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Brighton Bee Club

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Constitution

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Article 1 – Title

Section A: Title

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

Article 2 – Affiliation

Section A: Affiliation

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: Objectives:

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

- 1.** To promote and advance up-to-date beekeeping through the presentation and dissemination of educational materials, including training in the art of beekeeping and the production of bee products.
- 2.** To educate the general public about beekeeping and the vital contribution of honeybees to the welfare of all people.
- 3.** To provide social opportunities whereby members can meet with and engage others who share similar aspirations and interests.

4. To ensure that no part of the net earnings of the BBC benefit, or be distributed to its members, officers, or other private people, except for reasonable compensation for services rendered. Club funds may be used for expenses such as supplies and equipment, events and activities, publicity, travel expenses, and conference fees.

Article 4 – Membership

Section A: Membership

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

Section B: Application

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

Section C: Dues

The BBC shall collect dues as outlined in the Bylaws.

Section D: Removal of Members

Members may have their membership revoked by a written request supported by two-thirds (2/3) of the paid membership or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the BOD.

Article 5 – Board of Directors

Section A: Make up

The Board of Directors (BOD) will consist of a minimum of seven (7) members as outlined in Bylaws, Article 4, Section D (Exceptions). 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: Voting

Each member of the BOD shall have one (1) vote. The presiding officer shall exercise their right to vote if their vote will change the outcome.

Article 6 – Officers

Section A: Precedence

The officers of this organization shall consist of, in order of precedence: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Advisors. These officers comprise 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 serving two consecutive terms, the individual will be ineligible to run for that same office in the next general election.

Section C: Removal

1. The BOD is empowered to remove any officer who fails to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the BBC, comply with resolutions adopted by the club, or adhere to directives issued by 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 (2/3) vote of the BOD.

Article 7 – Meetings

Section A: Meeting Schedule

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

Section B: Quorum

A quorum for 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 shall be considered present at a meeting if they attend either in person or via teleconference (audio and/or video).

Section C: Conduct of Meetings

Meetings should be conducted according to the rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order (revised) and are not inconsistent with this Constitution or Bylaws. An officer will preside over all General Membership meetings. In the absence of an officer, the meeting shall be deemed a social event.

Article 8 – Revisions

Section A: Revisions

1. Revisions to the Constitution of the BBC may be considered at the January General Membership meeting. Proposed changes must be submitted to the BOD on or before the December BOD meeting.
2. Notice of Proposed Changes should be sent to all Paid Members by any effective means at least fourteen (14) days before, but no later than seven (7) days prior to the January General Membership meeting.
3. After meeting quorum requirements, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Paid Membership present at the January General Membership meeting is required to approve any changes to the Constitution.
4. If a quorum is not present at the January General Membership meeting, the vote shall be postponed until the next General Membership meeting at which a quorum is achieved.

Article 9 – Dissolution

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