

**Brighton Bee Club
Constitution**

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25 **Article 1 – Title:**

26 **Section A:** This organization shall be known as the Brighton Bee Club, (here after
27 known as BBC).

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29 **Article 2 – Affiliation:**

30 **Section A:** The BBC works in cooperation with the Colorado State Beekeepers
31 Association (CSBA, a.k.a. Colorado Beekeepers Association), a non-profit
32 organization under Section 501 (c) (3).

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34 **Article 3 – Purpose:**

35 **Section A – Goal:** The BBC is organized exclusively as an educational charitable
36 organization. We agree that no part of the net earnings of BBC will benefit, or be
37 distributed to its' members, officers, or other private persons, except that BBC
38 shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to
39 make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in our
40 organizing document.

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42 **Section B – Objectives:** They shall include:

- 43 1) Uniting the beekeepers of central Colorado in an effort to improve beekeeping
44 in the area.
- 45 2) The promotion and furtherance of modern and up-to-date beekeeping through
46 the presentation and dissemination of educational material, including training
47 in the art of beekeeping and the production of bee products.
- 48 3) To provide education to the general public about beekeeping and the
49 contribution of honeybees for the welfare of all people.
- 50 4) To act in the interests of beekeepers in protecting and conducting beekeeping
51 affairs.
- 52 5) To provide social activities whereby members can meet with others with
53 similar aspirations and pursuits.

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55 **Article 4 – Board of Directors (BOD):**

56 **Section A:** The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of the five (5) elected
57 officers: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a
58 Sergeant of Arms, as well as other committee chair(s) duly created within the
59 organization's bylaws. No person may hold more than one elected BOD positions at
60 a time.

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62 **Section B.** Each member of the BOD shall have one (1) vote regardless of the
63 number of positions held. The current president shall not exercise his/her right to
64 vote except in the event of a tie.

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66 **Article 5 – Officers:**

67 **Section A:** The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, a Vice
68 President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Sergeant of Arms. Officers duties shall
69 be those usually assigned to such officers. To be eligible for election, a person
70 must be a Paid Member.

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72 **Section B:** The officers of this organization shall be elected by the majority of
73 those present at the November general meeting. Each officer shall take office at the
74 January general meeting and shall serve for a term of two years.

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76 **Section C:** In the event of a mid-term vacancy in the BOD. Nominations shall be
77 received and published in the next general meeting minutes. The BOD shall then
78 cause a “Notice of Special Election” to be sent to all Paid Members by any effective
79 means at least two weeks or fourteen (14 days) before the next general meeting.
80 The election shall take place as part of the next general meeting agenda. The
81 elected person shall fill the vacated office immediately for the duration of the office’s
82 term. Thte election shall be conducted as described in the Constitution and Bylaws.

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84 **Section D:** The BOD of the BBC is hereby empowered to remove from office
85 any officer, who fails to fully support the Constitution and Bylaws of the BBC, or
86 any resolution adopted by the membership in attendance at any general meeting,
87 or any directive of the BOD. Officers may be removed from office by a written
88 request of one-fourth (1/4th) of the Paid membership or by a two-thirds (2/3^{rds}) vote
89 of the BOD. Their replacement shall follow Section C, “Mid-Term Vacancy” of
90 this Article.

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92 **Article 6 – Membership:**

93 **Section A:** Any beekeeper in the State of Colorado may become a Paid Member
94 by submitting an application and dues.

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96 **Section B:** The membership of the BBC shall consist of Paid Members, Associate
97 Members, and Honorary Members. These memberships shall be defined by the
98 organization’s bylaws.

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100 **Section C:** The amount of the dues shall be set by the BOD and approved by a
101 two-thirds (2/3^{rds}) vote of said board.

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103 **Section D:** The membership period for Paid Members shall be for the balance of
104 the calendar year plus January of the following year.

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106 **Article 7 – Meetings:**

107 **Section A:** The meetings of the BOD, General Membership, or Special
108 Committee(s) shall be held at a set time and place selected by the President or
109 Committee Chair.

- 110 1) BOD meeting will normally be held the week prior to the General Membership
111 meeting.
112 2) General Membership meeting should be held the second (2nd) Wednesday of
113 each month.

114 3) Special Committee(s) as needed.
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116 **Section B:** A quorum shall consist of at least fifty percent (50%) of the BOD,
117 and at least twenty percent (20%) of the paid membership.
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119 **Section C:** The meetings will be conducted by the rules contained in Roberts
120 Rules of Order (revised), and shall govern this organization in all cases to which they
121 are applicable, and are not inconsistent with this constitution and its by-laws.
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123 **Article 8 – Dissolution:**

124 **Section A:** Upon the dissolution of the BBC, the BOD shall, after satisfying all
125 outstanding liabilities, dispose of all its' assets exclusively for the purposes of the
126 organization to one or more organizations organized and operated exclusively for
127 charitable, educational or other purposes that qualify the organization(s) as exempt
128 under Internal Revenue Section 501 (c) (3) (or the corresponding provision of any
129 future Internal Revenue law). Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be
130 disposed of by the court having probate jurisdiction in Adams County exclusively to
131 such organization(s) as the court determines are organized and operated exclusively
132 for charitable or educational purposes.
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134 **Article 9 – Amendments:**

135 **Section A:** The Constitution of the BBC may be altered or amended only at the
136 January general meeting. Changes can be submitted to the BOD on or before the
137 November BOD meeting, so they can be reviewed. A "Notice of Proposed
138 Constitution Change(s)" shall be prepared and sent to all members by any effective
139 means at least fourteen (14) days before the January general meeting. After meeting
140 the quorum requirements, there must be a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the total
141 membership present at the January general meeting to carry the change(s) to the
142 Constitution.