

Mountain State Beekeepers Association

Constitution

Article I - Name

The name of the Association shall be called the "Mountain State Beekeepers Association" and shall include the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia as well as the surrounding regions in bordering states.

Article II - Object

The Association's object shall be to promote the general interest of the pursuit of honey bee culture in and around WV; support and educate both new and existing beekeepers; promote bee and honey business in the area; provide general knowledge of bees, honey and honey products, and how to support honey bee populations to the community at large. It shall be conducted as an educational not-for-profit organization in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Internal Revenue Service for non-profits.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. The membership shall consist its officers, lifetime members, annual members, and honorary members.

Section 2. Any person interested in beekeeping or allied activities may become a member upon paying annual or lifetime membership dues to the Association.

Section 3. Any person who has rendered outstanding service in beekeeping, allied activities or to the Association, may be elected to honorary membership by the approval of the Association membership at any regular meeting.

Section 4. Members of the Association are entitled vote, hold office and discuss any questions subject to the by-laws of the Association.

Section 5. Membership shall consist of three levels of benefits from lowest to highest; silver, gold and platinum. Level status shall be achieved by participating in volunteering opportunities which promote and educate others on the association, honey bees and beekeeping.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall have a term of one year or until their successor has been elected and installed. These officers shall make up the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The President and Vice-President shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Article V - State Affiliation

The Association shall pay the annual membership fee per member to the West Virginia Beekeepers Association. Such payment will result in each member of the Association becoming a voting member of the West Virginia Beekeepers Association and entitle the Association to one member on the Executive Board.

Article VI - Meetings

Section 1. Regular monthly meetings shall be held on the first Monday of the month at a predetermined meeting place, unless otherwise discussed or conveyed by the Executive Committee. Ten percent of the members who have paid dues shall constitute a quorum for conducting business. A smaller group may discuss business topics but not vote until quorum is met.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by any two members of the Executive Committee at any time. Three members of the Executive Committee will constitute a quorum for business decisions.

Article VII - Vacancies in Office

Vacancies in office shall be filled by the President, subject to the approval of the Association's members, until the next regular election.

Article VIII - Use

The name of the Association, Mountain State Beekeepers Association, shall not be used by any person or entity without prior approval by the Association's members.

Article XIX - Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting. Proposed changes shall be discussed and provided for review to all members at least one month prior to voting.