

YORK COUNTY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Article I : Name of Organization

The name of the association shall be the York County Beekeepers' Association.

Article II : Association Purpose

Section 1. Nonprofit Purpose

This association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2. Specific Purpose

The mission of this association shall be to promote the responsible and sustainable practice of managing honey bees and to educate the public in the importance of honey bees, honey, pollination, and all the associated byproducts of a hive.

Article III : Membership

Section 1. Eligibility for Membership

Application for voting membership shall be open to any interested person that supports the purpose statement in Article II, Section 2. Membership is granted upon payment of the prescribed dues, at which point he/she shall be described as "being in good standing". The association is an equal opportunity association.

Section 2. Annual Dues

The dues of the association shall be proposed by the board and approved by the membership and will be based on the calendar year. Payment of dues and entitles a member to one vote. For new members joining after June 1, the dues are reduced for that calendar year to one-half of the full rate (excluding lifetime memberships). Any member failing to pay annual dues by the March members' meeting will be dropped from membership.

Section 3. Rights of Members

Any member who is "in good standing" is entitled to one vote in any election or decision that effects the association and is eligible to hold office or sit on a committee.

Article IV. Meetings of Members

Section 1. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the members shall be held monthly from January to September. The dates and venues of regular meetings to be held during the following year shall be published on the website prior to the January members' meeting. Regular meetings are planned by the Program Committee and for the benefit of all members on the practice of beekeeping.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings as called by the President or by a majority of members in good standing.

Section 3. Social Events

Social event designed to promote the welfare of members, eg. the annual banquet or picnic.

Section 4. Special Events

Special events designed to promote specific practices of beekeeping and for which a separate fee may be charged, eg. a short course on bee management or Master Beekeeper course.

Section 5. Public Events

Public events to promote a public awareness of the mission of the association, eg. the York Fair or the Flower and Garden Show.

Section 6. Quorum

A quorum at any regular or special meeting shall consist of a majority of members in good standing in attendance.

Article V. Board of Directors

Section 1. General Powers

The affairs of the association shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The purpose of the Board of Directors shall be to address issues relevant to the effective operation of the association subject to the approval of the membership. The Board of Directors shall have control of and be responsible for the management of the affairs and property of the association.

Board members will not receive a salary or compensation for their services. If funds are available, they may be used to reimburse a board member to represent the association at a special function, eg. The PSBA Annual meeting.

Section 2. Number, Requirements, and Duties

The Board of Directors shall consist of 4 directors: the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any member in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.

The President shall preside at all meetings, shall direct the general affairs of the association, and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

The Vice-president shall serve in the capacity of the president when the president is absent.

The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the activities of the association and if possible, control and manage the website.

The Treasurer shall collect and disburse moneys of the association, keep records of such moneys, and give an accounting of the same.

The offices of Secretary and Vice-President may be combined into one office upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Meetings

Any member of the Board of Directors may invite to a meeting a person with expertise in any item on the agenda. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by any member of the Board; including committee chairpersons. A Board member who has a financial or personal interest in or conflict with a matter pending before the Board will offer to excuse himself or herself from the meeting and will refrain from voting on said item.

Section 4. Elections

Officers shall be elected biannually at the last regular meeting in odd numbered years. Candidates shall be nominated by a nominating committee of three members appointed by the president. The nominating committee shall make its report at the last regular meeting of odd numbered years. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Election shall be by secret ballot or if there is only one candidate for an office a majority vote will rule. Officers so elected will assume their positions on January 1st of the succeeding year. Terms will be limited to two consecutive terms of office for the President and Vice President. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting of the association.

Article VI: Committees

Section 1. Committee Formation

The board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, events, programs, nomination, etc.

Section 2. Committees

Standing committees of the association shall be an Audit Committee, a Nominating Committee, a Program Committee, a Refreshment Committee, a Library Committee, and an Event Committee.

Ad hoc committees may be formed at the discretion of the president and/or at the request of one or more members.

Article VII: Books and Records

Section 1: General

The association shall keep complete books and records of account and minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and all meetings.

The association will follow Pennsylvania's finance law and penal code.

Section 2: Finances

The fiscal year shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st of any given year. All funds collected shall be spent on the promotion of the mission of the association. Donations on behalf of the association will be decided upon at a regular meeting following a majority vote.

Section 3: Dues

The amount of the annual dues to be paid for membership shall be set by the Board of Directors and confirmed by a majority vote of members in good standing present at the last regular meeting of the year.

Dues are due and payable on the first regular meeting of the year. If dues are not paid by the March meeting, association membership shall be revoked.

Section 4: Reimbursement

Office bearers and members may be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in the fulfillment of the mission of the association. In the event of dispute such reimbursement

is to be confirmed by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII: Dissolution

The association is intended to be on-going. If dissolution is necessary or agreed upon, any and all debts or obligations shall be paid and any remaining assets shall be donated to another non-profit nominated. All members of the association must be notified 30 days prior to the dissolution vote and will be decided upon at a regular meeting by a majority vote of members in good standing of the association.

Article IX: Ratification and Amendments

These bylaws shall be ratified at a regular meeting by a quorum of all members in good standing present.

Amendments to these bylaws may be submitted at any regular meeting of the association, and may be adopted by a majority vote of those members in good standing present.

Adoption of Bylaws

We, the undersigned, are all of the Board of Directors of this association, and we consent to, and hereby do, adopt the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of 5 preceding pages, as the Bylaws of this association.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors on this ____ day of _____, 20__.

President _____

Coral M. Still-Glosser

Vice-President _____

D. Renee Heldrich

Secretary _____

Molly E. McAuliffe

Treasurer _____

Erin B. Fetters

