES:**

The objectives of the Club shall be to help other hobbyist beekeepers, to give demonstrations at the Club's apiary site and to promote beekeeping education.

3. **MEMBERSHIP:**

There shall be three classes of membership:

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| i) | Ordinary members | ii) | Honorary members |
| iii) | Life members | | |

4. **MODE IN WHICH PERSONS BECOME MEMBERS:**

- i. Ordinary Members: On payment of a year's subscription.
- ii. Honorary Members: Any member who has given outstanding service to the Club may be selected as an honorary member at an Annual or Special General Meeting.
- iii) Life members: A member that has given long and faithful service to the club can be appointed life members. This membership is determined by the committee.

5. **MODE IN WHICH PERSONS CEASE TO BE MEMBERS:**

- i. Any member of the Club may resign by giving notice in writing to the Secretary.
- ii) Any member whose subscription is not paid by the end of November shall be removed from membership but may be readmitted by resolution of the committee.
- iii. The committee reserves the right to cancel a person's membership at any time.

6. **OFFICERS OF THE CLUB:**

The officers shall be:

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| i. President | iii. Secretary |
| ii. Vice President | iv. Treasurer |
| v. Hive master | vi Immediate Past President |



i,ii,iii,iv shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

v. Hive master to be appointed by the committee and becomes an ex officio member of the committee.

vi Upon the election of a new President the immediate past president shall serve on the committee for a period of one year after the election to provide continuity.

7. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The Executive Committee shall consist of

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| i.. President | iv. Treasurer |
| ii. Vice President | v. Hive Master |
| ii. Secretary | vi The Immediate past President (for a period of one year) |
| vii up to 10 other members | |

The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint members to fill any casual vacancies and shall have power to coopt other members if required even if this exceeds the 10 member limit if the situation requires this.

8. **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in the

same manner and for the same time as are the officers.

9. **POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The Executive Committee shall have all powers of the Club provided that these powers do not conflict with these rules.

10. **DELEGATION OF POWERS BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The Executive Committee may delegate its powers and duties to subcommittees consisting of such members as it may resolve and may grant to any such subcommittee the power to coopt other persons whether members or not.

11. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE QUORUM:**

At any meeting of the Executive Committee, seven members shall form a quorum.

12. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

- i. An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year at a time and place decided by the Executive Committee.
- ii. At least ten days notice shall be given to all members of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting.
- iii. At each Annual General Meeting an audited balance sheet and income and expenditure account shall be presented.
- iv. At the Annual (or Special) General Meeting a quorum shall consist of 20 members.

13. **VOTING:**

At all meetings voting shall be by voice or by a show of hands at the discretion of the Chairman, provide that if any member shall so demand, voting shall be by ballot. The Chairman shall have a deliberate vote. Except where otherwise stated a simple majority shall be sufficient to carry a motion.

14. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS:**

A Special General Meeting may be held at any time by resolution of the Executive committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by at least ten members specifying the purpose for which the Meeting is to be called. At least ten days notice shall be given to all financial members of the time and place of such Meeting.

15. **FUNDS:**

All funds of the Club shall be paid to the Treasurer who shall keep correct accounts showing the details of the Club's financial affairs and shall utilise moneys of the Club under the authority of the Executive Committee

16. **BANK ACCOUNTS:**

The Club's bank account shall be operated by the Treasurer, Secretary and the President or other person appointed by the Executive Committee for that purpose. Any 2 signatures required for cheque account

17. **AUDITOR:**

An Auditor will be appointed by the committee

18. **SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

The annual subscription is due at the beginning of the new financial year.

- i. The financial year to be 1st July to 30th June. Members to remain financial until midnight of the day of the Annual General Meeting.
- ii. The Executive Committee shall have the power to set the annual subscription fee for the following financial year.
- iii. School children pay half subscription fee; however, families shall pay one fee.

19. **ALTERATION OF RULES:**

The rules of the Club may be altered, rescinded or added to at any General Meeting provided that two thirds of the members present vote accordingly and provided that at least 14 days notice of intention is sent to members. The Club Rules should bear the date of the latest alteration.

20. **POWER TO BORROW FUNDS:**

The Club shall have the power to borrow money.

21. **DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:**

In the event of the Club winding up, the funds and the property of the Club shall be distributed to any other body or organisation having the same or similar objectives as those of the Club. Failing such a group locally the assets in cash or material shall be held in trust by the local branch of the N.B.A. until such time that a Christchurch Club starts up again.

22. **VISITING CLUB HIVES:**

On days other than Club held days any visit to the Club Apiary site to open hives must be authorised by the Executive Committee.

23. **HIRE OF EXTRACTING GEAR:**

- i. Gear is hired out to financial members only.
- ii. Gear is to be returned to the Secretary or persons in charge of same, after use.
- iii. No member is to pass on gear to another member without prior permission.

24 **The common Seal**

i The committee shall provide a common seal for the Club and may from time to time replace it with a new one.

ii The Secretary shall have custody of the common seal which shall only be used by the authority of the Committee. Every document to which the common seal is affixed shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary or a member of the committee.