

BYLAWS OF THE CENTRAL MARYLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement – To educate the public about the importance of the honeybee to agriculture and life in general, to promote the benefits of eating locally produced honey, and to provide current information necessary to manage a colony of honeybees on a continuing basis.

Article I - Name

Section 1. This organization shall be a non-profit, equal opportunity organization, complying with all local, state and federal regulations.

Section 2. The name of the Association shall be the Central Maryland Beekeepers' Association. Incorporated.

Article II - Objectives

Section 1. The objectives of this organization shall be as follows:

- (a) to promote the values and pleasures of beekeeping among the public;
- (b) to inform the public and those in the Association of matters of importance in beekeeping; (c) to encourage scientific and practical beekeeping, and the improvement of bee culture;
- (d) to educate beekeepers and those interested in bee culture by presenting and discussing new ideas: and exchanging information, goods, and services;
- (e) to support research on bee culture:
- (f) to protect bees and sources of nectar and pollen:
- (g) to cooperate with other organizations concerned with bee culture: and
- (h) to advance, in general, the interests of its members.

Article III - Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be General Members of the Association in good standing.

Section 2. The nomination of officers shall be made by the Committee on Nominations and also from the floor at the annual general meeting by the voting membership.

Section 3. The term of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall begin in January following the annual meeting at which they were elected and shall continue for one year or until their successors are elected and take office.

Section 4. President: The duties of the President shall be:

- (a) to preside at all meetings of the Association, and Board of Directors,
- (b) to appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, chairpersons, and the members of the standing committees as herein provided and all special committees unless otherwise determined by resolution,
- (c) to serve as a member, ex-officio, of all standing and special committees.
- (d) to prepare, with the advice and assistance of the Board of Directors and the General Membership, programs for regular meetings,
- (e) to present a stewardship report at the annual meeting of the Association,
- (f) to sign proper orders drawn upon the Treasurer for funds in payment of claims as approved by the Board of Directors.
- (g) to address public groups on Association programs and activities,
- (h) to serve as an official representative at local, state and national meetings,
- (i) to prepare the agendas for the Board of Directors and the General Membership,
- (j) to call special meetings of the Board of Directors, and General Membership as needed,
- (k) to perform such other duties as may be directed by the Board of Directors or the General membership.
- (i) and to perform all other necessary duties incident to the office of President.

Section 5. Vice President: In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall fulfill the duties and assume the responsibilities of the President. The Vice President shall assume other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or General Membership.

Section 6. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and keep an accurate account of all funds belonging to the Association and pay by check or cash and/or other means all claims and orders approved by the Board of Directors and signed by the President or Secretary. He/she shall serve as custodian of all certificates of ownership of the real property held by the Association and assist the Secretary in all financial duties assigned to said office. He/she shall prepare and present a financial statement at the annual meeting of the Association. The Treasurer shall also provide a list of all dues paying to the secretary and submit a copy for publication in the newsletter.

Section 7. Secretary: The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:

- (a) to assist in the development and implementation of the program of the Association as directed by the General Membership, the Board of Directors, and the committees of the Association,
- (b) to keep a record of all memberships in the Association,
- (c) to keep records of the proceedings of the Association, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, and the Annual Meeting,
- (d) to prepare and distribute all reports as directed by the Board of Directors,
- (e) to maintain record of all publications of the Association,
- (f) to distribute to the members the Treasurer's report at least once a year,
- (g) to have maintain records of the real property owned by the Association, and
- (h) to perform such other duties as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Article IV - Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the four elected officers, the past President (for one year only) and any active chairperson.

Section 2. The duties of the Board of Directors shall include:

- (a) the responsibility for the fiscal affairs of the Association, including the preparation of the annual budget. This proposed budget shall be presented to General Membership at its annual meeting, for review annually.
- (b) the approval of all committee appointments made by the President.
- (c) assisting the President between meetings of the General Membership on all matters of policy,
- (d) all other activities of the Association not specifically assigned in these bylaws to other bodies or persons.
- (d) approve expenditures over \$100 and any commitment of resources lasting more than one year,

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall serve for one year and meet upon call by the President or according to a pattern determined by the Board. An attendance of three (3) or more members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. However, in case of an emergency in the judgment of the President, a poll made be made by electronic means; any action there from shall be ratified by the Board at its next meeting.

Section 4. Any executive member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office for due cause, upon a vote of three-fourths of all Board members.

Article V - Membership

Section 1. A member may be dropped from the roll for failing to pay dues, at the expiration of 60 days after mailing a second notice to pay dues.

Section 2. Any member may be censured, suspended, or expelled through procedures to be established by the Board of Directors subject to approval and/or amendment by the General Membership. These procedures, if adopted, shall be published annually in an official Central Maryland Beekeepers Association publication. These procedures shall provide for the right of a hearing and appropriate appellate procedure.

Article VI - Meetings

Section 1. The Association shall hold regular and other meetings at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors or by vote of the General Membership. Notice of each meeting shall be published in an official Central Maryland Beekeepers Association publication prior to such meeting.

Article VII - Amendments

Section 1. The Articles of Incorporation and its bylaws may be amended with the consent of two-thirds of the General Membership present at a regular meeting provided a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration at least six weeks prior to the meeting at which such amendment is to be acted upon, and published in the notice to the General Membership at least 30 days before the meeting at which the amendment is to be acted upon.

Article VIII - Rules of Order

Section 1. Unless inconsistent with these bylaws and special Rules of Order, Roberts Rules of Order, latest revision, shall prevail at all meetings of the General Membership, Board of Directors, and committees of the Association.