

CONSTITUTION

Williamsburg Area Beekeepers

ARTICLE I:

The Organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organization that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1:

The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be to engage in any activities which will increase knowledge of and promote apiculture in the Williamsburg/James City County area of Virginia.

Section 2:

The objectives of Williamsburg Area Beekeepers are to promote and support:

- A. An understanding of, and solutions to, the common apiculture problems of the Williamsburg Area Beekeepers members;
- B. Apiculture education and the use of sustainable and productive methods of beekeeping within the Williamsburg/James City County area of Virginia.
- C. The development of both the scientific and practical aspects of apiculture;
- D. Good relations with individuals, businesses and other organizations which share a common interest in apiculture;
- E. Activities to foster good relations between Williamsburg Area Beekeepers and the general public
- F. The use of hive products.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any person interested in, or practicing beekeeping, or the beekeeping industry, is eligible for membership in Williamsburg Area Beekeepers.
- B. Any individual, family, firm or corporation may join the Williamsburg Area Beekeepers by paying a ~~single~~ membership fee for each.
- C. Each single membership fee will entitle that individual, family, firm or corporation to one vote.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1:

The officers of the Williamsburg Area Beekeepers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2:

All officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote when a quorum of members is present at a designated meeting. The officers will hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Section 3:

The President, and Vice-President may serve no more than two successive terms. The Secretary and the Treasurer may be reelected without limitation, subject to their willingness to serve.

Section 4:

The Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in his/her absence, or during the remainder of the President's term if there is a vacancy in the position.

Section 5:

Only voting members may serve as officers of the Williamsburg Area Beekeepers, as the Williamsburg Area Beekeeper's delegates to other organizations or as chairperson of any select committees.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES

Section 1:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected, or appointed, officers of the Williamsburg Area Beekeepers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer). In addition, the immediate past President and the Virginia State Apiarist shall be invited to serve as advisors for the Executive Committee shall have authority to transact business on behalf of the Williamsburg Area Beekeepers when meetings are not in session.

Section 2:

A Meeting Committee, selected by the President, shall plan, coordinate and make necessary arrangements for meetings and other events of the Williamsburg Area Beekeepers.

Section 3:

Special committees may be appointed by the President at any time.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1:

There shall be a minimum of one meeting to be held the 2nd Thursday of the month at a time and place designated by the President and Meeting Committee. In addition, special meetings, special events, or workshops may be held at any time at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 2:

The Constitution of the Williamsburg Area Beekeepers shall be followed in conducting meetings; however in areas the Constitution does not apply, then the meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 3:

Notice of each meeting, special events, or workshops shall be communicated to each voting member of the Williamsburg Area Beekeepers prior to the date of the general membership meeting.

Section 4:

Charges to cover meeting expenses may be levied on all those in attendance.

ARTICLE VII: QUORUM

Section 1: General Membership Meetings

Five percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any general membership meeting.

Section 2: Executive Committee Meetings

Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of committee business.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

- A. When a quorum of members is present at a general membership meeting, any Article, or any Section of any Article, of the Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members present.
- B. Proposed changes must be submitted to the Executive Committee for review 45 days prior to a general membership meeting
- C. The Executive Committee will provide a paper or electronically mailed copy of the

proposed amendments to each member of the Williamsburg Area Beekeepers at least 30 days prior to a general membership meeting.

ARTICLE IX: BYLAWS

Items not covered in the Constitution shall be provided for in the Bylaws