

Columbia Gorge Beekeepers Association Articles of Incorporation

ARTICLE 1 – TITLE

The name of this nonprofit organization will be Columbia Gorge Beekeepers Association (CGBA).

ARTICLE 2 – REGISTERED AGENT

Section 1: Dr. M. J. Zip Krummel

ARTICLE 3 – ADDRESS OF REGISTERED AGENT

Section 1: 1215 29th St., Hood River, OR 97031

ARTICLE 4 – ADDRESS FOR MAILING NOTICES

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ARTICLE 5 – OPTIONAL PROVISIONS

Section 1: Purpose

The organization seeks to unite the beekeepers of the greater Columbia Gorge area. Its functions are to create a social environment in which to train and nurture new and existing beekeepers in both the art and science of beekeeping, and to provide educational opportunities around all aspects of raising and promoting beekeeping.

Section 2: Organization

5.2.1 CBA is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, and/or social purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to such organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

5.2.2 No part of the net earnings of the organization will inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, trustees, or other private persons, except that the organization will be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of this organization.

5.2.3 No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

5.2.4 The personal liability to the corporation or its members, for monetary or other damages, of each member of the Board of Directors and each uncompensated officer of the corporation for conduct as a director or officer shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by current or future law.

5.2.5 The power to amend the Bylaws of this organization is through the voting membership. The requirement is two-thirds vote with previous notification, majority without previous notification.

5.2.6 No official business can be conducted at a meeting without a quorum (majority) of Officers present. If decisions are made via email, all Officers must be included in all emails. The Secretary and President will confirm the final vote if voting was required.

Section 3: Affiliation

5.3.1 The organization is formed as a branch of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association

(OSBA). Its affiliation is formed by virtue of meeting requirements of the OSBA affiliation agreement. By meeting such requirements, the organization claims all privileges with such affiliation and therefore represents all members for such purposes.

5.3.2 The organization encourages individual beekeepers to also become members of and to support the Oregon State Beekeepers Association by submission of their own dues and/or contributions.

ARTICLE 6 – TYPE OF CORPORATION/ORGANIZATION

Section 1: CGBA is a Public Benefit Corporation/Organization.

ARTICLE 7 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: CGBA is a membership corporation/organization

Section 2: Members

Any person who has an interest in bees and/or beekeeping may be a member by submitting a membership form, paying the required dues, and agreeing to be governed by these articles of incorporation and the bylaws. Membership ceases upon the anniversary of the annual dues payment, by written notification to the CGBA Board, or through Board action.

Section 3: Anti-Discrimination and Harassment

The organization is committed in all of its meetings, programs, functions, and social areas (including official online activities) to provide an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment. Discrimination and harassment based upon an individual's race, religion, color, sex, marital status, familial status, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or source of income or any legally protected characteristics will not be tolerated. All members and attendees at any and all official or related CGBA activities are expected and required to abide by this policy.

ARTICLE 8 – DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

Section 1: Upon the dissolution of the Columbia Gorge Beekeepers Association, assets shall be distributed by the Executive Board to one or more (bee related) exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of appropriate jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE 9 – INCORPORATOR

Section 1: The Incorporators of CGBA are: Dr. M.J. Zip Krummel, James Lombardo, Patricia Case, Ramona Tamiyasu, and Charlie Vanden Heuvel. These names also comprise the initial/ interim Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 10 – EXECUTION

M.J. Zip Krummel _____

James Lombardo _____

Patricia Case _____

Ramona Tamiyasu _____

Charlie Vanden Heuvel _____

ARTICLE 11 – CONTACT NAME

Dr. M. J. Zip Krummel