



# THE WELSH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

## CYMDEITHAS GWENYNWYR CYMRU

Established/Sefvdlwvd 1943 Registered Charity – No 509929

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 10 am (Virtual meeting)**

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Appointment of Tellers
3. Approve minutes of AGM held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (circulated)
4. Matters arising from minutes of 2020 AGM
5. 2020 Annual Report (circulated)
6. 2020 Annual Accounts (circulated)
7. Motions proposed by WBKA Management Team (details are given below):-
  - a) All the changes to the WBKA Constitution proposed in Motions 1 to 6 below are accepted in one vote.
  - b) Motion 1: The title of Clause 11 be amended
  - c) Motion 2: A new sub clause 5 to be added to clause 11
  - d) Motion 3: A new sub clause e) be added to clause 17 (Classes of membership)
  - e) Motion 4: Current sub clauses 17:e and 17:f be renumbered as sub clauses 17:f and 17:g respectively.
  - f) Motion 5: Clause 20 (Appointment of Officers, Trustees, President and Vice Presidents of the WBKA) sub clause 7 be amended
  - g) Motion 6: Clause 23 (Proceedings of Trustees), sub clause 13 be amended
8. Elections:
  - a) President – **David John Bowles** (Proposers: Flint & Aberystwyth)
  - b) Vice president – Fred Eckton
  - c) Trustees:
    - i) Chair: Lynda Christie (elected AGM 2020)
    - ii) Vice Chair: Jill Wheeler (elected SGM 2019)
    - iii) **Treasurer: Graham Wheeler** (Proposers: South Clwyd & Anglesey)
    - iv) General Secretary: Jenny Shaw (elected AGM 2020)
    - v) **Chris Clarke** (Proposers: Aberystwyth & Flint)
    - vi) Keith Davies (elected AGM 2020)
    - vii) John Bowles (elected AGM 2020)
    - viii) Caroline Mullinex (elected AGM 2020)
    - ix) **Karen Pratt** (Proposers: Aberystwyth & Anglesey )
    - x) No nomination (Rachael Kellaway is not seeking re-election)
9. Honorary members – no nominations
10. Any Other Business relevant to the AGM
11. Date of Next Meeting
12. **WBKA AGM – March 6<sup>th</sup> 2021**

## **Changes to the WBKA Constitution proposed by the WBKA Management Team.**

### **'Catch All' motion**

All the changes to the WBKA Constitution proposed in Motions 1 to 6 below are accepted in one vote (on block).

***Rationale: All the motions have been circulated to the Associations in time for them to propose amendment to any or all of them. None have been received. If the 'catch all' motion fails then each of the 6 motions will be considered individually.***

### **Motion 1.**

The title of Clause 11 be amended to read:- **11. Notice and definition of meetings**

### **Motion 2.**

**A new sub clause 5 be added to clause 11 to read:-**

11 / 5) In this clause, with respect to all WBKA meetings, the expression "meeting" includes:-

- a). a face to face meeting
- b). video conference, an internet video facility or similar electronic method allowing simultaneous visual and audio participation, and
- c). telephone conferencing, or,
- d). any combination of the above

as long as there is full agreement that the type of meeting is appropriate to the matters to be discussed and is consistent with any legal obligation.

While the alternatives are agreed the importance of physical meetings in building relationships between the WBKA and its member Associations and their representatives should be borne in mind. For this reason, where practicable, at least one meeting per year should be face to face.

***Rationale for Motions 1 & 2: formalises the use of virtual and telephone platforms to be used for General and Council meetings when required. The restrictions brought about by the Covid pandemic have meant that face to face meetings have been impossible for much of 2020 and it is not known when the situation will return to normal.***

### **Motion 3**

**A new sub clause e) to be added to clause 17 (Classes of membership) to read:-**

e) **A Patron** who shall be invited to represent the Association in an informal capacity and, where opportunities arise, will promote the objectives of the Association. A

Member Association may send to the General Secretary the nomination of an individual for appointment as a Patron and the nomination shall be considered by the Management Team and their decision ratified at the Annual General Meeting. The Patron will serve for as long as they wish or are able to do so.

**Rationale for Motion 3 - formalises the appointment of a WBKA Patron.**

#### **Motion 4**

**Current sub clauses 17:e and 17:f be renumbered as sub clauses 17:f and 17:g respectively.**

**Rationale for Motion 4 - renumbering of existing sub clauses after adding new sub clause e to clause 17 in Motion 3.**

#### **Motion 5**

**Clause 20 (Appointment of Officers, Trustees, President and Vice Presidents of the WBKA) sub clause 7 to be amended to read:-**

7) The WBKA President shall be elected at a General Meeting and serve for a term of 3 years. He or she shall not be allowed to stand for re-election as President. An elected Trustee of the WBKA may be nominated for the post of President and if elected may remain a Trustee. The two WBKA Vice Presidents shall be elected for a term of 3 years and can be re-elected as a Vice President at the end of their 3 year term.

**Rationale for Motion 5 - clarifies who can be nominated to the role of WBKA President. Allows for a past Chair of the WBKA to be nominated as WBKA President even if they are still a serving Trustee of the WBKA.**

#### **Motion 6**

**Clause 23 (Proceedings of Trustees), sub clause 13 to be amended to read:-**

13) In this clause, with respect to meetings of the Management Team of Trustees, the expression "meeting" includes:-

- a). a face to face meeting
- b). video conference, an internet video facility or similar electronic method allowing simultaneous visual and audio participation, and
- c). telephone conferencing, or,
- d). any combination of the above

as long as there is full agreement within the team that the type of meeting is appropriate to the matters to be discussed and is consistent with any legal obligation. However, where practicable, the Management Team shall hold at least one face to face meeting per year-

***Rationale for Motion 6 - removes the requirement for four face to face meetings of the Management team each year allowing virtual meetings to contribute to meeting this minimum requirement. The restrictions brought about by the Covid pandemic have meant that face to face meetings have been impossible for much of 2020 and it is not known when the situation will return to normal.***

Joining details for the meeting will be circulated in late February. If you have not joined a WBKA virtual meeting before please join early and phone 07791572843 if you are experiencing any problems. The meeting platform will be opened 30 minutes before the AGM start time to allow everyone to join. If you are joining after the start time please wait until an organizer gives you access to the meeting.

## **VOTING**

Each Member Association can send two voting representatives to the AGM. The names and email contact details must have been sent to [secretary@wbka.com](mailto:secretary@wbka.com) by the relevant Association Secretary by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Other association members can join as observers but we would ask that they turn off their cameras and microphones so that they purely watch and listen to the meeting.