

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF  
THE ORANGE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1  
(NAME)

SECTION 1: NAME: The name of this organization shall be "The Orange County Beekeepers Association", (OCBA) headquartered at the Orange County Extension Office Building in Hillsborough, North Carolina, 27278.

ARTICLE 2  
(OBJECTIVES)

SECTION 1: OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this nonprofit organization shall be to encourage better colony management methods among the beekeepers of the state and nation, to promote cooperation, to reach a common understanding regarding our problems and their solutions, to maintain friendly and helpful relations with those who are working to better the beekeeping industry, to develop markets for beekeeping products, and to foster close cooperation among members of the Association, the general public and the beekeeping industry. Should the Association undergo dissolution, its assets will be distributed only to the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association.

ARTICLE 3  
(MEMBERS)

SECTION 1: MEMBERS: Anyone interested in beekeeping and the beekeeping industry may join the Association upon payment of the OCBA annual dues.

SECTION 2: Members of this Association shall be encouraged to become members of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association.

ARTICLE 4  
(OFFICERS)

SECTION 1: OFFICERS: The offices of the Association shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, elected by a majority vote. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at its annual meeting in October and shall take office in January, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. In 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. Offices will be filled for one year, with persons filling these offices being eligible to succeed themselves, if the membership votes them in for another term of office. In no case can the President serve for more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE 5  
(DUES)

SECTION 1: DUES: The annual dues shall be fixed by majority of the membership at the Association's annual meeting in October of each year. Dues will be payable not later than January 1 of each year. Dues may include State Association dues for those wishing to join the State Association. All memberships 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 February meeting and shall cease to be a 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.

ARTICLE 6  
(MEETINGS)

SECTION 1: MEETINGS: There shall be twelve regular monthly meetings. If this is not possible, the Association may direct the Vice-President to make other arrangements.

SECTION 2: There shall be an October annual meeting held for the election of officers and other business as required.

ARTICLE 7  
(COMMITTEES)

SECTION 1: COMMITTEES: Committees shall be appointed by the President as deemed necessary for Association business. These shall be comprised of at least three members.

ARTICLE 8  
(QUORUM)

SECTION 1: QUORUM: A quorum shall consist of a minimum of eight voting members. No business of the Association will be transacted without a quorum present.

ARTICLE 9  
(DUTIES OF OFFICERS)

SECTION 1: PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association using regular parliamentary usage and Roberts Rules of Order. This officer shall appoint such committees 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 and disburse all monies, should the Treasurer be unable to perform those duties.

SECTION 2: VICE-PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the Vice President 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, the the Vice-President may appoint any member to act in his/her stead. The Vice-President will serve as Program Chairman.

SECTION 3: TREASURER: The Treasurer shall collect the annual dues from the members, issue membership cards and notify all members after December 31 who are delinquent in payment of dues. This officer shall be custodian of all monies received by the Association and shall keep full and accurate records showing receipts and disbursements of all monies. The Treasurer shall close the Association's books prior to each regular January meeting and shall make a complete report on the membership and financial standings of the Association at that time. He/she shall make an annual financial report at the end of the accounting period of December 31 of each year and shall file all necessary forms with the Internal Revenue Service as applicable. He/she will understand that the President is authorized to make deposits and disburse all monies if the Treasurer is unable to perform these duties. He/she shall present all records and books to the President for examination and auditing before each January meeting.

SECTION 4: SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the minutes and all transactions of the Association. He/she shall conduct such correspondence as may be necessary. He/she shall deliver to his/her successor all papers and all other property of the Association which may be in his/her possession.

ARTICLE 10  
(AMENDMENTS)

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS: Amendments may be introduced for discussion at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Association, but may not be voted on until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The members should be notified of a proposed amendment by mail twenty days prior to the following meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required to amend the constitution and by-laws.

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Tim Gentry, President

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Nancy S. Gustaveson, Secretary

*December 21, 1995*