ALAMEDA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

Article 1
Name:
This association shall be known as "The Alameda County Beekeepers Association."

Article 2
Purpose:
The purpose of this association shall be to foster the education, advancement and aid of its members in matters relating to the practical and scientific apiculture.

Article 3
Membership:
Section 1. Any person may apply for membership and become an active member by paying annual dues.

Section 2. No discrimination shall be shown towards individual members or applicants for membership because of race, religious faith, or political activities or beliefs.

Section 3. Membership may be subject to investigation by the membership committee and vote by the regular members.

Section 4. Any person who has served the Alameda County Beekeepers Association or beekeeping in general, long and faithfully, may be honored with an honorary membership by a two-thirds vote of members present. The name of a candidate for honorary membership must be presented at a meeting prior to voting.

Article 4
Meetings:
Regular meetings of the association shall be held each calendar month. Failure of the officers to call such meeting shall be sufficient reason for ten percent or more of the members in good standing to organize themselves as a committee and call a special meeting to carry out the provisions of the constitution and by-laws.

Article 5
Officers:
Section 1. The elected officers of this association shall be: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer.

Section 2. They shall be elected by a majority vote of the members in good standing, present and voting. A quorum of no less than ten percent of the association's membership must be present at a regular meeting for the election of officers.

Section 3. The officers shall each be elected by secret ballot to serve for a period of 12 months from date of January to December of the calendar year until their successors are elected to office. They shall serve without compensation.
Section 4. The president shall preside at meetings, direct the meeting in an orderly manner, introduce speakers and guests, call for the reading of the minutes of previous meetings, present matters of business, read any resolution offered of motion, and submit them to the meeting for action.

Section 5. The vice-president shall act on the absence of the president and perform duties assigned by the president.

Section 6. The secretary shall perform duties normally associated with this position, such as recording the minutes of membership meetings, etc or as otherwise directed by the president.

Section 7. The treasurer shall have charge of all funds, and shall deposit them in the name of the association in banks, have authority to sign checks for disbursement of the association funds when co-signed by the president or the vice-president. Any two of the above mentioned three officers may co-sign checks. The treasurer shall also render monthly reports of finances and cooperate with the secretary to insure that all invoices and obligations of the association be paid.

Article 6

Dissolution:

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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.

Article 7

Amendments:
This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a majority of members present at a regular meeting, with a quorum of no less than ten percent of the qualified members present and voting, written notice having been read and filed with the secretary at a previous meeting.
Meetings:
With or without notice, members of the association shall meet regularly at least once monthly, at a time and place agreed, unless otherwise provided. The regular meeting is now designated as the second Tuesday of each calendar month at Lakeside Park, Rotary Nature Center, 600 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland California 94610, on the shore of Lake Merritt.

Election of Officers:
At the regular meeting in November of each year, a nominating committee shall submit names for officers. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor. The candidates will be elected by majority vote of the members present and voting at the December meeting. A committee of three, appointed by the president, shall check the members voting and count the ballots.

Reports:
Minutes of previous meetings, committee reports, and announcements should be available prior to the next meeting. On the last regular meeting date of each calendar year, the retiring officers shall make a report of the essential matters in their office, with such recommendations, comments, etc. as they may desire.

Dues:
Without special notice, each member shall pay annual dues to the treasurer, to be used exclusively for expenses of the association. All dues shall become payable as of January first (1st) of each year. Failure to pay dues shall suspend the member from voting or holding office. Delinquency of dues exceeding three months shall result in forfeiture of membership benefits. Dues are to be set by a vote of members, to be tallied at the December meeting. The amount of dues will be determined based on the financial needs of the association for the following year. Monies collected for dues will go into the general fund. Any monies received by the treasurer for a special fund shall be so noted in the treasurer's report.

Committees:
The president shall appoint the following standing committees: Auditing, Correspondence, Fair or Exhibit(s), Nominating Committees and the Picnic.

Procedure:
When not in conflict with the constitution and the by-laws, the procedures of all meetings of the association shall be guided and governed by "Robert's Rules of Order", a copy of which shall be kept for ready reference by the secretary. The order of business may be altered by majority vote of members present.
We, the undersigned severally, as officers of the Alameda County Beekeepers Association, for our successors, and as individual members subscribe to the constitution and by-laws.

Date: 8 Jan 19
President – Ronni Brega

Date: 3 Jan 19
Vice President – Jerry Przybylski

Date: 8 Jan 2019
Treasurer – Jon Frisch

Date: 1-8-19
Secretary – Susan Kuchinskas