

**By-Laws
of The
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 organization.

Article IV: Officers & Committees

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

Section 2: The direction of affairs of this association shall rest with the duly elected officers. The Secretary shall serve as President in the absence of the President. A majority of the officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3: Special committees, as may be necessary from time to time, shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the majority of the officers and members voting at an association meeting.

Section 4: The President serves as an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 5: Nominations for officers and committee chairs shall be presented at the Annual Meeting in March of the year by members, who may make their nominations from the floor. No one shall be nominated without his/her consent.

Section 6: The officers will be elected at the annual meeting held in March of each year.

Section 7: Vacancies arising from the officers at any other time of the year shall be filled by appointment made by nominations from the floor by association members

Article V: Meetings

This organization shall hold its annual meeting during the month of February 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 first 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 members.

Article VI: Dues

Section 1: The annual dues shall be determined by the active members at the annual meeting in February.

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 members' approval. Funds exceeding that amount shall be disbursed only with the authority of the President and the Treasurer with majority approval by the members at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Article VII: By-law Amendment

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 the 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) if the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or similar statutes hereafter enacted). The membership shall select the organization to which such transfer or conveyance is made and shall determine how the property is apportioned between them.