

Bylaws of Carroll County Beekeepers

Article I – Name

The name of this association shall be **Carroll County Beekeepers**, hereinafter referred to as "Bee Club."

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of Bee Club is to promote education, collaboration, and support for beekeeping practices in Carroll County and surrounding areas. Bee Club is organized exclusively as a nonprofit unincorporated association for social and educational purposes consistent with Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article III – Membership

1. Membership is open to individuals interested in beekeeping and the goals of Bee Club.
2. Members may be required to pay annual dues, as determined by Bee Club's officers.
3. Membership confers voting rights and eligibility to hold office.

Article IV – Officers

- ☐ Chair: **Athena Contus**
 - Education Coordinator & current Website editor
- ☐ Co-Chair: **Brice Bennett**
 - Discussion Board Moderator
 - Farmers Market Coordinator
- ☐ Treasurer: **Mary Beth Sledzik-Diamond**
 - Meeting Place Coordinator
- ☐ Secretary: **Robin Despins**
 - Newsletter Editor
- ☐ Time Keeper: **Tom Holtey**
- ☐ Members at Large: **Connie Johnson, Kelly Goodson, Susan Bailey**
- ☐ Senior Beekeeper Advisor: **Ben Chadwick**

These officers shall serve for one-year terms and be elected by majority vote of members present at the annual meeting. Vacancies may be filled by appointment until the next election.

Article V – Duties of Officers

- ☐ **Chair:** Presides over meetings and oversees club activities.
- ☐ **Co-Chair:** Assists the Chair and serves in their absence.
- ☐ **Farmers Market Manager:** Coordinates member participation
- ☐ **Discussion Board:** Monitors posts and participation
- ☐ **Treasurer:** Manages club funds, keeps financial records, and provides reports.
- ☐ **Secretary:** Keeps meeting minutes and manages club records.
- ☐ **Newsletter Editor:** Prepares and distributes club newsletters or communications.
- ☐ **Education Coordinator:** Organizes educational events, speakers, or resources.
- ☐ **Time Keeper:** Assists in maintaining meeting time and structure.

Article VI – Meetings

1. Bee Club shall hold at least one general meeting annually.
2. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair or by request of at least three members.
3. Notice of meetings shall be communicated to members at least one week in advance.

Article VII – Finances

1. All Club funds shall be held in a bank account under Bee Club's EIN.
2. The Treasurer shall maintain accurate financial records and report regularly to Bee Club.
3. Club funds shall be used exclusively for Club activities and not for the personal benefit of any member.
4. Dues and other income shall be determined and approved by a majority vote of the officers.

Article VIII – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting, provided notice has been given to the membership at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Article IX – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, any remaining assets shall be donated to a local nonprofit with a similar educational or agricultural purpose, or returned to current members if appropriate, consistent with applicable law.

Adopted on this 16th day of July 2025.

Signed,



Athena Contus

Chair, Carroll County Beekeepers
