



# The Scottish Beekeepers' Association (SCIO)

Registered Charity No. SCO 09345

## **Financial Statements and Trustees' Report for the period 09 December 2014 to the 31 December 2015**

The Scottish Beekeepers' Association

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**Period from 09 December 2014 to the 31 December 2015**  
**General information**

**Charity name** The Scottish Beekeepers' Association (SCIO)

**Registered charity number** SCO09345

**Principal address** 36 Newtown  
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**Trustees**

Bronwen Wright (President)

Anthony Harris (General Secretary)

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Phillip McAnespie

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Janice Furness

Margaret Thomas

Enid Brown

Philip Moss

Resigned 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Alan Riach

Charles Irwin

Resigned 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Alasdair Joyce

Resigned 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Gavin Ramsay

Michael Thornley

Resigned 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Julian Stanley

Appointed 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Kate Atchley

Appointed 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Ann Chilcott

John Coyle

Stephen Palmer

Resigned 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Neil Mathieson

Appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015

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# **The Scottish Beekeepers' Association (SCIO)**

## **Period from 09 December 2014 to the 31 December 2015**

### **Report of the Trustees**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2015.

#### **Status**

This is the first period of account of the Scottish Beekeepers Association as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). As at 09 June 2015 all assets from the Scottish Beekeepers' Association had been transferred to it.

#### **Structure**

The activities of the Association are ultimately controlled by the Trustees, who meet regularly throughout the year

#### **Trustee recruitment**

Trustees are appointed, or reappointed, at the Annual General Meeting, held in March each year.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The organisation's purposes are to support honeybees and beekeepers, to improve the standard of beekeeping, and to promote honeybee products in Scotland through:

- The advancement of education in relation to the craft of beekeeping;
- The advancement of the heritage, culture and science of beekeeping; and
- The advancement of environmental protection by conservation of the honeybee. To promote beekeeping and encourage all interested in the art and science of beekeeping, stressing the benefits that beekeeping confers on agriculture and horticulture



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**Report of the Trustees (continued)**

**Principal activities in the period**

**Change to SCIO**

All assets have now been transferred to the SCIO and the SBA will henceforth operate as The Scottish Beekeepers' Association Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

**Promotion of Beekeeping**

The SBA has continued to work throughout Scotland to fulfil its purposes of supporting honey bees and beekeepers, improving standards in education and promoting honey bee products. Interaction with SBA members and the public has continued through the developing SBA website, Facebook and the Scottish Beekeepers' Interactive Forum. For members, the SBA monthly magazine, The Scottish Beekeeper, provides current beekeeping information, and the Moir Lending Library, consisting of some 5,000 beekeeping books, provides a unique beekeeping resource. Digitisation of the Moir Library catalogue and five supplements has been completed and they are available on the website. Ninety years of copies of the Scottish Beekeeper has also been digitised and will soon be searchable on the website.

SBA presence at national and local horticultural, agricultural and honey shows has provided excellent opportunities for public engagement. Continuing collaboration with the charity Artlink has created more chances for their clients to work together with beekeepers to produce attractive and informative displays for use at shows.

**Education.**

The SBA is committed to advancing and improving the standard of beekeeping in Scotland. To implement this, a broad ranging education programme has run throughout the year. Modular written examinations were held in March and November and during the summer, practical examinations at Basic, Intermediate and Advanced levels were taken. It is the aim of the SBA to have all beekeepers in Scotland at least at Basic standard. 84 candidates obtained distinction in the Basic beekeeping examination this year, the most since 1946.

Focussing on improving knowledge regarding bee health, information days were promoted by the SBA working with beekeepers and the Scottish Government.

The annual Convention, held in the Central Belt hosted three international speakers. The annual lecture tour, instituted so that beekeepers in more distant locations have the opportunity to benefit from a notable lecturer, was successfully undertaken by Graham Royle, who gave six lectures.

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**Report of the Trustees (continued)**

**Education (cont)**

Conscious of the need to involve young people in beekeeping, we have continued to develop ways to engage with them in schools.

Instructional courses including microscopy weekend and day courses in honey and wax preparation, honey judging, and skep making, were well attended and successfully delivered.

