

EAST CENTRAL OHIO BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of this association shall be East Central Ohio Beekeepers Association, commonly known as ECOBA.

INCORPORATION: ECOBA will be incorporated as a non-profit organization in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

ARTICLE II

MISSION STATEMENT: The Mission Statement of this Association shall be to promote the further interest and well being of apiculture and to educate beekeepers and the public in the importance of honeybees, honey, other by-products and pollination in our country. Said Association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under section 501(c).

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1: Any person interested in Apiculture and wishing to further the activities of the Association may become a member upon payment of the annual dues affixed by the Board of Directors and pro-rata from the first month of membership for new member only.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS: The general membership of ECOBA shall hold regular meeting from January to December, to accomplish the purpose and goal of the Association and shall include one annual meeting for the purpose of electing officers.

The ECOBA Board of Directors shall hold meetings throughout the year to accomplish the purpose and goals of the association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: All meetings shall be conducted using the latest edition of "Roberts Rules of Order", unless stipulated otherwise by the by-laws.

SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings shall be held upon written petition of fifteen (15) members of the Association or upon a written petition of a majority of the Board of Directors. The petition shall state the purpose of the special meeting, and only that business set forth in the petition shall be transacted. The Secretary shall give notice in writing of filing of said petition and the purpose of said meeting to the members of the Association, and said notice shall state the time and place of the special meeting.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS: The officers of the association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President who shall serve for two years,

The Trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting and serve a term of two years alternating every other year with two other trustees (Two one year and two the next).

The Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION: A 2/3 vote of the membership shall be required to dissolve the Association. Upon dissolution of the Association, any assets remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be paid over to a charitable or no-profit organization exempt under provisions of section 501 (c) 3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code that have purposes consistent with ECOBA purposes. No part of the remaining assets of the Association will be paid or distributed to an officer, director, or any member of the Association.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCES: This Association shall use a cash basis for accounting purposes.

RIGHT TO ACT: No officer or member has the right to incur any debt or become involved in any business under the title or by implying the title of this Association in any way unless given full authority to do so by the Board of directors.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1: The fiscal year shall begin January 1 and end December 31 of the same year. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held in November each year at the location, date, and time determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of said Meeting shall be given in writing at least ten (10) days prior to meeting.

SECTION 2: Regular Meetings shall be held monthly from January through December. Location, date, and time of these meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3: The Regular, Honorary, or Lifetime members or family members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at a regular Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX

OFFICER: The election of officers shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the membership. The nominee receiving a plurality of votes shall receive that office.

ROLES: The **President** shall be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of ordinary business of the Association. The **Vice-President** shall support and assist the President in his/her duties, and shall assume the role and duties of the President in his/her absence. The **Secretary** shall maintain orderly and complete records of all business. The **Treasurer** shall keep financial records and conduct all financial transactions.

ARTICLE X

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the Officers, Immediate past president, and four (4) Trustees. The Trustees shall be elected from the membership at large, trying to elect one trustee who is a resident of each county when possible.

The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the affairs, funds, management, property, and control of the Association, subject only to the action of the members. The decision of the Board of Directors on any question concerning interpretation of these By-Laws shall be final.

The Board of Directors shall meet January through December each year at a time, date, place selected by the president. Notice of the Meeting shall be given at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the date and time selected. Six (6) members shall constitute a quorum of the Board at all meetings thereof.

OFFICER TERM: No Officer or Trustee may serve for more than two consecutive two-year terms in the same office unless there is no one willing to run for said position. In that case, an Officer or Trustee may run again and the two consecutive term timer is reset.

VACANCY: In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors each year, and shall nominate candidates for all offices and directorships of the Association. Nominations may also be made from the floor at any Meeting by the membership at large from January to October. There will be no nominations in November or December.

REMOVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER

The Board of Directors may remove an officer or director from his or her office for cause if, in the judgement of the Board such person's actions or statements can reasonably be expected to damage or reflect detrimentally on the reputation of ECOBA by a 2/3 Board quorum vote.

Removal of member

The Board of Directors may remove a member for cause if, in the judgement of the Board such person's actions or statements can reasonably be expected to damage or reflect detrimentally on the reputation of ECOBA by a 2/3 Board quorum vote.

ARTICLE XI

COMMITTEES: The President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, may appoint such a permanent or temporary Committee as may be necessary or advisable for the administration of the Association's business from time to time. Such Committees shall serve for the period stipulated by the Board of directors.

ARTICLE XII

AFFILIATION: The Association shall be an affiliate of the Ohio State Beekeepers Association, and shall actively support that organization. The president of ECOBA shall represent or shall appoint a delegate for the position of Trustee in accordance with the By-laws of the Ohio State Beekeepers Association. Said delegate shall hold membership in the Ohio State Beekeepers Association.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS: These By-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members in quorum at any regular business meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been previously submitted to and acted upon by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV

COMMITTEES:

THE PERMANENT COMMITTEES of this Association shall be as follows: Program, Membership, Education, Auditing, Nominating, Budget, Bee School, Bee Yard, Scholarship, All four (4) County Fairs (Licking, Perry, Fairfield, Muskingum), and 911 Help. The president with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors shall appoint the chair person of each committee.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: The President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, may appoint such additional, temporary or subcommittees, as from time to time may become necessary or advisable for the administration of the Association business and attainment of its purposes. Such Committees shall be appointed and shall serve for the period stipulated by the Board of Directors.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: The Assistant Treasurer shall work closely with the Treasurer to ensure the clubs financial records and transactions are properly documented and balanced.

