

**By-Laws
Of
Athens County Area Beekeepers Association**

Article I Name

The name of the organization shall be The Athens County Area Beekeepers Association.

Article II Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote and support the practice of beekeeping, to contribute to the general understanding of the importance of honey bees to the nation's economy and our food supply through the pollination of food crops.

Article III Membership

Membership to this organization shall be open to residents of Athens and surrounding counties who are interested in beekeeping and who endorse the purposes of the association and are dues paying members.

Article IV Officers & Committees

Section 1: The officers shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The officers have the usual duties and responsibilities generally exercised by officers of non-profit organizations.

Section 2: The standing committees shall be as follows: Membership, Newsletter, Educational Programming and others as deemed necessary.

Section 3: Officers and standing committee chairman shall be known as the Board of Directors and shall serve as the governing body of the association. The Board shall meet at the call of the President or at the request of two members of the Board.

Section 4: The direction of the affairs of this association shall rest with the Board of Directors, the President serving as chairman and appointing the standing committees with the approval of the Board. The Vice-president shall serve as President in the absence of the President. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5: Such other special committees as may be necessary from time to time shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board.

Section 6: The President serves as an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

Section 7: Nominations for officers, members-at-large and committee chairs shall be presented by a Nominating Committee to be approved by the President. At the Annual Meeting, nominations from the floor will be invited. No one shall be nominated without his/her consent.

Section 8: The officers and members-at-large will be elected at the annual meeting held in April of each year.

Section 9: Vacancies arising on the Board shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining Board members.

Article V Meetings

This organization shall hold its annual meeting during the month of November for the purpose of election of officers, to receive various reports, and to enact other business. Each member will be notified in advance of the meeting.

Regular monthly meetings will generally be held on the third Thursday of each month unless otherwise announced. Such other monthly meetings may be held for the purpose of visiting selected member apiaries as scheduled by the Board.

Article VI

Section 1: The annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The fiscal year of this organization shall begin on January 1 of each year and end on December 31 of the same year.

Article VII Funds

Section 1: Adequate books of accounts shall be maintained by the Treasurer, who shall be responsible therefore.

Section 2: At their discretion and for the good of the association, the President, Treasurer may spend up to \$100 without Board approval. Funds exceeding that amount shall be disbursed only with the authority of the President, the Treasurer and with prior Board approval.

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall appoint an auditor biennially, not an officer, to audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting.

Article VIII

The by-laws of the association may be amended at any regular meeting by two-thirds of the members present, provided prior notice of the proposed amendment has been given before said meeting.

Article IX Liability

No member of this association shall be liable except for unpaid contributions; and no personal liability shall, in any event, be attached to any member of this organization in connection with any of its undertakings.

Article X Parliamentary Authority

All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, except when in conflict with these by-laws or with the laws of the State of Ohio.

Article XI Property & Dissolution

The interest of a member in the property of the Organization is limited to use for Organizational purposes. If the Organization is dissolved, all its property not needed for payment of its debts and expenses shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more organizations that qualify for exemption under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or similar statutes hereafter enacted). The Board of Directions shall select the organization to which such transfer or conveyance is made and shall determine how the property is apportioned between them. In the absence of such a selection or determination by the Board, it may be made by a court competent jurisdiction.