



Welcome to the HIVE!

JUNE 2022

The Beekeepers Association of Central Arizona

(azbeekeepers.org)

Next Meeting- June 16

(Always the third Thursday of the month)

7:00pm (Doors open at 6:30)

Valley Garden Center (1809 N 15th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85007)



It's Party Time!!

***This month we get to celebrate summer and the end of all bee meetings till fall!
Tradition has it this must be done with an***

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And all you have to do it show up.

(No bathing suits unless you want to play in the fish pond out back.)

It's also that time of year when we seek and elect new officers.

Since we're there, I thought it would be useful to know what all the officers did, so more members would be motivated to volunteer. I mean, how hard can it be, to, let's say, be President? So to find out, I talked to Joc.

This is what he told me he does.

****Locate, recruit, (pay for if necessary), speakers for each month's bee club meeting months in advance.***

- * Follow up with each speaker to make sure they are ready, what they need and that they are still actually coming.**
- * Go to the meeting center early, set up all the chairs, the tables, the podium, the microphone and amplifier, a table for the presentation, etc., etc., etc.**
- * Call the meeting to order and run the meeting.**
- * Sometimes give the presentation himself.**
- * Stick around after the meeting is over to clean up and put everything away.**

When he isn't doing the above, he does this;

- *Answers the emails that come in off the website for people looking to have their bee invasions dealt with.**
- * Finds someone who wants to do the removal (or most likely does it himself.)**
- * Organizes special events- like the "Alive in the Hive" event, which he ran himself.**
- * Acts as the "go to" person for the Garden Center in scheduling, clean up etc.**
- *Organizes and runs all other meetings – like when the board meets and where.**

Occasionally he gets to go to his real job.

All kidding aside, there are better ways to run an association. For as much work as needs to be done to put on a meeting or an event, several people are needed to make all the parts come together. It is not the responsibility of one person- even if that one person is the president. The "Buck (Or the BEE) does NOT stop here". That is why there are other officers. In order to create a unified group, everyone needs to invest in it. This association belongs to all of us and should be a priority if we want it to continue. All of us need to be active in creating the best experience possible. Not to say that many have never stepped up- because they have, but we need more to help move this wonderful club forward. And it is important that it does because many novice beekeepers need that "hands on" experience offered by the more seasoned beekeepers to really learn beekeeping.

The following document lays out what the organization is supposed to look like in its "ideal" form. Perhaps it is even time to consider updating it? Maybe the workload could be laid over more backs instead of just a few. The board would be a valuable resource for finding speakers, setting up programs or events or doing the labor of actually setting up a meeting, or even providing refreshments? This is YOUR club- what do you see that could be improved upon?

So look at the original document following and see how this organization was originally set up. Then consider what you might be able to offer that will strengthen and build upon what has already been done. And if there are changes that could make it even better, what are they? This meeting on June 16 could be the start of something new and better. What will you contribute?

Bylaws
of
Beekeepers Association of Central Arizona

FIRST: The name of the organization shall be the Beekeepers Association of Central Arizona (B.A.C.A.).

SECOND: The organization is formed exclusively for educational and social purposes.

THIRD: The management of this organization shall be vested in a Board of Directors each of whom shall be a member of B.A.C.A. The Board of Directors shall be made up of at least 4 and no more than 7 members. They shall be elected annually under the terms and conditions specified for election of officers. The President shall vote only in case of a tie vote.

The Board of Directors shall have the responsibility for the management of property and business of the organization.

The meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held annually in September. At such meeting the Directors shall receive reports of officers and transact such other business as may come before them. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. The votes of a majority of those present shall constitute a motion. Special meetings of the Directors may be called at any time by a majority of the Directors. All meetings shall be governed by parliamentary procedure as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

FOURTH: No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization Directors shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered. The Board of Directors shall approve of all expenditures from B.A.C.A. funds.

FIFTH: The amount of dues which shall constitute voting membership in the organization shall be determined by a vote of the membership. Membership dues shall be payable every 12 months. The treasurer will notify members of the organization when dues are payable. (A voting member is one in good standing.)

SIXTH: The officers of the organization shall include a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall be nominated from among the membership of the organization according to procedures acceptable under Robert's Rules of Order. Election of officers will be held annually at the June meeting of the membership. The terms of their offices shall be for a period of one year or until their successors are chosen and qualify in their stead.

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the organization. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and Board of Directors. The President shall have general and acting management of the business of the organization, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the membership and Board of Directors are carried into effect.

The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

The Secretary shall record minutes of the meetings of the members and Board of Directors and prepare bulletins for distribution to members of the organization. The Secretary shall read a brief summary of the minutes from the preceding meeting and any Board of Directors meetings, or choose to include a brief summary of the minutes in the bulletin.

The Treasurer shall protect the assets of the organization and maintain financial records of all transactions.

The Board of Directors shall appoint a program chairman for a period of not more than one year.

SEVENTH: The funds of the organization shall be maintained in a bank account. Said bank shall be approved by the Board of Directors. The President and Treasurer shall be signators to the accounts. Only one officer's signature shall be required on checks.

These bylaws were passed at the membership meeting this 19th day of January, 1984 by a majority of the voting membership.

By Robert Sandstedt
Robert Sandstedt, Secretary

ATTEST:

Michael Kuzmik
Michael Kuzmik, Treasurer

(For a summary of Roberts Rules of Order in case you're not familiar with them is here; <https://www.boardeffect.com/blog/roberts-rules-of-order-cheat-sheet/>)