**Research projects.**

The "*Nosema Sampling and Knowledge Transfer Project*", a collaboration between Dundee University, Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture (SASA) and the SBA and funded by the Biotechnology and Biological Science Research Council (BBSRC) was completed early in the year. At the University of Aberdeen the SBA is part-funding a PhD student researching "*Establishment of an off-host culturing system for the honey bee mite Varroa destructor*". In addition, practical support and consultation have been given to two research projects based at the University of Edinburgh. 1: "*Telling the Bees*", a community arts and research project and 2: "*Beelines*", a project investigating the anthropology of bees and beekeeping.

**Meetings.**

Five Trustees' committee meetings for discussion and decision making were held. The AGM in March and the Members' Discussion meeting in November, preceded by the annual Secretaries' meeting, allowed business to be conducted and provided opportunities for beekeepers to meet and exchange ideas and information

At national level the SBA contributed to meetings with the Scottish Government, Council of National Beekeeping Associations of the UK and Ireland (CONBA), Food Standards Scotland and the National Diploma in Beekeeping. Internationally, the SBA was represented at the biennial apicultural meeting, Apimondia, held in South Korea, and our representative had a significant role in organising the International Honey Show Competition.

**Local Associations.**

At the SBA AGM, Local Associations, now called Affiliated Beekeeping Associations (ABAs), were granted complimentary SBA membership until 31 Dec 2015, while adjusting to their new status. There are 44 ABAs.



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**Report of the Trustees (continued)**

**SBA Development Officer**

Trustees agreed to the appointment of an SBA Development Officer to evaluate ways of enhancing the running and funding of the SBA. In November an agreement was made with an outside contractor for a 6 month paid contract. The post will be reviewed after 6 months with a view to extending the contract if satisfactory progress is made. We look forward to working with the new officer in January 2016.

**Membership**

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| UK Full Members               | 1,049 |
| UK Family Members (Primary)   | 240   |
| UK Family Members (Secondary) | 247   |
| Life Members                  | 12    |
| Total Voting members          | 1,578 |

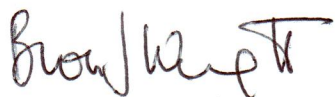
**Reserves**

The trustees have set a reserve fund of one and a quarter times the annual income.

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Bron Wright  
President

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**The Scottish Beekeepers' Association (SCIO)**  
**Period from the 09 December 2014 to the 31 December 2015**  
**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees and Members**  
**of The Scottish Beekeepers' Association**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2015 which are set out on Pages 7 to 12.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than disclosed below)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Lynne Ramsay CA

Date: 14/3/2016



**The Scottish Beekeepers' Association (SCIO)**  
**Period from 09 December 2014 to the 31 December 2015**  
**Receipts and payments account**

|                                   |          | General<br>funds | Designated<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | 2015           |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                                   | note     |                  |                     |                     |                |
| <b>Receipts</b>                   | <b>3</b> | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>       |
| Charitable activity               |          | 123,348          | 26,346              | 12,795              | <b>162,489</b> |
| Activities for generating Funds   |          | 7,119            | 0                   | 0                   | <b>7,119</b>   |
| Investment income                 |          | 0                | 139                 | 49                  | <b>188</b>     |
| <b>Total receipts</b>             |          | <b>130,467</b>   | <b>26,485</b>       | <b>12,844</b>       | <b>169,796</b> |
| <b>Payments</b>                   | <b>4</b> |                  |                     |                     |                |
| Charitable activities             |          | 52,960           | 941                 | 50                  | <b>53,951</b>  |
| Governance costs                  |          | 750              | 0                   | 0                   | <b>750</b>     |
| <b>Total payments</b>             |          | <b>53,710</b>    | <b>941</b>          | <b>50</b>           | <b>54,701</b>  |
| <b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>    |          | <b>76,757</b>    | <b>25,544</b>       | <b>12,794</b>       | <b>115,095</b> |
| Transfer Varroa fund to General   |          | 14,131           | -14,131             |                     | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>Cash funds carried forward</b> |          | <b>90,888</b>    | <b>11,413</b>       | <b>12,794</b>       | <b>115,095</b> |

**The Scottish Beekeepers' Association (SCIO)**  
**Statement of balances as at 31 December 2015**

|                                 | 2015<br>£ |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Cash funds</b>               |           |
| CAF Bank - general account      | 44,384    |
| CAF Bank- membership account    | 46,500    |
| Barclays Wealth deposit account | 22,113    |
| Barclays Wealth income account  | 2,098     |

