

LAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION, INC

CONSTITUTION

Originally approved October 6, 2011

Revised and approved by Membership May 3, 2017

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as the Lake County Beekeepers Association, Inc., hereafter referred to as LCBA. Its principal place of business shall be Lake County, Illinois.

Article II - Purpose and Function

Section 1. The purpose and function of the LCBA shall be to promote interest in honeybees and beekeeping by encouraging good beekeeping in Lake County Illinois and the utilization of honeybees for pollination of agricultural crops. This purpose will be accomplished through the dissemination of information and education about bees and beekeeping. The LCBA is a not for profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization. Any profits gained shall be used exclusively for educational purposes regarding bees and beekeeping in Lake County, Illinois.

Section 2. Goals

- a. To engage in educational and helpful activities focused on beekeeping and related activities as a common foundation.
- b. To learn more about honeybees, bee evolution, and beekeeping techniques.
- c. To promote the practice and enjoyment of beekeeping.
- d. To education others about honey bees and beekeeping.

Article III - Powers

In support of its purpose LCBA will receive contributions through membership fees and donations; buy or rent premises/equipment for educational purposes; retain volunteer or paid speakers; work in partnership with other local, state or national organizations, organize fundraising events, and carry out anything else within the law necessary to reach the group's objectives.

Article IV - Membership

Membership in the LCBA Association shall be open to all persons interested in honeybees and beekeeping upon the payment of dues to the LCBA Treasurer.

Article V - Officers and Tenure

Section 1. Officers and their tenure of office

- a. All elected Officers shall be members in good standing and shall be residents of the state of Illinois.
- b. Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, a Program/Education Director, and two Directors-at-Large.
- c. All Officers shall each serve for one year.

- d. All Officers may only serve for three consecutive terms.
- e. Officers may be reelected for the same position after retirement from a specific office for at least one year.
- f. If an Officer is elected to a new position, then the three one-year term limit begins anew.
- g. The Past President shall also be a member of the Board of Directors.
- h. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, Program/Education Director and the two Directors-at-Large shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Directors-at-Large

- a. The two Directors-at-Large will be elected by the membership.
- b. The Directors-at-Large shall be assigned their responsibilities by the President and Board.

Article VI - Meetings

Section 1. Board of Director Meetings

- a. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of four times during a calendar year.
- b. The Board Meeting dates, time, and location will be posted and any LCBA member may attend the Board Meeting.

Section 2. Monthly Membership meetings shall be scheduled on the first Thursday of every month.

Section 3. An Annual Business Meeting will occur in November during the regular Membership meeting.

Article VII - Elections

Section 1. Election of Association Officers

- a. The election of officers shall be held at the November Annual Business meeting.
- b. A majority of the votes cast at the Annual Business Meeting is required to elect a candidate.

Article VIII - Amendments

Section 1. Amending Association Constitution and Bylaws

- a. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, or any special meeting called for that specific purpose.
- b. Association Membership shall be provided a thirty-day (30) notice specifically listing the proposed changes. Electronic mail notification, as well as the U.S. mail, will be considered official notification.

Article IX - Dissolution of LCBA

Upon dissolution of LCBA, as voted by two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining members, after all liabilities and obligations have been paid, any remaining assets shall be contributed to other local or national Beekeepers Association, as decided by the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted by the 2017 Bylaws Committee: Nancy Scott, Chair (Vice President), Perry Plescia, (President), Tim Hamilton (Secretary), Karen Belli, and Frank Moriarty. Approved by the Board of Directors on March 6, 2017.