**Brighton Bee Club**

**Constitution**

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## Article 1 – Title

 **Section A:**

This organization shall be known as the Brighton Bee Club (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 and Objectives:**

The BBC is organized primarily as an educational and social organization to raise public awareness of bees and their effect on the environment. Objectives are:

1. To promote and advance 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 educate the general public about beekeeping and the contribution of honey bees for the welfare of all people.
3. To provide social opportunities whereby members can meet with and engage others with similar aspirations and pursuits.
4. 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 the BBC shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered. Club funds may be spent on items such as supplies and equipment, events and activities, publicity, travel expenses, and conference fees.

## 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 who shall exercise their right to vote if their vote will change the outcome of the vote. All BOD members shall have one (1) vote in the case of a ballot vote.

## Article 5 – Officers

 **Section A:**

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

**Section B: Term Limits**

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

 **Section C: Mid-term Vacancy**

In the event of a mid-term vacancy of an officer, the presiding officer may appoint a replacement to fill the position until elections are held.

The BOD shall send a “Notice of Special Election” to all Paid Members by any effective means before the next general meeting.

The BOD will announce the dates of the election in accordance with the Bylaws. The elected person shall fill the vacated office immediately for the remaining duration of the office’s term.

 **Section D: Election Results**

1. General Elections

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

1. Special Elections

The elected individual(s) will assume their roles after the BOD validates the election results.

**Section E: Removal of Officers**

1. The BOD is empowered to remove any officer who fails to fully support the Constitution and Bylaws of the BBC, any resolutions adopted by the club, or any directive of the BOD.
2. The membership may remove any officer by a ballot vote of a majority of the Paid Members or by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the BOD.

## Article 6 – Membership

 **Section A:**

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

 **Section B:**

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

 **Section C:**

The BBC shall collect dues as outlined in the Bylaws.

## Article 7 – Meetings

 **Section A: Meeting Schedule**

1. The meetings of the BOD, General Membership, or Special Committee(s) shall be held at a set time and place selected by the President or Committee Chair.
2. Prior notice shall be provided to the appropriate members for each BOD, general membership, or special committee meeting when reasonably possible.
3. BOD meetings shall normally be held the week before the General Membership meeting.
4. General Membership meetings shall normally be held on the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month.
5. Special Committee(s) or urgent BOD meetings as needed.

**Section B: Quorum**

A quorum for the BOD meetings shall consist of at least 50% of the BOD officers. A quorum for general membership meetings shall consist of at least twenty percent (20%) of the Paid Membership. Individuals will be considered present at a meeting whether they attend in person or via teleconference (audio and/or video).

 **Section C: Conduct of Meetings**

The meetings should be conducted according to the rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order (revised) and are not inconsistent with this Constitution or By-laws. An officer will preside at all general meetings and, in the absence of an officer, the meeting will be considered a social event.

## Article 8 – Revising Constitution

**Section A: Revisions**

1. The Constitution of the BBC may be revised at the January general meeting. Proposed changes must be submitted to the BOD on or before the December BOD meeting.
2. A “Notice of Proposed Changes” shall be prepared and sent to all members by any effective means at least fourteen (14) days before the January general meeting.
3. After meeting the quorum requirements, there must be at least a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the total Paid Membership present at the January general meeting to carry the change(s) to the Constitution.
4. If there is not a quorum at the January general meeting, the vote will be delayed until the next general meeting where a quorum is present.

## Article 9 – Dissolution

 **Section A:**

Upon the dissolution of the BBC, the BOD shall, after satisfying all outstanding liabilities, transfer its assets to the CSBA.