

CHEROKEE BEEKEEPERS CLUB BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the Club shall be the "**CHEROKEE BEEKEEPERS CLUB**", and shall be referred to as the "**CBC**" throughout the remainder of this document.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

CBC shall be a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting its members and others interested in honeybees. The purpose of regular club meetings shall be to provide members and others interested in beekeeping an opportunity to develop and improve their knowledge and skills in beekeeping. CBC shall cooperate with the County Extension Service, as well as other beekeeping organizations to help promote public awareness of the benefits and the necessity of the honeybee.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person interested in beekeeping is eligible for membership.

Section 2. Any eligible person or family wishing to become members may do so by payment of annual dues. The

membership year shall be from January 1st - December 31st. Dues shall be reduced for new members

joining after July 1st for the balance of that year.

Section 3. Membership dues are payable January 1. After payment of dues, each individual or family shall be issue

a membership card, be eligible to receive a subscription to the club newsletter, and be a member in

good standing. .

Section 4. Members in good standing, those with paid dues, shall be entitled to one vote in meetings.

Section 5. A family membership is a single paid dues which is entitled to a single vote.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1. The fiscal year of the CBC shall begin November 1 and end October 31st.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the CBC shall be held at the regular November meeting, at a site designated by

the Board of Directors, which will be within the area served by the CBC. The purpose of such meeting is

the election of officers and directors, receiving the annual reports, and conducting such other business as

maybe properly brought before the membership.

Section 3 . Special meetings maybe called by: the President; a majority of the Board of Directors; a quarter of the

membership. Not less than 10 days written notice shall be given to the membership prior to any special

meeting.

Section 4. Notice of time, place, and topic of each regular meeting of the CBC shall be published in the annual

calendar. Any variances from the schedule shall be mailed to each member at least 10 days prior to the

variance. The annual calendar shall be provided to the membership by the regular January meeting.

Section 5. Eleven members of the CBC shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at regular meetings.

A committee requires a majority of its members for a quorum.

Section 6. The Order of Business for all meetings of the CBC, unless changed by a majority vote of members

present, shall be as follows:

1 Call to order.

2 Recognition of new members

3 Reading of the minutes.

4 Report of Officers.

5 Report of Committees.

6 Old Business

7 Communications and bills.

8 New business.

9 Election and installation of new Officers (At the annual meeting only)

10 Adjournment.

Section 7. The rules in the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order Revised", shall govern the meetings of the

CBC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these

BY-LAWS or any rules the CBC may adopt.

Section 8. Payment of all bills shall be authorized by a majority vote at a Board of Directors meeting, or by a

majority vote of those members attending a regular meeting.

ARTICLE V – DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the CBC shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be consolidated upon the recommendation of the Board of

Directors. The term of each officer shall be one year. The President may succeed him/herself upon a

majority affirmative vote of the membership for one term only. All other officers may continue in office at

the discretion of the membership.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the CBC shall consist of the CBC officers, namely, President, Vice-President,

Secretary, Treasurer, and immediate past President, and six directors from the membership.

The terms for the directors shall consist of two (2) being elected by the membership at the annual

meeting each year which would provide for a three (3) year cycle of term of office. The immediate past

President shall serve as director for one (1) year only, If there is no immediate past president, the position

shall be left vacant.

Section 3. Vacancies of any positions shall be filled by presidential appointment until the next annual meeting if not

in conflict with article V section 2.

Section 4. The media editor shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall direct the business affairs of the CBC and make rules and regulations for the

use of its services by its members, consistent with these by-laws.

Section 2. No Director, Officer or Member of the CBC shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary or

compensation for services rendered to CBC unless authorized by a majority of the membership at a

regular meeting.

Section 3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the

Board of Directors.

Section 4. The duties of the Media Editor shall include:

A. Web site maintenance if a web site is available.

B. Publish a regular newsletter on the CBC web page and email or postal mail the newsletter

to all members.

C. Deal with public relations and communicate with outside media.

D. Assist the Treasurer and Secretary to keep and maintain a complete list of members and

related information.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The duties of the President:

A. Preside over all meetings of the CBC and the Board of Directors.

B. Call special meetings of the CBC and the Board of Directors.

C. Perform all acts and duties required of an executive and presiding officer, including the

appointment of various committees that may be required for the proper functioning of the CBC.

Section 2. The duties of the Vice-President:

A. Perform all duties incumbent upon the President during the absence or disability of the President.

B. Perform such duties as the by-laws may provide or the Board of Directors may prescribe.

C. Review any bill presented by the treasurer, which has not already been approved by the

CBC and requires payment before the next regular meeting of the CBC.
These bills may be

approved or disapproved as the Vice-President sees fit.

Section 3. The duties of the Secretary:

A. Keep a complete record of all meetings of the CBC and of the Board of Directors.

B. Write letters on behalf of the CBC as directed by the President and/or Board of Directors.

C. Notify officers and all committee members of their appointment.

D. Serve all notices required by law and these by-laws.

E. Assisted by the Treasurer and Media Editor, maintain a complete list of members and related

information.

F. Turn over to Treasurer any money received for membership.

G. Perform such other duties as may be required by the President and/or Board of Directors.

Section 4. The duties of the Treasurer:

A. Sign as Treasurer, along with the President, all checks and other obligations of the CBC.

B. Receive and disburse all funds, and be custodian of all securities of the CBC.

C. Keep a full and accurate account of all the financial transactions of the CBC in books

belonging to the CBC, and deliver such books to the successor of this office.

D. Shall make a full report of all matters and business of this office to members at the annual

meeting, and to the Directors, whenever requested.

E. Maintain a complete record of all tangible property owned by the CBC and location thereof.

F. Assist the Secretary and Media Editor to keep and maintain a complete list of members and related

information.

G. Notify members of unpaid dues.

H. Deposit all monies of the CBC in the name and to the credit of the CBC in such

depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

I. Perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The nominating committee shall consist of five (5) members of the CBC, two (2) shall be appointed

by the President, and three (3) to be elected by the CBC membership. Nominations may also be

made from the floor. Consent should be obtained from the nominees proposed for office before

submitting their names to the membership.

Section 2. The Auditing Committee, consisting of three (3) CBC members, shall audit the books of the Treasurer

and make a report at the annual meeting. At least one shall be a member of the Board of Directors and

shall act as chairman. The audit should take place in the month prior to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended or altered at any meeting of the CBC under the following conditions:

1. The amendment has been read at the previous regular meeting.
2. Members have been given at least a ten (10) day written notice of the proposed amendment.
3. The amendment requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of acceptance by the members present.