**THE RICHMOND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

**''CONSTITUTION''**

# ARTICLE I

1. This organization shall be known as The Richmond Beekeepers Association, hereinafter, it shall be referred to as the Association.
2. The headquarters of this organization shall be Richmond, Virginia.

# ARTICLE II

Purpose

1. The purpose of the Association shall be to promote and preserve the art and science of beekeeping. Further its purpose shall be to develop and to exchange knowledge among its members and others pursuing or aspiring towards amateur, commercial, educational or research activities in beekeeping. Said Association is organized for educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
2. The Association shall be a nonprofit, self-supporting organization.
3. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for service rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in item A hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an Association exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by an Association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
4. Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Committee shall determine.

# ARTICLE III

Membership, Dues and Expenses

1. Any person subscribing to the objectives stated in Article II shall be eligible for membership in the Association.
2. Membership dues shall be paid as prescribed in the By-Laws and shall be used to pay the expenses of the Association.
3. Members of the Association shall be assessed no fees other than dues.

# ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Meetings shall be held as prescribed in the By-Laws.

# ARTICLE V

Officers

A The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, or as the By-Laws of the Constitution may prescribe.

B. Association officers, whether elected or appointed, shall have no authority beyond that conferred upon them, and that may be altered or revoked at any time according to the provisions of the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE VI**

By-Laws

The Association may adopt such By-Laws as may be required for the accomplishment of its purpose.

**ARTICLE VII**

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the Members present at any regular meeting provided the notice of the proposed change be presented at the preceding regular meeting of the Association.

This Constitution adopted October 14, 1977.

This Constitution revised June 11, 1978.

This Constitution amended March 9, 1984 and approved April 13, 1984.

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