

SURRY COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1

(Name)

The name of this organization shall be "THE SURRY COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION".

ARTICLE 2

(Objectives)

The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be: to encourage better methods among the beekeepers of the county, state and nation; to promote co-operation; to reach a common understanding regarding our problems and their solution; to maintain friendly and helpful relations with those forces which are working to better the beekeeping industry; to develop markets for beekeeping products; to foster closer co-operation among members of the Association; and to do such things as will tend to improve purposes exclusively for its members and the general public relating to honey bees and the beekeeping industry. Should this Association undergo dissolution, its assets will be distributed only to charitable purposes.

ARTICLE 3

(Members)

Anyone interested in beekeeping and the beekeeping industry may join the Association upon payment of the regular annual dues. The right to vote shall be limited to members age 17 and above. There shall be no discrimination due to sex, race, color, creed, religion or national origin.

ARTICLE 4

(Officers)

The officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Program Chairman, and three Directors. The Association shall elect by a majority vote three Directors, one to serve one year, one to serve two years, and one to serve three years. At each succeeding election of officers, one Director shall be elected by a majority vote to serve three years. If the Association desires that two members serve as Secretary-Treasurer, this can be done by a 2/3 majority vote of members at a regular meeting. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting and hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. In case of a vacancy, the President may appoint a member to serve during the remainder of the term. No person shall be elected for any office without his or her consent.

ARTICLE 5

(Dues, County & State Associations)

Section 1: Dues: The annual dues shall be \$4.00 per year payable in advance to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association and shall be due on January 1 of the fiscal year covered by said dues. All dues expire on December 31 of each year. Any member of the Association who becomes delinquent in payment of dues after January 31 will be dropped from the roll of membership and shall cease to be a member of the Association. A person who has been dropped from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues, may be restored to active membership by paying the current year's dues.

Section 2. County Beekeepers Associations: A person who joins the *Surry County* beekeeping association will be a member of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association upon payment of \$6.00 dues to the Association through the local Secretary.

ARTICLE 6
(Meetings)

There shall be regular meetings held the 1st Monday of each month unless a conflict develops or the membership votes otherwise. Notice of each meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary-Treasurer to each member of the Association or otherwise adequately advertised. The time and place for each meeting shall be decided on by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting. If this is not possible, the Association may direct the Program Chairman to make the necessary arrangements for said meeting.

ARTICLE 7
(Committees)

Section 1: Committees: The Executive Committee shall consist of all the elected officers of the Association, namely: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Program Chairman, Three Directors, and the immediate past President who shall be an ex-officio member. The Executive Committee shall have authority to transact business on behalf of the Association when it is not in session.

Section 2: The Auditing Committee shall consist of the three elected Directors whose duty will be to examine and audit the books of the Secretary-Treasurer and make recommendations on their findings at a regular meeting.

Section 3: The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the President whose duty will be to nominate and present a slate of officers each year. Other names may be submitted from the membership at large at the time of election of officers.

Section 4: Special Committees: Such committees shall be appointed by the President consisting of a minimum of three members whose duty will be to serve as directed by the President.

ARTICLE 8
(Quorum)

Ten voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting unless otherwise stated in this Constitution and By-Laws. Five shall constitute quorum of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 9
(Duties of Officers)

Section 1: President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association using regular parliamentary usage and Roberts Rules of Order. This officer shall appoint such special committees as is deemed necessary, fill vacancies of any officers, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct. The President will be authorized to make deposits, disburse all monies, should the Secretary-Treasurer be unable to perform those duties.

Section 2: Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duties of the President in his or her absence, or upon the President's request. If the Vice-President is unable to perform this duty in the absence of the President, then the Vice-President may appoint any member to act in his or her stead.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect the annual dues from the members, issue membership cards and notify all members after December 31 who are delinquent in payment of dues. This officer shall be custodian of all monies received by the Association and keep full and accurate records showing the receipts and disbursements of all monies. The Secretary-Treasurer shall close the Association's books prior to January 1. He/she shall make an annual financial report at the end of the accounting period of December 31 of each year and file the necessary information returns to the Internal Revenue Service. He/she will see that the President is also authorized to make deposits, disburse all monies, if the Secretary-Treasurer is unable to perform these duties. He/she shall present all records and books to the Directors for examination and auditing after December 31. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also keep an accurate record of the minutes and all transactions of the association. He/she shall conduct such correspondence as may be necessary. He/she shall at the end of his or her term, have all records and books audited and all other property of the Association which may be in his or her possession.

Section 4: Program Chairman: The Program Chairman will make the necessary arrangements for programs and secure speakers for same. When directed by the Association, he/she will secure a meeting place and make necessary arrangements for the regular meetings.

Section 5: Directors: The Directors shall examine and audit the books of the Secretary-Treasurer at the end of each year and report their findings to the members. Should they be unable to attend or perform their duty, each Director may appoint a member to act and serve in stead. Otherwise, the President of the Association may appoint temporary members to serve in their absence.

ARTICLE 10
(Affiliated Organizations)

The Surry County Beekeepers Association may associate itself and determine its own basis of support for the current year and for so long as it is desirable, with any other state or national Beekeeping Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members attending a regular meeting.

ARTICLE 11
(Honey Queens)

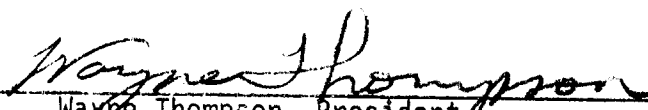
If desired, the Surry County Beekeepers Association may sponsor and select a girl to serve as Honey Queen for one year. Basis of support, rules and regulations, honey queen committee, and the continuation of the contest and program may be decided upon by a vote of the members attending a regular meeting. The Surry County Association may enter its queen in the State Honey Queen Contest.

ARTICLE 12
(Adoption and Amentments)

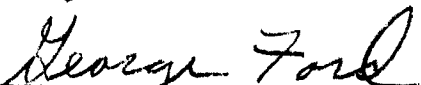
Section 1: This Constitution and By-Laws must be read and adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members present at a regular meeting held for this purpose.

Section 2: Amendments: Any article or any section of any article of the Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present, providing proposed amendments have been presented to the Executive Committee for their recommendation, and have been presented in writing to the entire membership at least 30 days before any regular meeting.

Approved by a vote of all on this the 11th day of March 1981, in the County
Agricultural Building in Dobson, N. C.



Wayne Thompson, President



George Ford, Secretary-Treasurer