

BYLAWS  
OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION  
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, PA

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Association shall be the Franklin County Beekeepers Association.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of this Association shall be:

1. To encourage and assist in the keeping of bees in proper condition
2. To endeavor to obtain legislation favorable to the bee industry; to work for the protection of bees from environmental hazards such as agricultural pesticides; and to encourage adherence to existing bee-related laws and regulations, including the regular inspections of apiaries for the eradication of bee diseases.
3. To hold educational meetings at which proper care of bees and the control of bee diseases may be discussed and demonstrated.
4. To bring about a greater appreciation of the food value of honey and honey products, and to encourage their use. To educate the general public of the contribution which honey bees make through pollination of crops of economic importance, and of esthetic value.
5. To encourage, promote and assist the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association in maintaining its purpose, objectives, and high character, and also to help increase its membership.

ARTICLE III

Members

Section 1. Membership. The membership of this Association shall be any person interested in bees and beekeeping. Only family and life memberships will be available. Family membership shall include one or two adults over the age of eighteen years of age and their natural, adopted or foster children under the age of eighteen years of age residing together at a single residence. Life memberships will be for individuals only.

Section 2. Dues. Annual dues and Life Memberships shall be established by the Executive Board and shall be due at the Annual Meeting. Members will be considered active for the next year when dues are paid at or after the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. All family members over 16 years of age shall be eligible to vote.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Officers and Duties. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and 3 Directors.

Section 2. Nomination Procedure, Time of elections. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual meeting. Plurality vote will apply.

Section 3. Ballot Election, Term of Office. The officers, except for the Treasurer, shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. The Treasurer's term shall be for two years, but may succeed himself/herself until he or she resigns or is voted out of office. The Directors shall be elected to three-year terms.

Section 4. Duties. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

## ARTICLE V

### Executive Board

Section 1. Board Composition. The officers of the Association, including the Directors, shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. Board's Duties and Powers. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Association, and perform other duties as are specified in these bylaws.

Section 3. Board Meetings. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President or by written request of three members of the Board. Quorum shall consist of 4 members and no matter shall be voted upon, or business transacted unless a quorum is present.

## ARTICLE VI

### Meetings

Section 1. Special Meetings. There will be a minimum of 4 meetings per year.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held every October.

## ARTICLE VII

### Committees

Section 1. Auditing Committee. An Auditing Committee of three members shall be appointed by the President of the Association at the Annual Meeting, whose duty it shall be to audit the Treasurer's accounts at the close of the fiscal year and to report at the next general meeting.

Section 2. Beekeeping Course Committee. A Beekeeping Course Committee of five members shall be appointed by the President promptly after the annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to meet and plan the annual beekeeping course held in the spring.

Section 3. Committees will be appointed as needed by the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

## ARTICLE IX

### Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

1. Order of Business for Membership Meetings:

- Call to order
- Reading and approval of minutes
- Treasurer's report and approval
- Reports of committees
- Unfinished Business
- New business
- Program
- Adjournment

(These By-Laws originally approved September 1, 1979...and subsequently re-approved as amended, September 24, 1982, and again, September 9, 1992. Constitution and ByLaws revised June 30, 2015)