

Constitution of the Hendrix Beekeeping Society (HBS)

Preamble

We, the founders of Hendrix Beekeeping Society, in order to better serve and inform the Student Body, do establish this Constitution to provide a framework for Hendrix Beekeeping activities. In forming this organization, it is the goal of the founders to establish and maintain honey bee hives in order to educate, and provide recreation for, the students, faculty, and staff that make up the Hendrix College Community. It is with this hope that we do hereby establish this Constitution of the Hendrix Beekeeping Society.

ARTICLE I: Name and Composition

Section 1. Name and abbreviation

The Hendrix Beekeeping Society shall be abbreviated by the acronym HBS.

Section 2. Composition of the HBS

The HBS shall be composed of two membership areas: Officers and Active Members.

There shall also be one faculty advisor.

Officers: There shall be four Officers: one Chair, one Vice-Chair, one Hive Log Manager and one Hive Equipment Manager.

Active Members: Any member of the Hendrix Student Body may be an Active Member. There shall be no set limit on the number of Active Members.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

Section 1.

The HBS shall establish and maintain honey bee hives on or near the Hendrix College campus. These hives shall serve as an educational tool and recreational activity for Society members as well as interested members of the Hendrix Community.

Section 2.

The HBS shall educate and inform members of the Hendrix Community about bees and beekeeping through informational meetings, guest speakers, and active participation of Hendrix students and staff in hive maintenance and honey collection.

ARTICLE III: Member Responsibilities

Section 1. Officer Responsibilities

Chair: The Chair shall be responsible for overseeing HBS meetings as well as coordinating the activities of the other executive members. The Chair shall meet with the

other Officers no less than once per week in order to assess progress and give assistance. He/She shall also meet with the faculty advisor on an as-needed basis to consult with the advisor and brief him/her on the status of HBS activities.

Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair shall work in partnership with the Chair to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in the “Chair” description above. The Vice-Chair shall also serve in place of the Chair during meetings with executive officers, HBS active members, and the HBS faculty advisor if the Chair is away or unable to fulfill these responsibilities.

Hive Log Manager: The Hive Log Manager shall record and keep minutes at all HBS meetings and shall be responsible for the maintenance and storage of Hive Logs. He/She shall train active members to accurately record data from each hive in log books for every hive check-up and ensure that data collection actually occurs. He/She shall be responsible for giving a status report of all hives at the weekly executive officer meeting.

Hive Equipment Manager: The Hive Equipment Manager shall be responsible for the maintenance and storage of all HBS materials as well as the production and acquisition of new materials as necessary. To facilitate this function, the Hive Equipment Manager shall be the guardian of HBS funds and shall maintain a positive balance on all HBS accounts. He/She shall present a current statement of accounts as well as an accurate inventory at every executive officer meeting.

Faculty Advisor: The role of the Faculty Advisor is to be available to answer any pertinent questions or give advice as necessary. The faculty member shall not be obliged to participate in all meetings or activities but should maintain a working knowledge of HBS activities in order to serve as a meaningful advisor to the club. The faculty advisor thereby may choose his/her level of activity in HBS as long as the above requirements are met.

Section 2. Active Member Responsibilities

All Active Members shall be assigned to work under the direction of one of the Officers according to the interest of the member and the needs of the Officers. They shall be responsible for assisting in the maintenance of HBS hives by participating in hive check-ups and the production of new hive materials. All Active Members are asked to attend HBS meetings and meet privately with the Officers as needed. Failure to do so for an extended period of time would be cause for removal from the Active Members list. Active members may be asked to contribute money in the form of dues to offset the costs of production and distribution.

ARTICLE IV: Election and Removal of Officers

Section 1. Election of Officers

HBS Officer elections shall be held the Thursday immediately following the Hendrix College Student Senate transition meeting in the second semester. Officers wishing to

continue in their roles may do so upon the approval of the Active Members. Should the vote to retain the Officer in question fail or should an Officer step down, nominations for the position shall be submitted during the 48 hours following the failed vote and nominees shall be voted on by the Active Members on the following Thursday.

Section 2. Removal of Officers

If an Officer is deemed to be irreconcilably lax in his/her duties by an Active Member or another Officer, they may be removed by a 2/3-majority vote of the Active Members. This vote may be initiated by a petition of at least 1/5 of the Active Members or by a 3/4-majority vote of the Officers.

Section 3. Replacement of Officers

In the event of an Officer leaving or being removed, nominations to fill the role will be given by Active Members at the next meeting and voted upon by the Active Members exactly one week after said meeting.

ARTICLE V: Amendments

Section 1.

Additions or amendments to the HBS constitution shall be presented at any HBS meeting by a petition of four or more Active Members. The petition shall be discussed and must pass with a 2/3rds majority of the Active Members.

Section 2.

In order to maintain the highest standards of safety for beekeepers as well as other people who might come in contact with HBS hives, all hive locations shall be cleared with the VP for Business and Finance and/or Director of the Physical Plant before any bees shall be placed in the hives. In addition, all students, faculty, and staff members who interact directly with HBS bees shall do so only after having received HBS safety training to the satisfaction of one of the Officers or the faculty advisor or while under the supervision of a trained HBS member. A book of all trained HBS member shall be kept and maintained by the Hive Log Manager. All HBS members shall maintain hives to the standards outlined in the bee handbook *Beekeeping for Dummies*.