

ST. CROIX VALLEY BEEKEEPER'S ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the St. Croix Valley Beekeeper's Association

ARTICLE II

Object

The objective shall be to promote the general interests of the pursuit of bee culture. This is to be a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Any person interested in beekeeping may become a member.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall constitute the Executive Committee

Section 3. Vacancies in office by death, resignation, and otherwise, shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual meeting except that the presidency shall be filled by the vice-president.

ARTICLE V

Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected at the October meeting and shall take office at the January meeting following their election.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

A minimum of nine meetings shall be held a year, February through October.

ARTICLE VII

Procedure for Amendment

This constitution shall be amended by introduction of the proposed amendment at the regular meeting previous to the meeting at which it shall be voted upon. An amendment shall be carried by a vote with a two-thirds majority of member present at meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Meetings

The regular meetings of the Association shall take place February through October at a time, place, and date selected by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II

Election of Officers

- Section 1. The election shall take place at the meeting in October. A majority of those present and voting shall be necessary for election.
- Section 2. The elected president to be succeeded by vice president shall be elected to office for one year and may not be re-elected to vice president for one year.
- Section 3. Members eligible to become officers must have been an active member for at least one year. A retiring officer is excused for one year.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Officers

- Section 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee. The president shall direct the activities of the Association and coordinate the work of the committees.
- Section 2. The vice president shall perform the duties of the president during his absence and at his request he shall act in such capacities as may be assigned him.
- Section 3. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a record of the members of the Association.
- Section 4. The treasurer shall receive all dues and money and shall disburse the same only on order of the Executive Committee.
- Section 5. The Executive Committee shall execute the general policies determined by the Association. Between the meetings of the entire Association, it shall be vested with the authority to act on behalf of the entire Association on matters demanding immediate attention, and not in conflict with the established policies. The Executive Committee shall formulate the year's program.
- Section 6. An audit committee of three shall be appointed each year by the president, to audit books after the October meeting and before the February meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Dues

Annual dues shall be recommended by the Executive Committee each year and be voted on at the October meeting. Annual dues shall be due by the February meeting. The treasurer is hereby authorized to accept, in the name of the Association, any voluntary contributions from any source.

- Section 1. All donations for lunch fund shall be given to the treasurer minus expenses.

ARTICLE V
Order of Business

The meetings of the Association shall be, as far as practicable, governed by the following order of business:

- Call to order
- Secretary reads minutes of last meeting
- Treasurer's report
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment of business meeting
- Program
- Refreshments

ARTICLE VI
Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the Association's final authority on all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not covered by the Constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE VII
Amending the By-laws

These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any meeting, by a two-thirds majority of members present, providing notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the preceding meeting.

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