

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
THE **Iredell County Beekeepers Association**, A CHAPTER
OF
THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (NCSBA)

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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)

SECTION 1: QUORUM: Those members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting. Two-Thirds of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 9
(DUTIES OF OFFICERS)

SECTION 1: PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter using regular parliamentary usage and Robert's Rules of Order. This officer shall appoint such special committees as is deemed necessary, fill vacancies on any office, and perform such other duties as the Chapter may direct. The President will be authorized to make deposits and disburse all monies, should the Treasurer be unable to perform those duties. The President shall be an active member of the NCSBA.

SECTION 2: VICE-PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform those 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. The Vice President shall be an active member of the NCSBA.

SECTION 3: SECRETARY: The Secretary shall record the minutes and the proceedings of the Chapter at each regular and/or called meetings and any special group activities. The Secretary shall be an active member of the NCSBA. The Secretary's duties further include:

- a. Assist the President and others in notifying the membership five to eight days prior to meetings.
- b. Use the media to inform the general public in a timely manner of meetings, also activities of special interest.
- c. Maintain complete files of the minutes, Constitution and By-Laws and rules of policy.
- d. Protect and preserve the Chapter charter granted by the NCSBA.
- e. Maintain files of all communications including both correspondence and publications.
- f. In cooperation with the President, arrange for a substitute if it becomes necessary to be absent from the duties of Secretary.
- g. At the end of the term of office deliver all files, records and Chapter property to the successor.

SECTION 4: TREASURER: The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies generated from membership dues, sales of goods, gifts, special activities or from any other source. Such monies shall be fully protected in a proper and timely method. Disbursements will be promptly made to cover membership dues to the NCSBA Treasurer including the necessary information as to new or renewal memberships. The Treasurer will also make prompt remittance to cover authorized invoices. (Authorization for expenditures result from the Chapter approved Budget or from special vote of the Executive Committee and/or a Chapter meeting.) The Treasurer shall be an active member of the NCSBA. The Treasurers duties further include:

- a. Maintain full and accurate records showing the receipts and disbursements of all monies.
- b. Issue Local Membership cards (if used) and maintain an accurate membership list.
- c. Notify all members after December 31 who are delinquent in payment of dues and seek to restore their membership.
- d. Promptly inform the NCSBA Treasurer when death occurs or changes occur in mailing address and telephone numbers of the membership.
- e. The books shall be closed prior to each regular January meeting and a complete report on the financial standings given to the Chapter at that time.
- f. As a Chapter of the NCSBA, which has a 501-C 5 status, filing information returns with the Internal Revenue Service may not be needed.
- g. Maintain a complete inventory of the Chapter's properties, location and estimated value. This inventory will be verified and updated each year at the time the financial books are closed for the fiscal year and a complete report given the Chapter at its regular January meeting.
- h. Serve as custodian of the Chapter's properties, preserving all receipts, titles and other documents as proof of ownership.
- i. The books and records are subject to unannounced audits by the Audit Committee.
- j. Deliver all books and documents to the successor at the end of term of office, having had them audited at this time.

SECTION 5: PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: The Program Chairman will assist in making the necessary arrangement for programs and secure speakers for same. When directed by the Chapter, he/she will secure a meeting place and make necessary arrangements for the regular meetings.

ARTICLE 10
(Honey Queen)

SECTION 1: HONEY QUEENS: If desired, the **Iredell County** Chapter of the NCSBA, may sponsor and select a girl from their area to compete with other girls in the state of North Carolina 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 a vote of the members attending a regular meeting. These rules and regulations will fall within NCSBA guidelines.

ARTICLE 11
(Amendments)

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS: Any article or any section of any article of this Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by 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.

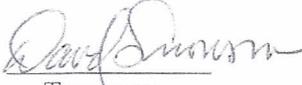
ARTICLE 12
(REPEALING CLAUSE)

SECTION 1: REPEALING CLAUSE: Upon acceptance by vote of the Chapter this Constitution and By-Laws supersedes all previous Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 2: ADOPTION: This Constitution and By-Laws was adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members present at the regular meeting **held on Tuesday, September 17th. 2013 in Iredell County, Statesville, North Carolina.**


President
John Redmond


Secretary
Alta Gaines


Treasurer
David Simonson