

YORK COUNTY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Article I : Name

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

Article II : Mission

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 : Officers

A. The officers shall consist of a

1. President, who shall preside at all meetings, shall direct the general affairs of the association, and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.
2. Vice-president, who shall serve in the capacity of the president when the president shall be absent.
3. Secretary, who shall keep accurate records of the activities of the association.
4. Treasurer, who shall collect and disburse moneys of the association, keep records of such moneys, and give an accounting of the same.
5. Representative to the Penn State Beekeepers' Association, who shall act as liaison between this association and the PSBA.

B. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined into one office upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

Article IV: Committees

A. Standing committees of the association shall be

1. an audit committee
2. a nominating committee
3. a program committee
4. a refreshment committee
5. the York Fair committee

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

Article V : Positions of Responsibility

The president may further appoint persons to particular positions of responsibility. These positions may include, but are not limited to, librarian, web master and archivist.

Article VI : Executive Board

- A. The purpose of the Executive Board shall be to discuss issues relevant to the effective operation of the association subject to the approval of the membership.

- B. The Executive Board shall consist of the five officers together with the chairpersons of all standing committees.
- C. Any member of the Executive Board may invite to a meeting a person with expertise in any item on the agenda.
- D. Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the president or by any member of the executive.
- E. 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/herself from the meeting and will refrain from voting on said item.

Article VII : Membership.

- A. Any interested person may become a member of the association upon payment of the prescribed dues, at which point he/she shall be described as ‘being in good standing.’
- B. The association does not discriminate based on race, religion or gender.
- C. Any member in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.
- D. Officers shall be elected biannually at the last regular meeting in odd numbered years.
 - 1. Candidates shall be nominated by a nominating committee of three members appointed by the president.
 - 2. The nominating committee shall make its report at the last regular meeting of odd numbered years
 - 3. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.
 - 4. Election shall be by secret ballot.
- E. Officers so elected will assume their positions on January 1st of the succeeding year.
- F. There is no term limits for office bearers.
- G. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting of the association.

Article VIII : Meetings

- A. Meetings shall be defined as one of five categories :
 - 1. Regular meetings as planned by the Program Committee and for the benefit of all members on the practice of beekeeping;
 - 2. Special meetings as called by the President or by a majority of members in good standing;
 - 3. Social events designed to promote the welfare of members, eg. the Banquet or annual picnic;
 - 4. 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;
 - 5. Public events to promote a public awareness of the mission of the association, eg. the York Fair or the Flower and Garden Show.
- B. The dates and venues of regular meetings to be held during any year shall be published at the last regular meeting of the preceding year.
- C. A quorum at any regular or special meeting shall consist of one third of members in good standing.
- D. In the absence of a quorum no formal action shall be taken except to adjourn any discussion and decision to a subsequent date.
- E. Unless otherwise stated, the passage of a motion requires a simple majority.
- F. Regular and special meetings shall be announced to all members by mail or e-mail from either the County Agent’s office or the association secretary.

Article IX : Finances

- A. The association will follow Pennsylvania’s finance law and penal code.
- B. The fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31st of any given year.
- C. All funds collected shall be spent on the promotion of the mission of the association, with the exception of a reserve of \$500 which may be spent only with the consent of a 2/3 majority of members present at a scheduled monthly meeting.

- D. The amount of the annual dues to be paid for membership shall be set by the Executive Board and confirmed by a vote of 2/3 of members in good standing present at the last regular meeting of the year.
- E. Dues are due and payable on the first day of the year.
- F. Upon notification by the association, members may be removed from the rolls if dues are not paid by the April meeting.
- G. 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 Executive Board.

Article X: 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 the 4H Club of York County for the promotion of beekeeping among its members.

Article XI: Ratification and Amendments.

- A. These bylaws shall be ratified at a regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of all members present, providing said bylaws have been presented at least one previous meeting.
- B. Amendments to these bylaws may be submitted at any regular meeting of the association, and may be adopted by a 2/3 vote of those members present.

Signed and Dated:

President

Vice-President.....

Secretary

Treasurer

Representative to the PSBA.

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