

Bylaws of the Kearsarge Beekeepers' Association

Article I

Name

- Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the Kearsarge Beekeepers' Association (hereafter called the Association).
- Section 2 The Association shall be a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire.
- Section 3 Further, the Association is an affiliate of the New Hampshire Beekeepers' Association and as such is not required to be registered with the State of New Hampshire.

Article II

Objectives

- Section 1 The objectives of the Association shall be to:
- a) Encourage the study and advancement of apiculture in this region of the State;
 - b) Encourage and promote fraternity among members and beekeepers everywhere.

Article III

Membership

- Section 1 Membership shall be open to all persons interested in promoting the Objectives of the Association upon payment of annual dues.
- Section 2 The dues shall be fixed by and shall be payable at the annual meeting.

Article IV

Organization

- Section 1 **Officers:** There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, all to be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the annual meeting.
- Duties of Officers:**
- a) **The President:** shall call and preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee; appoint and be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
 - b) **The Vice-President:** shall assist the President in the performance of the President's duties; shall act for the President in the President's absence; shall succeed to the office of President should a vacancy occur other than expiration of the term of office.
 - c) **The Secretary:** shall be the secretary of the Association and Executive Committee; have custody of all Association and Executive Committee records and documents, except for those required to be kept by other officers; keep an up-to-date record of all Association meetings and decisions; transmit copies of minutes and other items to the Association webmaster for inclusion on the website; and coordinate the publication of the Association newsletter.
 - d) **The Treasurer:** shall collect and hold in the name of the Association all monies payable to it; pay all bills contracted by the Association; keep a true and complete record of all monies and property of the Association received and its disposition; submit all books and records of office for examination before the annual meeting; and make timely reports to the Association, Executive Committee and Internal Revenue Service as required.
- Section 2 **Executive Committee:** shall consist of the Officers of the Association; shall have general charge of policies, management and finances; be vested with and have legal

custody of all Association property; designate depositories in which funds shall be kept; appropriate such sums as may be deemed advisable within current resources for the interests of the Association; fill all vacancies; and enforce these Bylaws.

Section 3 Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the President. It shall bring a slate of officers for the coming year to the annual meeting.

Section 4 Term of Office shall be for one year or until a successor is elected.

Article V

Meetings, Notices, Quorums and Rules of Procedure

Section 1 Meetings: There shall be an annual meeting decided by a vote of the members to conduct Association business, elect officers, fix dues and schedule meetings for the year.

Section 2 Notices: All regularly scheduled meetings shall be announced by newsletter notice prior to the meeting. Special meetings may be called by any expedient means to conduct business of the Executive Committee or that business that requires attention outside the regularly scheduled Association meetings.

Section 3 Quorum: Twenty (20) percent of the membership as of that meeting date shall constitute a quorum at any Association meeting. Any three (3) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for that committee.

Section 4 Rules of Procedure: Orderly parliamentary procedure shall govern all meetings. Order of business: call to order, reading of minutes of last meeting, treasurer's report, reports of committees, communications, unfinished business, new business, introductions of guests, elections, planned program and adjournment.

Section 5 Amendment of the Bylaws may be made on 30- day written notice by 2/3 vote of those present at any regular meeting provided that a statement of the proposed change be included in the call for the meeting and that an Association quorum is present at the meeting where the vote takes place.

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