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Brighton Bee Club

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Constitution

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16 **Article 1 – Title**

17 **Section A:**

18 This organization shall be known as the Brighton Bee Club
19 (BBC).

20 **Article 2 – Affiliation**

21 **Section A:**

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

26 **Article 3 – Purpose**

27 **Section A – Goal and Objectives:**

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

- 31 **1.** To promote and advance up-to-date beekeeping through
32 the presentation and dissemination of educational
33 material, including training in the art of beekeeping and
34 the production of bee products.
- 35 **2.** To educate the general public about beekeeping and the
36 contribution of honey bees for the welfare of all people.
- 37 **3.** To provide social opportunities whereby members can
38 meet with and engage others with similar aspirations and
39 pursuits.

40 4. We agree that no part of the net earnings of BBC will
41 benefit, or be distributed to its members, officers, or other
42 private persons, except that the BBC shall be authorized
43 to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.
44 Club funds may be spent on items such as supplies and
45 equipment, events and activities, publicity, travel
46 expenses, and conference fees.
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48 **Article 4 – Board of Directors (BOD)**

49 **Section A:**

50 The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of a minimum of
51 seven (7) members. Only Paid Members are eligible to be
52 nominated or to run for a BOD position. No person may hold
53 more than one elected BOD position at a time.

54 **Section B:**

55 Each member of the BOD shall have one (1) vote, except for
56 the presiding officer who shall exercise their right to vote if their
57 vote will change the outcome of the vote. All BOD members
58 shall have one (1) vote in the case of a ballot vote.
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60 **Article 5 – Officers**

61 **Section A:**

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

2. Special Elections

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

91 **Section E: Removal of Officers**

- 92 1. The BOD is empowered to remove any officer who fails to
93 fully support the Constitution and Bylaws of the BBC, any
94 resolutions adopted by the club, or any directive of the
95 BOD.
96 2. The membership may remove any officer by a ballot vote
97 of a majority of the Paid Members or by a two-thirds
98 (2/3^{rds}) vote of the BOD.

99 **Article 6 – Membership**

100 **Section A:**

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

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104 **Section B:**

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

107 **Section C:**

108 The BBC shall collect dues as outlined in the Bylaws.

109 **Article 7 – Meetings**

110 **Section A: Meeting Schedule**

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

126 **Section B: Quorum**

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

133 **Section C: Conduct of Meetings**

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

139 **Article 8 – Revising Constitution**

140 **Section A: Revisions**

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

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156 **Article 9 – Dissolution**

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158 **Section A:**

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