

# WHITE LICK BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS & DISCLAIMER

## ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1: The name of the organization shall be the White Lick Beekeepers Association (WLBA), hereafter referred to as the association.

SECTION 2: The association shall be a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Indiana.

SECTION 3: The association is an affiliate of TBol otherwise known as The Beekeepers of Indiana. (Amended 02/14/2018)

SECTION 4: (Deleted 02/14/2018)

SECTION 5: The association may affiliate with other organizations with similar objectives by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-fourths) vote at any regular meeting where a quorum is present and if notice of the proposal has been sent to members 7 days prior to the meeting. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 6: The association may disassociate itself from affiliation with any organization by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-fourths) vote at any regular meeting where a quorum is present and if notice of the proposal has been sent to members 7 days prior to the meeting. (Amended 04/10/19)

## ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1: The objectives of this association shall be:

- A. To promote the necessity of the honeybee, the value of honey, and other hive products. (Amended 04/10/19)
- B. To educate the public on ways to help this amazing and highly beneficial creature.
- C. To foster a spirit of fellowship, cooperation, and mentoring between beekeepers regardless of age or experience. (Amended 04/10/19)
- D. To share the latest information in order to expand our knowledge and improve our methods of beekeeping.
- E. To work with TBol and any other local organization that shares our objectives. (Amended 02/14/2018)
- F. To support the efforts of our state apiary inspectors and the researchers at the Purdue University Bee Lab.

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## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1: Any person interested in any phase of apiculture may join the association.

SECTION 2: Membership starts upon receipt of the completed registration form by any club officer.

SECTION 3: Junior Membership is granted to members under the age of 18.

SECTION 4: Members are considered active and in good standing if during the 12 months prior to the October meeting they:

- Promote the objectives of the association,
- Participate in its affairs, and
- Participate in at least 6 monthly meetings or association sponsored activities. Examples of activities include the Indy Flower & Patio Show, the Indiana State Fair, the Mooresville Health Fair, and an apiary cleanup day. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 5: (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 6: Any member in good standing is permitted to view the financial records of the association upon written request to the Treasurer. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 7: Individual membership may be revoked by a majority vote of the board if a quorum is present, and the member is in gross violation of any of the stated bylaws of the association. (Amended 04/10/19)

## **ARTICLE IV QUORUM**

SECTION 1: A quorum is 20% of the active membership at a regular or called meeting or election. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 2: A quorum is 4 board members in any board meeting. (Amended 04/10/19)

## **ARTICLE V TERM & YEAR**

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SECTION 1: A term year shall be the same as a calendar year, Jan 1 to Dec 31.

SECTION 2: A fiscal year shall be the same as a calendar year, Jan 1 to Dec 31.

## ARTICLE VI GOVERNANCE

SECTION 1: The officers of the association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SECTION 2: There will be one representative in the association to TBol. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 3: Officers, the representative, and the past president shall make up the board of directors. (Amended 04/10/19)

A: If an officer simultaneously holds the representative position, he or she is allowed only one vote at board meetings. (Amended 04/10/19)

B: If the past president is elected or appointed to a new office or representative position, he or she is allowed only one vote at board meetings. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 4: Officers, and representatives must be members in good standing in order to serve in those capacities.

SECTION 5: Officers will serve for one term year.

SECTION 6: The representative will serve for a one term year. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 7: Officers and representatives may be elected to multiple consecutive terms.

SECTION 8: The outgoing officers and representatives are required to turn over all property and paperwork belonging to the association to the newly elected officers and representatives at least 10 days prior to the January meeting.

SECTION 9: Any officer or representative that misses 3 consecutive meetings without a valid reason in the judgment of the board will be voted on by the board to be removed from their office.

SECTION 10. The Media Chairperson shall be a consultant to the board but not a voting member of the board. (Amended 04/10/19)

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## **ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS**

SECTION 1: Elections will be held annually at the regular October meeting if a quorum is present.

SECTION 2: If a quorum is not present at the October meeting then the election will be postponed to the next meeting, regardless whether a quorum is present at that meeting. (Amended 04/10/19).

SECTION 3: Each member in good standing is entitled to one vote.

SECTION 4: Junior members are not entitled to a vote.

