



BEGINNER BEEKEEPER AGREEMENT 2018

The Heart of Virginia Beekeepers Association is providing education and mentored oversight for new beekeepers in conjunction with a 50/50 cost share program for 2 basic honeybee hive units, beekeeper equipment (veil, hive tool, smoker), and package bees to be selected by the new beekeepers residing in the association's geographic member coverage area in the Southside counties of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This program is being provided by way of a funding grant from Virginia Tobacco Commission (TICRC). Funding will be administered by Tommy Nelson & The Heart of Virginia Beekeepers Executive Committee and the Economic Development Office of Charlotte County.

In accepting receipt of this cost share program, the undersigned agrees to:

- 1) Participate in a beekeeping class or workshop and mentored relationship with an assigned experienced beekeeper to obtain instruction on honeybee hive management and maintenance.
- 2) Obtain additional basic hive and safety equipment and colonies for a minimum of two calendar years from the date honeybees are installed in the equipment.
- 3) Comply with all federal, state, and local regulations regarding the transport and maintenance of honeybees and use or sale of bee related materials or products.
- 4) If at anytime, you feel unable to uphold these guidelines as set forth in the document, OR if the assigned mentor determines that you are not adhering to established beekeeping guidelines, the hives will be removed. Should you, at any time, wish to relinquish the hives, notification must be provided to the grants administrator, Tommy Nelson (434-547-4225) at which time arrangements will be coordinated to remove the bees. Returned hives will remain as property of The Heart of Virginia Beekeepers Association, representatives for the Virginia Tobacco Commission for the purposes of this grant initiative.
- 5) Indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Virginia Tobacco Commission, the Economic Development Office of Charlotte County and the Heart of Virginia Beekeepers Association, their collective officers, agents, and employees from any claims, damages and actions of any kind or nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from the equipment and bees provided or the use thereof. No person receiving or using the equipment shall be deemed and agent or employee of the aforementioned parties. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an expressed or implied wavier of the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth of Virginia or the county of Charlotte therein.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

County of Residence: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Assigned Mentor: _____ Phone #: _____

Date of school attended: _____

Hives Received: _____ Bees Received: _____