

Franklin County Beekeepers Association  
**THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The Franklin County Beekeepers Association".

ARTICLE 2. OBJECTIVES

The objective of this non-profit organization shall be to promote beekeeping as a hobby or as a livelihood, and to stimulate the interest of the general public in the advantages and benefits of beekeeping. This organization shall encourage study and research in the apiarian art with an eye toward better methodology, increased production, and improved marketing.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERS

Anyone interested in beekeeping and the beekeeping industry may join the Association upon payment of the regular annual dues. All active members shall be eligible to vote.

ARTICLE 4. DUES

The annual dues shall be \$15.00 per year and shall be due on January 1 of each year.

Multiple members within the same household shall require dues of each such member.

Any member of the Association who does not pay dues by March 15 shall be dropped from the membership roll.

A person may be restored to active membership by paying the current year's dues.

ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS

There shall be twelve regular meetings a year, held monthly.

Notice of each meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Association or otherwise adequately advertised.

Any change in the time and place of these meetings shall be decided on by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting. If this is not possible, the Executive Committee may direct the Program Chairman to make the necessary arrangements for changing said meetings.

One of the regular monthly meetings shall serve as the annual business meeting. Officers shall report to the membership on such items as finances, programs, membership, and special activities.

## ARTICLE 6. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chairman, and three Directors. (For ease in reading, masculine pronouns have been used in reference to Officers. However, no prejudice is intended. He/she, him/her, his/hers are to be used as applicable.)

The Association shall elect the first year, by a majority vote, three Directors – one to serve one year, one to serve two years, and one to serve three years. At each succeeding election of officers, one Director shall be elected by a majority vote to serve for three years.

All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the first regular meeting of the year and hold office for twelve months or until their successors are elected. In the case of a vacancy, the President may appoint a member to serve during the remainder of the term. No person shall be elected for any office without his/her consent.

## ARTICLE 7. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The PRESIDENT:

Shall preside at all meetings of the Association using regular parliamentary procedure and Roberts' Rules of Order.

He shall appoint special committees as he deems necessary, fill vacancies in any office, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

He will be authorized to make deposits and to disperse all monies should the Treasurer be unable to perform his duties.

The VICE-PRESIDENT:

Shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

If the Vice-President is unable to perform this duty in the absence of the President, he may appoint any member to act in his stead.

The SECRETARY:

Shall keep an accurate record of the minutes and transactions of the Association.

He shall notify the members and general public of each regular monthly meeting by written notice and/or appropriate news media releases.

He shall also see that any other news item or information beneficial and advantageous to the members of the Association and the general public gets distributed.

He shall conduct such correspondence and transact such other business as the Association may deem necessary; including assisting in the collection of dues, issuing membership cards, and assisting with membership renewal notification.

At the end of his term in office he shall deliver to his successor all papers and other property of the Association that may be in his possession.

The TREASURER:

Shall be custodian of all monies received by the Association and keep full and accurate records showing the receipts and disbursements of all monies. He shall collect the annual dues from the members, see that all members are notified when it is time to renew their membership, and transact other business as the Association may direct.

He shall close his books each year as of December 31, file the necessary information returns to the Internal Revenue Service, and present his records and books to the Directors for examination and auditing.

At the annual business meeting, he shall make a complete report on the Association's membership and financial standing.

He shall see that the President is authorized to make deposits and disburse all monies in the event that he, the Treasurer, is unable to perform his duties.

At the end of his term in office he shall deliver to his successor all financial records, monies, and other property of the Association that may be in his possession.

The PROGRAM CHAIRMAN:

Shall make the necessary arrangements for programs and secure speakers for same.

When directed by the Association, he will secure a meeting place and make necessary arrangements for the regular meetings.

The DIRECTORS:

Shall examine and audit the books of the Treasurer before the annual business meeting.

They shall report their findings and make recommendations to the members attending that meeting.

Should a Director be unable to attend or perform his duty, he may appoint another member of the Association to act in his stead; otherwise the President may appoint someone to serve in his absence.

## ARTICLE 8. COMMITTEES

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall consist of all the elected officers of the Association (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chairman, and the three Directors) and the immediate past President, who shall be an ex-officio member. The Executive Committee shall have authority to transact business on behalf of the Association when it is not in session.

The AUDITING COMMITTEE shall consist of the three elected Directors, whose duty will be to examine and audit the books of the Treasurer and to make recommendations on their findings

at the annual business meeting.

The NOMINATING COMMITTEE shall consist of three members, appointed at the October meeting by the President, whose duty will be to nominate and present a slate of officers at the first regular meeting of the year. Other names may be submitted from the membership at large at the time of the election of officers.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES, consisting of three members, shall be appointed by the President and shall serve as directed by the President.

#### ARTICLE 9. QUORUM

Ten voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting. Four shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENTS

Any article, or section of any article, of The Franklin County Beekeepers Association's Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present, providing the proposed amendments have been presented to the Executive Committee for their recommendation and have been presented in writing to the entire membership at least one month before any vote is taken.

Should this Association disband, its assets shall be distributed only to The North Carolina Beekeepers Association.

#### ARTICLE 11. REPEALING CLAUSE

Upon acceptance by vote of the members of the Association, this Constitution and By-Laws supersedes all previous Constitutions and By-laws.

APPROVED NOV 28, 2007.