

**Brighton Bee Club  
Constitution**

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## **Article 1 – Title:**

**Section A:** This organization shall be known as the Brighton Bee Club, (here after known as BBC).

## **Article 2 – Affiliation:**

**Section A:** The BBC works in cooperation with the Colorado State Beekeepers Association (CSBA, a.k.a. Colorado Beekeepers Association), a non-profit organization under Section 501 (c) (3).

## **Article 3 – Purpose:**

**Section A – Goal:** The BBC is organized exclusively as an educational charitable organization. We agree that no part of the net earnings of BBC will benefit, or be distributed to its' members, officers, or other private persons, except that BBC shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in our organizing document.

**Section B – Objectives:** They shall include:

- 1) Uniting the beekeepers of central Colorado in an effort to improve beekeeping in the area.
- 2) The promotion and furtherance of modern and up-to-date beekeeping through the presentation and dissemination of educational material, including training in the art of beekeeping and the production of bee products.
- 3) To provide education to the general public about beekeeping and the contribution of honeybees for the welfare of all people.
- 4) To act in the interests of beekeepers in protecting and conducting beekeeping affairs.
- 5) To promote legislation and controls to protect and assist beekeeping as a local, state, and national industry or hobby.
- 6) To provide social activities whereby members can meet with others with similar aspirations and pursuits.

## **Article 4 – Board of Directors (BOD):**

**Section A:** The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of the five (5) elected officers: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Sergeant of Arms, as well as other committee chair(s) duly created within the organization's bylaws. No person may hold more than one elected BOD positions at a time.

**Section B.** Each member of the BOD shall have one (1) vote regardless of the number of positions held. The current president shall not exercise his/her right to vote except in the event of a tie.

## **Article 5 – Officers:**

**Section A:** The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Sergeant of Arms. Officers duties shall be those usually assigned to such officers. To be eligible for election, a person must be a Paid Member.

**Section B:** The officers of this organization shall be elected by the majority of those present at the November general meeting. Each officer shall take office at the January general meeting and shall serve for a term of two years.

**Section C:** In the event of a mid-term vacancy in the BOD. Nominations shall be received and published in the next general meeting minutes. The BOD shall then cause a “Notice of Special Election” to be sent to all Paid Members by any effective means at least two weeks or fourteen (14 days) before the next general meeting. The election shall take place as part of the next general meeting agenda. The elected person shall fill the vacated office for the duration of the office’s term. The election shall be conducted as described in the Constitution and Bylaws.

**Section D:** The BOD of the BBC is hereby empowered to remove from office any officer, who fails to fully support the Constitution and Bylaws of the BBC, or any resolution adopted by the membership in attendance at any general meeting, or any directive of the BOD. Officers may be removed from office by a written request of one-fourth (1/4<sup>th</sup>) of the Paid membership or by a two-thirds (2/3<sup>rds</sup>) vote of the BOD. Their replacement shall follow Section C, “Mid-Term Vacancy” of this Article.

## **Article 6 – Membership:**

**Section A:** Any beekeeper in the State of Colorado may become a Paid Member by submitting an application and dues.

**Section B:** The membership of the BBC shall consist of Paid Members, Associate Members, and Honorary Members. These memberships shall be defined by the organization’s bylaws.

**Section C:** The amount of the dues shall be set by the BOD and approved by a two-thirds (2/3<sup>rds</sup>) vote of said board.

**Section D:** The membership period for Paid Members shall be for one year.

## **Article 7 – Meetings:**

**Section A:** The meetings of the BOD, General Membership, or Special Committee(s) shall be held at a set time and place selected by the President or Committee Chair.

- 1) BOD meeting should be held the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Thursday of each month.
- 2) General Membership meeting should be held the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Wednesday of each month.
- 3) Special Committee(s) as needed.

**Section B:** A quorum shall consist of at least fifty percent (50%) of the BOD, and the General Membership.

**Section C:** The meetings will be conducted by the rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order (revised), and shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and are not inconsistent with this constitution and its by-laws.

### **Article 8 – Dissolution:**

**Section A:** Upon the dissolution of the BBC, the BOD shall, after satisfying all outstanding liabilities, dispose of all its' assets exclusively for the purposes of the organization to one or more organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or other purposes that qualify the organization(s) as exempt under Internal Revenue Section 501 (c) (3) (or the corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue law). Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court having probate jurisdiction in Adams County exclusively to such organization(s) as the court determines are organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes.

### **Article 9 – Amendments:**

**Section A:** The Constitution of the BBC may be altered or amended only at the January general meeting. Changes can be submitted to the BOD on or before the November BOD meeting, so they can be reviewed. A "Notice of Proposed Constitution Change(s)" shall be prepared and sent to all members by any effective means at least fourteen (14) days before January generalmeeting. There must be a two-thirds (2/3<sup>ds</sup>) vote of the total membership present, at the January general meeting, to carry the change(s) to the Constitution.