

**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, social, and 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 documents.

Section B – Objectives:

1. To promote and advance 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.
2. To provide education to the general public about beekeeping and the contribution of honeybees for the welfare of all people.
3. To act in the interests of beekeepers in protecting and conducting beekeeping affairs.
4. To provide social opportunities whereby members can meet with and engage 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 a BOD 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 except for the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall exercise their right to vote in resolving a deadlock or to force a tie vote.

71 **Article 5 – Officers**

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73 **Section A:**

74 The officers of this organization shall consist of, in order of precedence, a President,
75 Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Members-at-Large. These
76 officers are members of the BOD.

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78 **Section B: Election Results**

79 The Secretary will announce the annual election results at the November general
80 meeting. Elected officers shall assume their roles at the January BOD meeting.

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82 **Section C: Term Limits**

83 An individual may hold the officer position to which they have been elected for a
84 maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. After two consecutive terms, the individual will
85 become ineligible for that same office at the next general election.

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87 **Section D: Mid-term Vacancy**

88 In the event of a mid-term vacancy of an officer, the BOD shall send a “Notice of Special
89 Election” to all Paid Members by any effective means before the next general meeting.
90 The BOD will announce the dates of the election at that time. The elected person shall
91 fill the vacated office immediately for the remaining duration of the office’s term. The
92 presiding officer may appoint a replacement to fill the position until such time as
93 elections are held.

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95 **Section E: Removal of Officers**

96 The BOD is hereby empowered to remove any officer who fails to fully support the
97 Constitution and Bylaws of the BBC or any resolutions adopted by the club or any
98 directive of the BOD.

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100 The membership may remove any officer by a written request of a majority of the Paid
101 Members or by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the BOD.

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103 **Article 6 – Membership**

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105 **Section A:**

106 Any person may become a Paid Member by submitting a completed application along
107 with appropriate dues.

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109 **Section B:**

110 The membership of the BBC shall consist of Paid Members, Associate Members, and
111 Honorary Members.

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113 **Section C:**

114 The BBC shall collect dues as outlined in the Bylaws.
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118 **Article 7 – Meetings**

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120 **Section A: Meeting Schedule**

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

- 123 1. No less than 72-hour notice will be provided for each BOD, monthly
124 membership or special committee meeting.
- 125 2. BOD meetings shall normally be held the week prior to the General
126 Membership meeting.
- 127 3. General Membership meetings shall normally be held the second (2nd)
128 Wednesday of each month.
- 129 4. Special Committee(s) as needed.

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131 **Section B: Quorum**

132 A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the BOD, and at least twenty percent (20%) of
133 the Paid Membership. **Members will be considered present at a meeting whether**
134 **they attend in-person or via teleconference (audio and/or video).**

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136 **Section C: Conduct of Meetings**

137 The meetings should be conducted by the rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order
138 (revised) and should govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable
139 and are not inconsistent with this Constitution and By-laws.

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141 **Article 8 – Dissolution:**

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143 **Section A:**

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

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153 **Article 9 – Amendments**

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155 **Section A:**

156 The Constitution of the BBC may be altered or amended only at the January general
157 meeting. Suggested changes must be submitted to the BOD on or before the November
158 BOD meeting. A “Notice of Proposed Constitution Change(s)” shall be prepared and
159 sent to all members by any effective means at least fourteen (14) days before the
160 January general meeting. After meeting the quorum requirements, there must be a two-
161 thirds (2/3^{rds}) vote of the total Paid Membership present at the January general meeting
162 to carry the change(s) to the Constitution. In the event there is not a quorum at the
163 January general meeting, the vote will be delayed until the next general meeting where a
164 quorum is present.