

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the “Rock County Beekeepers’ Association” .

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote scientific bee culture and quality honey production; to improve the promotion and marketing of honey; to form a strong bond of union and fellowship among beekeepers; and to provide necessary contacts with state and federal beekeeping and honey promotion groups.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the organization shall consist of individuals paying annual dues to the treasurer, the amount to be decided at each annual meeting. All members are expected to support the objectives of the association.

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1 The Executive Board of the association shall consist of four officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Section 2 Board members shall be members in good standing.
- Section 3 No one shall hold two offices in the association at the same time.

ARTICLE V – ELECTION

- Section 1 The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting in February.
- Section 2 Their terms shall be for two years. Terms may be extended up to three times.
- Section 3 A financial audit committee shall consist of three members in good standing and will be appointed by the President.
- Section 4 An annual audit of the books shall be conducted by the committee by February.
- Section 5 The officers shall take office at the meeting following the election.
- Section 6 The election shall be by secret ballot.
- Section 7 The majority of all votes cast by members present shall decide an election.
- Section 8 All board members except the President shall vote. The President shall vote in case of a tie.
- Section 9 Nominations shall follow Robert’s Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting by a 2/3 majority of all votes by members present, provided a 30-day notice describing said amendment has been given to each member of the association.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- A. President – It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of this association; to conduct meetings in an orderly manner; and to appoint committees including the Technology Committee, Education Committees, and etcetera.
- B. Vice President – It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, or at his/her request.
- C. Secretary – It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record and report all proceedings of the association in the Secretary's book; to conduct all correspondence of the association and preserve all papers belonging to the same; to see that each member receives a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws; to notify members at least five days prior to the meetings of the association; to notify the Wisconsin Honey Producers' Association of the names and addresses of the association officers immediately after their election to office; and to notify the Badger Bee of special events held by our club.
- D. Treasurer – It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to be the custodian of all monies of the association received from whatever source; to keep full and accurate books of accounts containing a record of all money received and expended; to make a report at each meeting; to prepare a yearly summary for the annual meeting; and to collect annual dues from the members and submit a list of their names and addresses to the Secretary. The Treasurer may remit monies in the proper amounts for all expenses under \$50.00. All other expenses must be approved at the association meetings as outstanding bills when the Treasurer makes his/her report.
- E. Executive Board – It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to meet at least once a year, preferably in February, to review the findings of the audit committee regarding the Treasurer's yearly summary and make a report at the next meeting; to arrange meeting dates; to coordinate the activities of the association; to see that the association is being conducted in a proper manner, and is not lagging; and to make long range plans for the association for recommendation to the members.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be the second Sunday of each month unless otherwise designated.

ARTICLE III – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Meeting called to order
Reading of minutes of last meeting
Secretary's report on correspondence
Treasurer's report
Presidents' remarks
Next meeting and program
Honey dish, coffee, etc.
Sick members, birthdays, etc.
New members or guests
Reports of committees
Old business
New business
Election of officers will be held at the Annual meeting (Bee talk optional)
Adjournment

ARTICLE IV – SUNSHINE EXPENSES

Monies will be taken from the general fund to pay for memorials, in the form of flowers or other, up to an amount of \$35.00 upon the death of a member or spouse. Such memorials are to be presented in the name of the Rock County Beekeepers' Association. A supply of "Sunshine" or "Get Well" cards shall be maintained to be sent to members under the proper circumstances. The Secretary shall perform these duties, relying on the members for information.

ARTICLE V – DUES

Dues shall be \$25 per primary person and \$10 for a family (two adults) or +\$10 per family member.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of all paid members present at a monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VII – PROCEDURE

Robert's Rules of Order may be used as a guideline for parliamentary procedures not detailed in the Constitution or its Bylaws.

Retyped March 17, 1996 including the following revisions of original:

Expenses payments – from \$5.00 to \$25.00, April 1981

Bee Master added to elections, October 1981 (see below)

Sunshine expenses – from \$15.00 to \$35.00, May 1982

Dues – from \$2.00 per person to \$4.50, adding \$1.50 additional members of family, February 1995

Dues - from \$4.50 per person to \$10 per person, adding \$5 additional household members, April 2019

Expense payments - from \$25.00 to \$50.00, November 10, 2019

Bee Master removed from elections, November 10, 2019

Retyped for formatting, spelling, grammar and clarity, September 2023

Dues from \$10/\$15 to \$25/\$35, February 2024