

**Brighton Bee Club  
Constitution**

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**Article 1 – Title:**

**Section A:**

This organization shall be known as the Brighton Bee Club, hereafter known as BBC.

**Article 2 – Affiliation:**

**Section A:**

The BBC works in cooperation with the Colorado State Beekeepers Association (CSBA), a non-profit organization operating under Section 501 (c) (3) of the US Internal Revenue Code.

**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 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 a minimum of seven (7) members. Only Paid Members are eligible to be nominated or to run for an officer position. No person may hold more than one elected BOD position at a time.

**Section B:**

Each member of the BOD shall have one (1) vote with the exception of the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall exercise their right to vote in resolving a deadlock or to force a tie vote.

70 **Article 5 – Officers:**

71 **Section A:**

72 The officers of this organization shall consist of, in order of precedence, a President,  
73 Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Members-at-Large.  
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76 **Section B:**

77 Officer(s) shall be elected at the November general meeting by the majority of votes  
78 received by the election process. Elected individuals shall assume their positions at the  
79 January BOD meeting.  
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81 **Section C: Mid-term Vacancy**

82 In the event of a mid-term vacancy in the BOD, the BOD shall cause a “Notice of Special  
83 Election” to be sent to all Paid Members by any effective means before the next general  
84 meeting. The election shall take place as part of the next general meeting agenda. The  
85 elected person shall fill the vacated office immediately for the duration of the office’s  
86 term. The presiding officer may appoint a replacement to fill the position until such time  
87 as elections are held.  
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89 **Section D: Removal of Officers**

90 The BOD is hereby empowered to remove any officer who fails to fully support the  
91 Constitution and Bylaws of the BBC or any resolution adopted by the membership in  
92 attendance at any general meeting, or any directive of the BOD.  
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94 The membership may remove any officer by a written request of a majority of the Paid  
95 Members or by a two-thirds (2/3<sup>rd</sup>s) vote of the BOD.  
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97 **Article 6 – Membership:**

98 **Section A:**

99 Any person may become a Paid Member by submitting a completed application along  
100 with appropriate dues.  
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102 **Section B:**

103 The membership of the BBC shall consist of Paid Members, Associate Members, and  
104 Honorary Members.  
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106 **Section C:**

107 The BBC shall collect dues as outlined in the Bylaws.  
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110 **Article 7 – Meetings:**

111 **Section A:**

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

- 114 1. BOD meeting shall normally be held the week prior to the General  
115 Membership meeting.
  - 116 2. General Membership meetings shall normally be held the second (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
117 Wednesday of each month.
  - 118 3. Special Committee(s) as needed.  
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122 **Section B:**  
123 A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the BOD, and at least twenty percent (20%) of  
124 the Paid Membership. **Members will be considered “present” at a meeting whether**  
125 **they attend in-person or via teleconference (audio and/or video).**  
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127 **Section C:**  
128 The meetings should be conducted by the rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order  
129 (revised), and should govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable  
130 and are not inconsistent with this Constitution and By-laws.  
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133 **Article 8 – Dissolution:**

134 **Section A:**  
135 Upon the dissolution of the BBC, the BOD shall, after satisfying all outstanding liabilities,  
136 dispose of all its’ assets exclusively for the purposes of the organization to one or more  
137 organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or other  
138 purposes that qualify the organization(s) as exempt under Internal Revenue Section 501  
139 (c) (3) (or the corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue law). Any of such  
140 assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court having probate jurisdiction in  
141 Adams County exclusively to such organization(s) as the court determines are organized  
142 and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes.  
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144 **Article 9 – Amendments:**

145 **Section A:**  
146 The Constitution of the BBC may be altered or amended only at the January general  
147 meeting. Changes can be submitted to the BOD on or before the November BOD  
148 meeting, so they can be reviewed. A “Notice of Proposed Constitution Change(s)” shall  
149 be prepared and sent to all members by any effective means at least fourteen (14) days  
150 before the January general meeting. After meeting the quorum requirements, there must  
151 be a two-thirds (2/3<sup>rds</sup>) vote of the total Paid Membership present at the January general  
152 meeting to carry the change(s) to the Constitution.