

BY-LAWS OF THE MID-OHIO VALLEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

As amended on:

Majority vote of the general membership on June 28, 2011

Article I: Name

Section 1: The name of this organization is **Mid-Ohio Valley Beekeepers Association.**

Article II: Mission

Section I: The mission of this Association is to provide its membership with a forum for sharing knowledge and mutual interests in beekeeping and to educate and promote its benefits.

Article III: Affiliation with: Ohio and WV State Associations

Section 1: We support the State of Ohio and West Virginia Beekeeping Associations. West Virginia or Ohio resident members of MOVBA may become members of the WV Beekeepers Association, or the Ohio State Beekeepers Association by paying those Associations dues.

Article IV: MOVBA EXPO Event

Section 1: The MOVBA holds an annual Honey Bee EXPO at the West Virginia University – Parkersburg during the first quarter of the year, hereinafter referred to as EXPO:

Operation: The EXPO is sponsored by MOVBA and the WV University Extension Services.

Speakers- Keynote and other conference speakers to be exclusively determined by MOVBA Committee members.

EXPO event, from original concepts all the way through to last hours, is under the exclusive leadership of the EXPO Committee Chairperson. Such Chairperson coordinates exclusively in all planning and design activities with the EXPO Committee.

EXPO Committee is made up exclusively of voluntary members of MOVBA.

Introductions of EXPO keynote speakers to be done exclusively by current President of MOVBA.

Introduction of all other EXPO speakers, presenters, classroom teachers, etc. is to be done exclusively by MOVBA members.

EXPO booths are supplied to various EXPO vendors at no cost for tables. Final decisions about all vendors who may, or may not, exhibit in all areas of all EXPO activities rests exclusively with the EXPO Committee Chairperson, in conjunction with

the MOVBA EXPO Committee. All EXPO vendors and booths must have some relevance to the art and science of beekeeping. EXPO teaching topics/subjects, physical classroom choices/locations vendor space selections, and physical set-up for the EXPO is to be done exclusively at the direction of the MOVBA-EXPO Committee.

Article V: Annual Membership

Section 1: Dues Classifications – membership in this Association is defined as regular/family. An additional fee, as determined by MOVBA, is also collected to be paid to the member's respective State Association unless already a member in good standing.

Section 2: Voting – each regular/family, contributing student and Honorary Member is entitled to one vote in the general matters of this Association.

Section 3: Membership in this Association is open to all persons regardless of age, race, color, religion, gender, etc.

Section 4. Honorary – any person who has been a long standing paying member or has made an outstanding contribution to beekeeping and has turned 70 years of age, would be Honorary Lifetime Member after voted on by quorum vote of the membership.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: The fiscal year begins on the first day of January and ends on the thirty-first of December. The Annual Meeting of the members of this Association will normally be held in March . The membership will be notified about this meeting at least (10) days in advance.

Section 2: Regular meetings of this Association will normally be held on a monthly basis as determined by the Association.

Section 3: Special meetings may be held upon written petition of Thirty Percent (30) of the members of the Association . The petition will state the purpose or objective of the special meeting. No other business may be transacted at a special meeting. The Secretary will give the membership written notice of the petition and its purpose. The notice will state the time and place of the special meeting.

Section 4: Thirty Percent (30) of the members will constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any meeting. Each member attending a meeting will be entitled to one vote.

Article VII: Officers

Section 1: All officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Membership. The nominee receiving the most votes will be elected to that office.

Section 2: The officers of this Association will include President,

First and Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers will serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article VIII: Committees

Section 1: The President with the advice and consent of the other officers may appoint committees as necessary or advisable for administration of the Association's business. The committees will be appointed and will serve for as long as needed.

Article IX: Dues

Section 1: Annual membership dues will be set by the Association. Dues are payable on or before January first (1), or upon admission to the Association.

Section 2 This Association will be operated on a cash basis. Dues delinquent members are not considered in good standing and are not permitted to vote.

Article X: Amendments

Section 1: A proposed amendment to these By-Laws may be submitted at any regular meeting and must then be distributed (by mail or other means) to the membership within fifteen (15) days of that meeting. The proposed amendment may be approved by two-thirds vote of the attending dues paid members at the next meeting.

Article XI: Dissolution

Section 1: In the event of Dissolution, the Association will donate the net assets after payment of debts, to any unit of government education institution or organization to further the interests of beekeeping, as determined by the current officers.

Officer's signing

President: Jan Smith

First Vice President: Randy A. Wagener

Second Vice President: Kevin A. Harlow

Secretary: Clifford L. Larson

Treasurer: Teresa Wagener