

CONSTITUTION OF THE DAVIE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I (NAME)

SECTION 1: NAME: The name of this organization shall be “THE DAVIE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION”. Within the parameters of this constitution “ASSOCIATION” or “DCBA” means THE DAVIE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION”.

ARTICLE II (OBJECTIVES)

SECTION 1: OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this nonprofit organization shall be to encourage better methods among the beekeepers of the state and nation, to promote cooperation, to reach a common understanding regarding our problems and their solution, to maintain friendly and helpful relations with those who are working to better the beekeeping industry, to develop markets for beekeeping products, to foster closer cooperation among members of the association, and to do such things as will tend to improve purpose exclusively for the Association’s members and the general public relations regarding honey bees and the beekeeping industry. Should the Association undergo dissolution; its assets will be distributed only to charitable or non-profit organizations.

ARTICLE III (MEMBERS)

SECTION 1: MEMBERS: Anyone interested in beekeeping and the beekeeping industry may join the Association upon payment of the regular annual dues (see ARTICLE V). The right to vote shall be limited to Annual paid and Life members.

ARTICLE IV (OFFICERS)

SECTION 1: OFFICERS: The officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-President/Program Chairman, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and three Directors. The Association shall elect 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 three years. The President, Vice-President/Program Chairman, Recording secretary shall be elected to a one year term by a majority vote of the voting members present at a regular meeting and hold office from the conclusion of that meeting until the conclusion of the first annual meeting of the following year. The aforementioned officers may serve up to two (2) consecutive terms and after one year out of office, may be eligible for election for up to another two (2) terms. There are no term limits on the office of Treasurer. In case of a vacancy of any office, the President may appoint a member to serve during the remainder of the term. No person shall be appointed or elected for any office without his or her consent.

ARTICLE V

(DUES, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS, LIFE, HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS)

SECTION 1: DUES:

A. Annual Members: The annual dues for an Annual member shall be \$15.00 per year payable in advance to the Treasurer of the Association and shall be due on January 1 of the year covered by said dues. All dues expire on December 31 of each year. Any member of the association who becomes delinquent in payment of dues after December 31 will be dropped from the roll of membership after the second membership meeting and shall cease to be an active member of the Association. A person, who has been dropped from the roll of membership for nonpayment of dues, may be restored to active membership by paying the current year's dues. Life members and Honorary Members shall be excused from payment of annual dues.

SECTION 2: COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATIONS: A person who joins a local county beekeeping association or beekeeping club within the state of North Carolina, which is recognized as an authorized beekeeping association or club by the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association, will be a member of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association, Inc. upon payment of annual dues to the NCSBA through his or her local Treasurer.

SECTION 3; LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Life membership in the Association may be bestowed upon a member, who has contributed in some outstanding way to the Association's aims and ideals and for meritorious service to the Association, by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting. Life members shall be excused from payment of dues and will have all the rights and privileges of annual members. No member shall be given a life membership merely for continuous membership or the purpose of not paying dues.

SECTION 4; HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: Honorary membership in the DCBA may be bestowed upon a person for distinguished service to the Association or beekeeping industry which would be beneficial to the people in our State and Nation. This membership may be granted by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting. An honorary membership confers no power, rights, or privileges in the DCBA, confers no right to vote or to hold office, and is not liable for dues.

ARTICLE VI

(MEETINGS)

SECTION; 1 MEETINGS: There shall be regular meetings held according to the vote of the membership. Notice of each meeting shall be communicated to each member of the association or otherwise adequately advertised by the Secretary. The time and place for all meeting shall be decided on by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

(COMMITTEES)

SECTION 1: COMMITTEES:

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall consist of all the elective officers of the Association, namely: President, Vice-President/Program Chairman, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, 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 the Association is not in session.

B. STANDING and Other COMMITTEES: Standing Committees shall be appointed by the president each year. Other Committees shall be appointed by the President as he/she see fit. Committee duties will be to serve as directed by the president, Constitution and By-Laws. The President shall designate one of the members of each committee to be the chairperson.

C. STANDING COMMITTEES shall consist of:

- (1) The AUDITING COMMITTEE, which shall consist of the three Directors. Their duty will be to examine and audit the books of the Treasurer and make recommendations on their findings at the first annual DCBA meeting.
- (2) The NOMINATING COMMITTEE, which shall consist of three members appointed by the President whose duty, will be to nominate and present a slate of officers for consideration by the DCBA at the November meeting. Additional duties are to ensure that all nominated Officers, whether nominated by the committee or from the membership at the time of election of officers, meet all qualifications as mentioned in Article I of the By-Laws.

