

Monadnock Beekeepers Association Bylaws

Article I – Name and Form of Organization

1. The name of the association is “Monadnock Beekeepers Association”.
2. The association is an organization of members who pay annual membership dues.
3. The association is a domestic nonprofit organization registered with the State of New Hampshire, business ID 556943.

Article II – Purpose and Objectives of the Club

1. Serve as a resource for local beekeepers for information, education and socializing.
2. Educate the community about the joys, skills and fruits of beekeeping.
3. Foster interactions with the agricultural community and other beekeeping organizations in our region.
4. Provide and promote an outlet for the membership to sell member-produced honey and other hive products.

Article III – Membership and Dues

1. Membership shall be open to any person who wishes to promote the Objectives of the Association and pays annual dues.
2. A member shall be considered in good standing when:
 - a. The member shows interest and takes part in the activities of the club.
 - b. The member pays dues regularly and acts in a manner consistent with the ideals and bylaws of the club.
3. Any change in the amount of annual dues will be set by a majority vote of the members present at the October meeting for the following year.
4. Dues are due on January 1st with a grace period extending to the first Thursday in March.
5. New members between September 1st and December 31st will have their dues applied to the following year.

Article IV – Governance

1. The officers of the association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. Duties of Officers:
 - a. The President shall call and preside at all meetings of the Association. In the event that the President is not able to preside at a meeting, the Vice President shall preside.
 - b. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of duties and act as President if the President is absent. The Vice-President shall become the President should a vacancy occur other than expiration of the term of office.
 - c. The Secretary shall have custody of all Association records and documents, keep the membership roster, keep a record of all association meetings and decisions made.
 - d. The Treasurer shall collect and hold in the name of the Association all monies paid to it, pay all bills contracted by the Association which shall be approved by the members, keep a true and complete record of all monies and property of the Association and their disposition; and make monthly reports to the membership.
3. The officers shall serve for terms of 1 year beginning immediately after the November meeting.
4. Nominations for officers shall be made at the August and September meetings. Any member present, either in person or via video conference, at either of these meetings may nominate another member or themselves, for any officer position.
5. The list of candidates for officer positions shall be published in the Association newsletter at least ten (10) days before the October meeting.
6. Election of club officers shall be held at the October meeting. A simple majority of members present, in-person or via video conference, shall decide the election. There shall be no proxy voting.

Article V – Meetings

1. Regular Association meetings shall be held once monthly February through November.
2. The agenda of each meeting shall include, in order:
 - a. Approval of minutes from prior meeting;
 - b. Treasurer's report;
 - c. President's report;
 - d. Old business including reports of committees if any;
 - e. New business;
 - f. Guest speaker program if any;
 - g. Adjournment.
3. Any member present at the meeting, either in-person or via videoconference, may make a motion from the floor to consider under New Business, which if seconded shall be discussed and voted on at the meeting subject to:
 - a. Ordinary motions require a majority vote of the members present, in person or videoconference, at the meeting to approve.
 - b. Any motion involving a significant new project for the Association shall be tabled after discussion to be noticed to all members in the next subsequent newsletter, and voted on at the next subsequent meeting.
 - c. Any motion for an amendment to the Bylaws must be noticed to the membership, including the complete and final text of the amendment, in the newsletter and on the Association website at least 30 days before the next meeting, and requires a 2/3 majority vote of the members at that meeting, in person or videoconference, to pass.

Article VI – Finances

1. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.
2. Any member or members may inspect the books and records of the club at any reasonable time.