TECHNOLOGY & INFORMATION COORDINATOR (TIC): The TIC shall govern all social media outlets and communications for the club. Specific duties include:

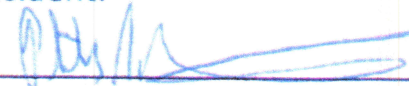
- Serve as custodian of the Chapter's website. She/he will post or oversee posting of documents, forms, pictures, etc. as necessary or as requested by other officers.
- Serve as custodian of the Chapter's electronic communications. She/he will ensure that all electronic media are up to date and accurate.
- Provide guidance to other officers and members about social media content organization.
- Ensure ECOBA web site has up to date contact information.
- Maintain electronic files of all documents posted on the web site.
- Establish registration, marketplace, databases, and other emerging technology as needed for purchases, classes or special events.

- Shall enlist others to assist in maintaining social media such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and any new emerging technologies that are within the budget or expertise of the individual. Enlistees are not appointed, but remain volunteer positions.
- The TIC may be required to provide a personal credit card or account, or cash/check payment in order to facilitate payment to complete the tasks listed. Any out of pocket expenses incurred in the operations of the above items shall must be approved by the board before incurring any expenses or the expense will not be reimbursed to the TIC. An appropriate expense report shall be required to document all reimbursements.
- The TIC can use whatever technologies or ideas they feel necessary to accomplish the tasks. Items outside the normal operating expenses of the website, registration forum, etc. should be brought to the Board for financial approval.
- If possible, once established in the position, the TIC should try to prepare an annual expectation of normal expenses to the Board.

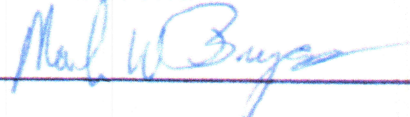
The TIC shall be appointed from interested persons who have requested a formal interview and appointment by the Board. Such appointment shall required a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors in a quorum at any Board or regular meeting. The TIC shall hold the position until they no longer wish to hold the position, or unless removed by the Board of Directors with the same 2/3 vote in a quorum at a Board of Directors meeting.

If the TIC should chose to hand over their responsibilities to another, or the Executive Board appoints a different individual to the position, at such time the TIC shall turn over ownership of all social media sites; ensure successor has instructions and rights to perform TIC duties and deliver all files, records and Association property to the successor. The TIC has no obligation to provide any personal account information, credit card information, mailing address or other personal information once leaving the position. All social accounts will be TRANSFERRED when possible rather than assumed, especially if credit card payment is required. Any passwords or related information to payment accounts held by ECOBA shall be re-configured with new passwords and access by the Treasurer. The departing TIC shall have their passwords to these accounts deactivated once the switch over is complete.

President:

X  4/20/2023

Vice President:

X  4/20/2023

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BY-LAWS

MEMBERSHIP: Membership of the organization shall be:

Regular, any single person or family,

Vendor/Business, any vendor/business who intends to sell, advertise, or engage in any business-related activities with our members (including at our meetings, giveaways, Facebook pages, website, etc.). May list four members of the business on the registration form. All posts, sales, and any business-related activities are subject to board approval and can be denied at their discretion. Anything determined by the board to be competing with the clubs' activities, promotions, events, etc. will also not be permitted.

Honorary, which is a lifetime non-dues-paying membership conferred on those persons nominated by the Board of Directors and approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the members in quorum at any business meeting after nomination, any new member that has participated in the Association, and has paid their dues for two (2) straight years, and is over the age of seventy (70) years.

Lifetime: Any person, who shall want to become a lifetime member, shall pay a one-time : payment of two hundred fifty, (\$250.00) dollars.

SECTION 2: Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the general matters of the Association. Any member, who wishes to vote, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. At the Annual Meeting of the Association, the Secretary may cast an absentee vote with written authority of a member in good standing who is unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

DUES: Annual dues for membership in the Association shall be in the amount as set forth annually by the Board of Directors on or by April 1 of each year for current members. Members who fail to pay dues by April 1 shall be dropped from the roster, email distribution, internal Facebook page, and shall lose one's voting rights for that year.

CLUB LOGO: No one shall use either of the ECOBA's two logos without written permission from the Board of Directors, which will require a 2/3 Board quorum vote. The Board of Directors has the right to deny any request for any reason and their decision is final. Anyone approved to use the ECOBA logo's will be limited to a one-time campaign/event use and must obtain approval for any future campaigns/events. Any item that utilizes the ECOBA logos must not have anything offensive, obscene, tobacco or alcohol related, nor utilize any curse words.