D. OTHER COMMITTEES: Such committees shall be appointed by the President and shall serve as directed by the President. The President shall designate one of the members to be the chairperson.

ARTICLE VIII (QUORUM)

SECTION 1: QUORUM: Fifty (50) percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting. A majority shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX (DUTIES OF OFFICERS)

SECTION 1: PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the DCBA using regular parliamentary usage and Roberts Rules of Order. This officer shall appoint such special committee as is deemed necessary, fill vacancies of any officers, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct. The President will be authorized to make deposits, disburse all monies, should the Treasurer be unable to perform those duties.

SECTION 2: VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President/Program Chairman to perform the duties of the President in his or her absence, or upon the President's request. If the Vice-President is unable to perform this duty in the absence of the President, then the Vice-President may appoint any member to act in his or her stead. The Vice-President/Program Chairman will make the necessary arrangements for programs and secure speakers for same. When directed by the Association, he/she will secure a meeting place and make necessary arrangements for the regular Association meetings.

SECTION 3: TREASURER: The Treasurer shall collect the annual dues from the members, issue membership cards, and, after December 31, notify all members who are delinquent in payment of dues. This officer shall be custodian of all monies received by the DCBA, disburse monies as approved by the Executive Committee, and keep full and accurate records showing the receipts and disbursements of all monies. The Treasurer shall close the Association's books on December 31 of each year and give an annual financial report to the Executive Committee at the first annual meeting and make a complete report on the membership and financial standings of the DCBA at that time. Also he/she shall make an annual financial report at the end of the accounting period on December 31 of each year and file the necessary information returns to the Internal Revenue Service. He/she will ensure that the President is also authorized to make

deposits and disburse monies if the Treasurer is unable to perform these duties. He/she shall present all records and books to the Directors, who will examine and audit the Treasurer's books, at least 30 days before each regular joint annual Summer meeting. He/she, at the end of his/her term, shall have all records and books audited and deliver them to his/her successor, including papers, monies, and all other property of the DCBA which may be in his/her possession. He/She shall maintain an accurate role of the membership, coordinating with the Executive Committee regarding membership status and the receipt of dues. He/She shall collect any other monies for the DCBA and coordinate all the duties of his/her office with the President at all times so that only one record of monies is kept.

SECTION 4: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: (Not Used)

SECTION 5: RECORDING SECRETARY: The Recording Secretary shall document the proceedings of the DCBA at each regular meeting. The Recording Secretary shall conduct all correspondence on behalf of the DCBA as may be necessary. The Recording Secretary shall coordinate his or her correspondence activities with the President and Executive Committee of the DCBA so as to prevent duplication of effort and to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of the Association. This officer shall maintain an accurate record of all correspondence of the Association. At the end of his/her term, this officer shall deliver all records of the DCBA to his/her successor.

SECTION 6: DIRECTORS: The Directors shall examine and audit the books of the Treasurer at the end of each year and report their findings to the members. Should they be unable to attend or perform their duty, each Director may appoint a member to act and serve in stead. Otherwise, the President of the Association may appoint temporary members to serve in their absence.

ARTICLE X
(AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS)

SECTION 1: AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS: The Davie County Beekeepers Association may associate itself and determine its own basis of support for the current year and for so long as it is desirable, with any other state or national Beekeeping Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members attending a regular meeting

ARTICLE XI
(HONEY QUEENS)

SECTION 1: HONEY QUEENS: If desired, the Davie County Beekeepers Association may sponsor and select a lady to serve as Honey Queen for one year. The basis of support, rules and regulations, Honey Queen Committee, and the continuation of the contest and programs may be decided upon by a vote of the members attending a regular meeting. The Davie County Association may enter its queen in the State Honey Queen Contest.

ARTICLE XII
(AMENDMENTS)

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS:

- A. Any subsection or section of any article of the Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two thirds (2/3) vote of all active members present, providing the

proposed amendments have been presented to the Executive Committee for their recommendations, and have been presented in writing and/or electronic media, to the entire membership at least 30 days before any regular meeting.

- B. Any subsection or section of any article of the By-Laws may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) vote of all active members present at any membership meeting.

ARTICLE XIII
(REPEALING CLAUSE)

SECTION 1: REPEALING CLAUSE: Upon acceptance by vote of the Association, this Constitution and these Bylaws supersedes all previous Constitution and Bylaws. This Constitution and these Bylaws was read and adopted by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of all active members present at a regular meeting held May 11, 2009 at Mocksville, North Carolina.

Philip Morris, President (date)

Deborah Rabon, Secretary (date)