

NOVA SCOTIA BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
By-Laws

Name:

This Association shall be known as the Nova Scotia Beekeepers' Association.

Objectives:

The objectives of the Association shall be to promote beekeeping in the province of Nova Scotia in addition to informing beekeepers about matters concerning the bee industry and other related activities.

Membership:

- a) Application for membership in the Association shall be made in writing through an application form provided by the Association or by paying the required dues at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The members shall consist of those who are beekeepers and/or interested in beekeeping.
- c) The membership fee structure is as follows and will be reviewed at each Annual General Meeting and a rate established for the fiscal year.

# of Hives	Annual Fee	HST	Total Fee
1 to 49	\$60.00	\$9.00	\$69.00
50 to 99	\$100.00	\$15.00	\$115.00
100 to 499	\$200.00	\$30.00	\$230.00
500 +	\$350.00	\$52.50	\$402.50
Industry Membership	\$100.00	\$15.00	\$115.00

Financial Year:

The financial year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

Meetings:

- a) The general meeting of the members shall be held once a year within the first four months of the year and shall be known as the Annual Meeting. Special meetings shall be held when called by the president.
- b) At all Annual meetings 20% of the members shall constitute a quorum.
- c) Voting cards will be issued to paid members for voting at Annual Meeting

Officers:

- a) The Board shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for three-year terms with one third of the directors elected each year and will hold office until their successors are elected at the next Annual Meeting. There will be nine officers with the tenth position being that of the Provincial Apiculturist and this position shall be non-voting or ex –officio.
- b) If a director resigns his/her office or ceases to be a member in the Association, his/her office as director shall be vacated and the vacancy may be filled by the board of directors from among the members of the Association. This director will hold office until an election can be held at the next Annual Meeting to fill the remaining portion of the positions term.
- c) The Board shall consist of:

1. Director at Large
2. Director at Large
3. Director at Large
4. Director at Large
5. Director at Large
6. Director at Large
7. Director at Large
8. Director at Large
9. Director at Large
10. Provincial Apiculturist (non-voting)
11. Atlantic Tech Transfer Team Apiculture (non-voting)

c) Members of the Board shall elect the Executive Committee and it shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Duties:

- a) It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association and to perform such other duties as a President is called upon to undertake.
- b) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
- c) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep and preserve the financial books of the Association. The Treasurer shall also handle the moneys of the Association and shall present a financial statement at each Executive and Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for presenting a budget at the Annual Meeting.

Financial Statements:

An auditor shall be appointed to review the books of the Association and provide a statement of financial standing to the Association. This statement of financial standing shall be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual Meeting.

Amending By Laws:

These By Laws may be amended by a majority at any Annual Meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose of considering the same, of which the members had at least two weeks' notice.

Registered Office:

- a) The registered office of the Association shall be the address of the Secretary Manager.
- b) The executive as a group or the President may from time to time determine the place or places at which the business of the Association shall be carried on.

The Seal:

The seal or trade mark of the association shall be the wildflower emblem as noted on the Association stationary.