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total cash funds</b> | <b>115,095</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------|

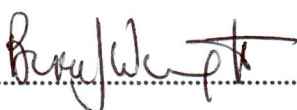
| Investments                         | Holding      | Market<br>valuation<br>2015 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Unit &amp; Investment Trusts</b> | <b>units</b> | <b>£</b>                    |
| For&Col Inv Tsts ord GBP0.25        | 1,180        | 5,301                       |
| Henderson Euro FOC ord GBP0.50      | 675          | 7,358                       |
| M&G Investment Man Gilt&Fxd Int     | 11,700       | 10,617                      |
| M&G Investment Man Recovery Stlg    | 5,960        | 6,859                       |
| <b>Total Investments</b>            |              | <b>30,135</b>               |

| Analysis of balances                      | General<br>funds | Designated<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | Total          |
|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|   | £                | £                   | £                   | £              |
| Investments transferred to SCIO           | 16,622           | 9,734               | 3,310               | 29,666         |
| Movement on investments                   | 263              | 154                 | 52                  | 469            |
| <b>Investments as at 31 December 2015</b> | <b>16,885</b>    | <b>9,888</b>        | <b>3,362</b>        | <b>30,135</b>  |
| Net receipts and payments                 | 90,888           | 11,413              | 12,794              | 115,095        |
| <b>Balances as at 31 December 2015</b>    | <b>107,773</b>   | <b>21,301</b>       | <b>16,156</b>       | <b>145,230</b> |

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Stock- Publicity stock at cost</b> | <b>4,870</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|

|                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Heritage Assets-</b>             |                |
| Moir Library (market value) (note5) |                |
|                                     | <b>324,250</b> |

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Bron Wright

President

Date: 14 March 2016

**The Scottish Beekeepers' Association (SCIO)**  
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**Notes to the accounts**

**1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**2 Nature and purpose of funds**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the association.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

| <b>3. Receipts</b>                       | <b>General funds</b> | <b>Designated funds</b> | <b>Restricted funds</b> | <b>2015</b>    |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
|  | <b>£</b>             | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>Charitable activity</b>               |                      |                         |                         |                |
| Membership/ABAs                          | 5,760                | -                       | -                       | 5,760          |
| Donations                                | 1,867                | -                       | -                       | 1,867          |
| Transfer from unincorporated association | 96,188               | 26,144                  | 12,795                  | 135,127        |
| Shows                                    | 10,678               | -                       | -                       | 10,678         |
| Education                                | 3,665                | -                       | -                       | 3,665          |
| Conference                               | 4,648                | -                       | -                       | 4,648          |
| Tea/lunch                                | 542                  | -                       | -                       | 542            |
| Library                                  | -                    | 202                     | -                       | 202            |
|  | <b>123,348</b>       | <b>26,346</b>           | <b>12,795</b>           | <b>162,489</b> |
| <b>Activities for generating Funds</b>   |                      |                         |                         |                |
| Advertising                              | 3,690                | -                       | -                       | 3,690          |
| Sales                                    | 3,429                | -                       | -                       | 3,429          |
|  | <b>7,119</b>         | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>7,119</b>   |
| <b>Investment income</b>                 |                      |                         |                         |                |
| Dividends                                | -                    | 124                     | 42                      | 166            |
| Interest                                 | -                    | 15                      | 7                       | 22             |
|  | <b>0</b>             | <b>139</b>              | <b>49</b>               | <b>188</b>     |



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## Notes to the accounts (continued)

