

Constitution and Bylaws of the Greater Grand Lake Beekeepers Association

Date Accepted: June 9, 2015

Article 1, Name

Section 1: Name: The name of this organization shall be the “Greater Grand Lake Beekeepers Association

Article 2, Objectives and Purpose

Section 1: Objectives and Purpose:

The objectives of this nonprofit organization shall be:

- To educate beekeepers in all aspects of beekeeping.
- To educate the public to the use of bees for pollination of crops and for their byproducts (honey, wax, pollen).
- To aid in the development of programs for young people desiring to become beekeepers.
- To present educational programs to the public.
- To serve as a resource in the community about honeybees.
- To foster cooperation with the agricultural community and other beekeeping organizations.

Article 3, Members

Section 1: Members:

- Anyone current on annual dues.
- The right to vote shall be limited to members.

Article 4, Officers

Section 1: Officers:

The officers of this organization shall be as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Officers shall be nominated by members of the organization by a motion and a second of the motion provided the nominee is present and accepts the nomination. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the regular December meeting to serve for one year starting in the following month of January. Terms shall be limited to three consecutive years in one office. In case of a vacancy, the President shall recommend a

replacement to be voted upon by the members. No person shall be elected for any office without his or her consent.¹

Article 5, Duties of Officers

Section 1: President

The duties of the President shall be as follows:

- Preside at organization meetings and executive board meetings.
- Call special meetings as needed.
- Confer with the Secretary about meeting notices and other correspondence.
- Appoint special committees as deemed necessary.
- Act as representative of the organization.

Section 2: Vice President

The duties of the Vice president shall be as follows:

- Assume the duties of the President when he or she is absent.
- Fulfill tasks that overflow from the president as needed.
- Secure speakers and arrange programs.

Section 3: Secretary

The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:

- Record minutes at all meetings.
- Send meeting notices to members.
- Write correspondence on behalf of the organization.
- Maintain a current membership and mailing list.
- Keep permanent copies of the minutes.

Section 4: Treasurer

The duties of the Treasurer are as follows:

- Manage all funds of the organization.
- Collect annual dues.
- Place funds in a checking account.
- Keep accurate and detailed financial records.
- Present a treasurer's report at each meeting.
- Pay all bills as directed by the President and/or the Executive Board.
- Have the books audited and approved annually by the President, Vice President, and Secretary.

¹ Reference **Amendment 1**

Article 6, Executive Committee

Section 1: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the organization. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to transact business on behalf of the organization.^{2 3}

Article 7, Meetings

Section 1: Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held the 2nd Tuesday of every month except on holidays. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: Changes in Meetings

Meeting times may be changed by a majority vote of the organization members.

Section 3: Executive Board Meetings

The meetings of the Executive Board shall be held quarterly at such a place and time as may be decided upon by committee members. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President.

Article 8, Dues

Section 1: Dues

The annual dues for members shall be \$15.00 and shall be payable to the Treasurer at the January meeting. Any member who becomes delinquent in payment shall be dropped from the membership list. Membership shall be reinstated upon payment of the dues.⁴

Article 9, Fiscal Year

Section 1: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the organization shall be the calendar year.

Article 10, Amendments

Section 1: Amendments

Proposed amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be submitted in writing to the Executive Board. All proposed amendments to the constitution and bylaws shall be presented at a regular organization meeting, followed by a vote requiring approval of 2/3 vote of all members present, providing the entire membership was given previous notice before the meeting.

² Reference **Amendment 3**

³ Reference **Amendment 4**

⁴ Reference **Amendment 2**

Article 11, Dissolution

Section 1: Dissolution

This organization can be dissolved upon a 2/3 vote of the membership, with at least 75% of the active membership casting a vote or actively abstaining from the vote. If the organization is dissolved all assets and club monies will be donated The Ohio State Beekeepers Association (OSBA).

Article 12

Requirements to be Exempt as an Organization Described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In the event that the organization would want to be considered a nonprofit, exempt organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code the IRS-approved language is included in the constitution and bylaws as follows:

Section 1: Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2: No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

Section 3: No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section 4: Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section

170(c)(2) of the internal revenue code, or the corresponding section of any of any future federal tax code.

Section 5: Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principle office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated

Amendment 1

Date Accepted: February 9, 2016

In accordance with **Article 10, Amendments**, Amendment 1 shall amend **Article 4, Officers**, which includes the statement “Terms shall be limited to three consecutive terms in one office.”. The Amendment 1 shall state that each Executive Officer shall be elected to a term of two years, and not to exceed a period of five total consecutive years in that office. The offices of President and Treasurer will be elected in even ending years and the offices of Vice President and Secretary will be elected in odd ending years.

Amendment 2

Date Accepted: March 8, 2016

In accordance with **Article 10, Amendments**, Amendment 2 shall amend **Article 8 Dues** and state that the dues for OSBA’s Top of Ohio District Director and Representative will not be required for said Director and Representative during their term(s) in office. This honorary membership will provide the District Director and Representative full membership rights as described in **Article 3, Members**.

Amendment 3

Date Accepted: April 12, 2016

In accordance with **Article 10, Amendments**, Amendment 3 shall amend **Article 6 Executive Committee** with regards to the sentence “The Executive Committee shall have the authority to transact business on behalf of the organization.”. This amendment shall give the Executive Committee the right to approve expenditures not greater than \$100.00 for the conduction of business for Greater Grand Lake Beekeepers Association without the necessity of voting approval of its members. Said expenditures must be agreed upon by the majority of the Executive Committee.

Amendment 4

Date Accepted: March 13, 2018

In accordance with **Article 10, Amendments**, Amendment 4 shall amend **Article 6 Executive Committee** with regards to the sentence “The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the organization.”. This amendment shall include the previously elected President, now known as the Past President, to be a fifth member of the Executive Committee with all rights given to the members of the Executive Committee.