SECTION 5: (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 6: (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 7: Any member in good standing who decides to run in the annual election must complete and submit the WLBA on-line candidacy form at least 14 days prior to the October meeting. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 8: All members will be notified of the names of candidates who intend to run in the annual election 7 days prior to the October meeting. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 9: If a board position has no candidates for election and the current individual chooses not to continue, with board approval, the President may appoint a replacement to serve until the next year's election. (Amended 04/10/19)

## **ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

SECTION 1: The President shall:

- A: Call for special meetings of the association and board
- B: Preside at all meetings of the association and board
- C: Appoint all committees and serve as Ex Officio at such
- D: Appoint replacements to finish out a term in of a vacant seat on the board. (Amended 04/10/19)
- E: Serve as a representative to TBol when the representative position is vacant. (Amended 04/10/19)

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F: Be authorized to make deposits and disburse monies should the Treasurer be unable to perform these duties.

G: Continue to serve as a member of the board after his or her term is expired and until he is replaced by the next former President.

## SECTION 2: The Vice-President shall:

A: Perform the duties of the President in his or her absence or upon the request of the President

B: Succeed to the office of President should a vacancy occur. (Amended 04/10/19)

C: (Amended 04/10/19)

## SECTION 3: The Secretary shall:

A: Record and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the association and board. (Amended 04/10/19)

B: Keep all completed membership forms in the association's membership book and maintain a record of meeting attendance of individual members. (Amended 04/10/19)

C: Serve all notices required in these bylaws.

D: Write all correspondence as directed by the President.

E: (Amended 04/10/19)

## SECTION 4: The Treasurer shall:

A: Collect and hold in the name of the association all monies payable to it.

B: Make timely payment of any outstanding bills incurred by the association. All expenditures must be approved by the board. Expenditures in excess of \$500 need approval by the membership. (Amended 04/10/19)

C: Keep true, complete and detailed financial records and receipts for the fiscal year

D: Present an accurate financial report at all meetings and a written fiscal year report at the January meeting. (Amended 04/10/19)

## SECTION 5: A Media Chairperson shall be appointed by the board and may use other members to assist. The Chairperson shall: (Amended 04/10/19)

A. Maintain and update the website content and social media presence, as needed, but at least monthly. This includes:

- a. Posting a calendar of upcoming events.
- b. Posting minutes of the most recent meeting.
- c. Posting pictures and visual media.
- d. Maintaining the association's Facebook page.

B. Produce and distribute newsletters and information.

C. Collect and forward or respond to emails from members and the community.

## SECTION 6: An Apiary Manager, who is appointed by the board, shall: (Amended 04/10/19)

A. Schedule events, programs, and maintenance at the Airport Apiary.

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- B. Ensure that beekeepers use good beekeeping practices to control disease, viruses, and mites in hives.

SECTION 7: The TBol Representative shall: (Amended 04/10/19)

- A: Be a good ambassador of our association to TBol when attending their meetings, conferences and events. (Amended 04/10/19)
- B: Report any TBol information from the affiliate organizations that is relevant to the association at the next meeting. (Amended 04/10/19)
- C: Pay any dues required by TBol and request reimbursement by the association. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 8: No officer or representative shall receive directly or indirectly any salary or compensation by the association for any services rendered to it.

## ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

SECTION 1: Membership is not required for attendance at regular meetings

SECTION 2: At least 7 days prior to a meeting, members shall be notified as to its scheduled time and place. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 3: The board may change a scheduled meeting if circumstances require it. All efforts will be made to notify members as soon as possible.

SECTION 4: Parliamentary procedure and Roberts Rules shall govern all meetings.

SECTION 5: The order of the meeting shall be:

- Call to Order
- Welcome Guests (Amended 04/10/19)
- Introduction of New Members
- Consent approval of the minutes (Amended 04/10/19)
- Financial Report by the Treasurer
- Report from TBol Representative (Amended 04/10/19)
- Report from Committees
- Old Business
- New Business
- White Lick Wisdom (Amended 04/10/19)

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Questions & Answers

Elections

Special Program

Adjournment (Amended 04/10/19)

## **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1: Proposed amendments and changes to the by-laws may be submitted in writing to the board by any member in good standing. (Amended 04/10/19)

SECTION 2: The by-laws may be amended or changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of active members present at any regularly scheduled meeting, provided that a written notice of the proposed amendment or change has been sent to each member of the association at least 7 days prior to the scheduled meeting. (Amended 04/10/19)

## **DISCLAIMER**

The White Lick Beekeepers Association (WLBA) is not responsible for the beekeeping practices of individual members.

Beekeeping in Indiana falls under provisions of IC 34-31-9, Chapter 9 Limited Liability Arising from Agritourism Activities. (Amended 04/10/19)