| <b>4. Payments</b>           | <b>General<br/>funds</b> | <b>Designated<br/>funds</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>funds</b> | <b>2015</b>   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|                              | <b>£</b>                 | <b>£</b>                    | <b>£</b>                    | <b>£</b>      |
| <b>Charitable activities</b> |                          |                             |                             |               |
| Magazine                     | 16,171                   | -                           | -                           | <b>16,171</b> |
| Committee expenses           | 4,617                    | -                           | -                           | <b>4,617</b>  |
| Stationery, printing etc.    | 1,248                    | -                           | -                           | <b>1,248</b>  |
| Room hire/storage rent       | 3,326                    | -                           | -                           | <b>3,326</b>  |
| Internet                     | 84                       | -                           | -                           | <b>84</b>     |
| Insurance                    | 1,824                    | -                           | -                           | <b>1,824</b>  |
| Shows                        | 8,145                    | -                           | -                           | <b>8,145</b>  |
| Library                      | 1,756                    | 941                         | -                           | <b>2,697</b>  |
| Lecture tour                 | 272                      | -                           | -                           | <b>272</b>    |
| Education                    | 5,736                    | -                           | -                           | <b>5,736</b>  |
| Conference/centenary         | 4,821                    | -                           | -                           | <b>4,821</b>  |
| Awards                       | -                        | -                           | 50                          | <b>50</b>     |
| Development Office           | 645                      | -                           | -                           | <b>645</b>    |
| Publicity                    | 3,499                    | -                           | -                           | <b>3,499</b>  |
| Equipment & Repairs          | 816                      | -                           | -                           | <b>816</b>    |
|                              | <b>52,960</b>            | <b>941</b>                  | <b>50</b>                   | <b>53,951</b> |
| <b>Governance costs</b>      |                          |                             |                             |               |
| Trustee remuneration         | 500                      | -                           | -                           | <b>500</b>    |
| Independent Examiner         | 250                      | -                           | -                           | <b>250</b>    |
|                              | <b>750</b>               | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>                    | <b>750</b>    |

## **The Scottish Beekeepers' Association (SCIO)**

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### **Notes to the accounts (continued)**

#### **5. Heritage Assets**

##### **The Moir Library Collection**

**The Collection is comprised of two areas, the Moir Rare Book Collection and the Moir Lending Library.**

##### **1. The Moir Rare Book Collection** **value £290,000.**

The collection is held in the National Library of Scotland, Rare Books' Section, Edinburgh. It consists of 250 items. The collection is open to SBA members and all other visitors, on request to the National Library. Details of the collection are online.

##### **2. The Moir Lending Library** **value £34,250**

The Collection is held in the Edinburgh City Libraries, Fountain Bridge Branch, Edinburgh. It consists of more than 5,000 books and pamphlets. The collection is open to all SBA members who may borrow books. Other beekeepers and members of the public can visit and borrow or use books, for example for research, by arrangement with the SBA Library Officer.

The Collection's catalogues have been digitised and are available online.

#### **6. Related party transactions**

The following honoraria payments were made to Trustees during the period:

|                     | <b>2015</b> |
|---------------------|-------------|
|                     | <b>£</b>    |
| Editor              | -           |
| Secretary           | -           |
| Membership convenor | -           |
| Webmaster           | -           |
| Treasurer           | 500         |
|                     | <hr/>       |
|                     | 500         |

Expenses totalling £4,617 were reimbursed to trustees during the period.

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## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 7. Analysis of Cash balances

|                               | Receipts       | Payments      | Net receipts/<br>(payments) | Carried forward |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
|                               | £              | £             | £                           | £               |
| General                       | 144,598        | 53,710        | 90,888                      | 90,888          |
| <b>Total general funds</b>    | <b>144,598</b> | <b>53,710</b> | <b>90,888</b>               | <b>90,888</b>   |
| Compensation                  | 9,758          | -             | 9,758                       | 9,758           |
| Library                       | 2,596          | 941           | 1,655                       | 1,655           |
| Varroa                        | 14,131         | 14,131        | -                           | -               |
| <b>Total designated funds</b> | <b>26,485</b>  | <b>15,072</b> | <b>11,413</b>               | <b>11,413</b>   |
| Young beekeepers              | 1,588          | -             | 1,588                       | 1,588           |
| Research                      | 34             | -             | 34                          | 34              |
| Local association             | 500            | -             | 500                         | 500             |
| Dr Anderson                   | 1,087          | -             | 1,087                       | 1,087           |
| H Brown                       | 1,898          | 50            | 1,848                       | 1,848           |
| Dr & Mrs Tennant              | 3,650          | -             | 3,650                       | 3,650           |
| Miss M Logan                  | 2,366          | -             | 2,366                       | 2,366           |
| J M Fraser                    | 183            | -             | 183                         | 183             |
| A J Levy                      | 975            | -             | 975                         | 975             |
| N Thomson                     | 563            | -             | 563                         | 563             |
| <b>Total restricted funds</b> | <b>12,844</b>  | <b>50</b>     | <b>12,794</b>               | <b>12,794</b>   |
| <b>Total cash funds</b>       | <b>183,927</b> | <b>68,832</b> | <b>115,095</b>              | <b>115,095</b>  |