

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers By-Laws

Section 1. The name of the organization is Warren County Ohio Beekeepers. It is organized for peer-supported education about beekeeping, 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. Anyone with an interest in beekeeping may be a member.

Section 2. The Warren County Ohio Beekeepers members will raise funds as they see fit for the betterment of the club. 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. A slate of volunteer officers steers The Warren County Ohio Beekeepers. They will organize meetings, manage funds, set priorities to provide educational programs and plan activities. No member of the organization shall be liable, except for unpaid contributions. No personal liability, in any event, will be attached to any member of this organization in connection with any of its undertakings. 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. Elections are normally held annually for one-year terms. Officers may be nominated by members and are elected by majority vote. Where volunteers are available, there will be four standard officers

- President – Convenes and presides over the meetings
- Vice President – Functions in the absence of the president or at his/her request
- Secretary – Keeps records and minutes of the meetings. Distributes meeting announcements
- Treasurer – Keeps financial records, processes receipts and disbursements, reports at meetings.

Section 4. The officers may form special committees to work on specific goals. If there is a conflict of interest, any member of the association may raise the issue. 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 future federal tax code.

Section 5. Adequate record keeping shall be overseen by the president. 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 principal 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 exclusively for such purposes.

Approved and adopted this date. Signatures:

_____ John Favaron, President Date: _____

_____ Geoffrey Hultgren, Vice President Date: _____