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ARTICLE 1

Section 1: By Charter, the name of this Association is The Sussex County Branch of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association .

Section 2: For brevity, it will be recognized by the New Jersey Beekeepers Association as the "Sussex County Branch", and in this Constitution as simply the "Branch".

Section 3: The objectives of this Branch will coincide with those of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association.

ARTICLE 2 - Membership

Section 1: Membership requirements in this Branch will be the same as defined in the Constitution and By-Laws of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association.

ARTICLE 3 - Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Branch shall be a President, a First, a Second, and a Third Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer (or a Secretary and a Treasurer).

Section 2: The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Branch, and shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and its Executive Board. The President shall appoint such standing committees as are specified in the By-Laws and such special committees as required and shall be an ex-officio member of these committees.

Section 3: The Vice-Presidents, in the absence or disability of the President shall perform the functions of the office of the President, and will succeed each other in numerically ascending order. Each Vice-President shall have supervision of those committees as may be assigned by the President.

Section 4: The Secretary-Treasurer (or Secretary) shall keep a full and correct record of all meetings of the Branch, and shall conduct the correspondence of the Branch under the direction of the President. The Secretary-Treasurer (or Secretary) shall also give or cause to be given notice of all meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer (or Treasurer) shall

receive all monies and deposit same to the credit of the Branch in such depository as may be designated by the Executive Board. The Secretary-Treasurer (or Treasurer) shall pay all bills subject to approval by the Executive Board, and shall submit at the Annual Meeting Reports of the activities and of the financial status of the Branch.

ARTICLE 4 - Executive Board

Section 1: The Executive Board shall consist of the President, the three Vice Presidents, the Secretary-Treasurer (or the Secretary and the Treasurer), the two immediate past presidents and the Chairpersons of all committees.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the President and shall have the power to transact all routine business of the Branch. It shall meet at least once every three months.

ARTICLE 5 - Election of Officers

Section 1: The President, three Vice-Presidents and the Secretary-Treasurer (or the Secretary and the Treasurer) shall be elected at the annual meeting, assume office at the end of the annual meeting, and hold their offices until their successors have been elected. No member shall hold the same office for more than two successive years, other than that of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2: Three months prior to the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three or more members who shall present their nominations at the annual meeting. These, together with any nominations made from the floor will be voted upon. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared duly elected and shall assume office at the close of the annual meeting.

Section 3: When there is more than one candidate for an office, election will be by secret ballot, and the President shall appoint three members to act as tellers who shall count the ballots and announce the results. When there is only one candidate for an office, the Secretary-Treasurer (or the Secretary) shall cast the ballot upon approval of a motion to that effect.

Section 4: Vacancies due to absence or nonperformance shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 6 - Amendments

Section 1: Articles and By-Laws of this Constitution must not be incompatible with the Constitution of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association, and in instances where conflict may occur, change of the Branch Constitution is automatic.

Section 2: Any amendment to this Constitution or associated By-Laws

must first be presented by a member in writing at a regular meeting of the Branch Executive Board for consideration. Upon approval of the proposed amendment by a 2/3 majority of the Board, the proposed amendment will be submitted to the Executive Board of the State Association and to the membership of this Branch for ratification at a subsequent Branch meeting held not less than sixty days thereafter. All members shall be notified of the proposed amendment. This amendment to become effective must be approved by at least 2/3 vote of the members present at that Branch meeting.

ARTICLE_7 - Dissolution

Section 1: Upon dissolution, all books, records, and monies of the Branch shall become the property of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association. In the event of the dissolution of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association, the Branch becomes autonomous, and dissolves this Constitution and By-Laws.

B Y -- L A W S

ARTICLE_1 - Membership

Section 1: The categories of membership shall be as stipulated in the By-Laws of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association.

ARTICLE_2 - Dues

Section 1: Membership dues shall be as stipulated in the By-Laws of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association.

ARTICLE_3 - Meetings

Section 1: The annual meeting of the Branch shall be held during the last quarter of the year; the date and place to be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Field meetings shall be held as determined by the Executive Board.

Section 3: A quorum at any meeting shall consist of not less than one fifth of the total Branch membership or 15 members, whichever is less. A quorum of the Executive Board shall not be less than three.

ARTICLE_4 - Committees

Section 1: The President shall appoint the following standing committees: Membership, Program, Publicity, Auditing.

Section 2: The Membership Committee shall bring the advantage of

membership to the attention of candidates and shall take such other measures it may consider advisable to interest prospective members.

Section 3: The Publicity Committee shall have charge of dissemination of information regarding the activities of the Branch to acquaint the public with beekeeping, honey and other related bee products.

Section 4: The Audit Committee of two members shall audit the books annually and report at the annual meeting.

Section 5: Special committees may be appointed by the President, as required, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

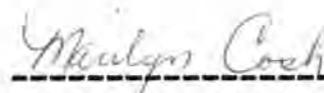
=====DATES OF REVISION AND APPROVAL BY BRANCH=====

Ratification by Charter: February 17, 1968.

Amendments to Constitution & By-Laws read and adopted by S.C.B.A. General Membership: January 19, 1985.

Ratification by S.C.B.A. General Membership: March , 1985.

Notice is hereby given that the above Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sussex County Branch of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association (known as: The Sussex County Beekeepers Association) was introduced and passed by the General Membership at the regular meeting of the Sussex County Beekeepers Association held on January 19, 1985. It will be considered for final passage at a regular meeting of the Sussex County Beekeepers Association General Membership, held not less than sixty (60) days after the first reading, or as soon thereafter as same can be considered. Copies of said Constitution and By-Laws will be available to the General Membership and public who shall request the same.



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Secretary-Treasurer