

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
LEWIS COUNTY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**

We, the undersigned, acting as the incorporators of a corporation under the provisions of the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act (Chapter 24.03 of the Revised Code of Washington), hereby sign and verify the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

Article I: Name

The name of the corporation shall be Lewis County Beekeepers' Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

Article II: Duration

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

Article III: Registered Office and Agent

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation shall be

WSU Lewis County Extension Office
351 NW North Street
Chehalis, WA 98532

The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at such address shall be

Susanne M. Weil

Article IV: Purposes and Powers

Section 1. Purposes. The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, scientific, or educational and consist of the following:

A. Promote the gentle art and science of beekeeping, primarily to commercial and hobby beekeepers and to the general public. It will provide information and support to members interested in developing and maintaining bee colonies, both by linking experienced members as "mentors" to beginners and by offering educational programs, workshops, and resources at monthly meetings.

B. When appropriate, the Corporation shall provide educational programs associated with the Washington State Beekeepers' Association Master Beekeepers Educational program and outreach to non-members interested in becoming beekeepers.

C. The Corporation shall cooperate with the Washington State University Extension Service, other universities, the Washington State Department of Agriculture, the Washington State Beekeeper's Association, the Western Apiculture Society, and the Lewis County Farm Bureau, and other local and national beekeeping associations to provide the latest beekeeping information.

D. To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

F. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments, or agencies.

Section 2. Powers. In general, and subject to such limitations and conditions as are or may be prescribed by law, or in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, the Corporation shall have all powers which now or hereafter are conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the purposes set forth above, or are necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred, or are conducive to the attainment of the Corporation's purposes.

Article V: Limitations

All of the purposes and powers of the Corporation shall be exercised exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes in such manner that the Corporation shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or any successor provision, and that contributions to the Corporation shall be deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code or any successor provision.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as otherwise permitted to an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or any successor provision. 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 provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or any successor provision, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code or any successor provision.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable, to its members (if any), directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation is authorized or empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes.

Upon the winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to an organization or organizations, as determined by the Board of Directors, that recognized as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or any successor provision, and used exclusively to accomplish the purposes for which this Corporation is organized.

Article VI: Members

The qualifications of members, if any, the application process, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members and their liability for dues and assessments, and the method of collection thereof, shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

Article VII: Directors

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be five (5) directors. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Robert Harris	765 North Fork Road, Chehalis, WA 98532
Susanne M. Weil	191-25 Clark Road, Onalaska, WA 98570
Norman Switzler	2802 Fords Prairie Avenue, Centralia, WA 98531
Sarah Roebas	P.O. Box 771, Tenino, WA 98589
Brandy Jean Demelt	P.O. Box 57, Cinebar WA 98533

The powers and duties, number, qualifications, terms of office, manner of election, time and criteria for removal of directors shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Article VIII: Director Liability Limitations

A director shall have no liability to the Corporation for monetary damages for conduct as a director, except for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by the director, or a knowing violation of law by a director, where the director votes or assents to a distribution which is unlawful or violates the requirements of these articles of incorporation, or for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director is not legally entitled. If the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act is hereafter amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director shall be eliminated or limited to the full extent permitted by the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act, as so amended. Any repeal or modification of this Article shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification for or with respect to an act or omission of such director occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

Article IX: Indemnification

Section 1. Right to Indemnification. Each person who was, or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved (including, without limitation, as a witness) in any actual or threatened action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Corporation or, while a director or officer, he or she is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent or in any other capacity while serving as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Corporation, to the full extent permitted by applicable law as then in effect, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorney's

fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts to be paid in settlement) actually and reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection therewith, and such indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators; provided, however, that except as provided in Section 2 of this Article with respect to proceedings seeking solely to enforce rights to indemnification, the Corporation shall indemnify any such person seeking indemnification in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person only if such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the board of directors of the Corporation. The right to indemnification conferred in this Section 1 shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the Corporation the expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition; provided, however, that the payment of such expenses in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such director or officer, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined that such director or officer is not entitled to be indemnified under this Section 1 or otherwise.

Section 2. Right of Claimant to Bring Suit. If a claim for which indemnification is required under Section 1 of this Article is not paid in full by the Corporation within sixty (60) days after a written claim has been received by the Corporation, except in the case of a claim for expenses incurred in defending a proceeding in advance of its final disposition, in which case the applicable period shall be twenty (20) days, the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Corporation to recover the unpaid amount of the claim and, to the extent successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting such claim. The claimant shall be presumed to be entitled to indemnification under this Article upon submission of a written claim (and, in an action brought to enforce a claim for expenses incurred in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition, where the required undertaking has been tendered to the Corporation), and thereafter the Corporation shall have the burden of proof to overcome the presumption that the claimant is not so entitled. Neither the failure of the Corporation (including its board of directors, independent legal counsel or its members, if any) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of or reimbursement or advancement of expenses of the claimant is proper in the circumstances nor an actual determination by the Corporation (including its board of directors, independent legal counsel or its members, if any) that the claimant is not entitled to indemnification or to the reimbursement or advancement of expenses shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that the claimant is not so entitled.

Section 3. Nonexclusivity of Rights. The right to indemnification and the payment of expenses incurred in defending a proceeding in advance of its final disposition conferred in this Article shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, agreement, vote of members, if any, or disinterested directors or otherwise.

Section 4. Insurance, Contracts and Funding. The Corporation may maintain insurance at its expense to protect itself and any director, trustee, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such persons against such expense, liability or loss under the Washington Business Corporation Act, as applied to nonprofit corporations. The Corporation may, without further membership action, enter into contracts with any director or officer of the Corporation in furtherance of the provisions of this Article and may create a trust fund, grant a security interest or use other means (including, without limitation, a letter of credit) to ensure the payment of such amounts as may be necessary to effect indemnification as provided in this Article.

Section 5. Indemnification of Employees and Agents of the Corporation. The Corporation may, by action of its Board of Directors from time to time, provide indemnification and pay expenses in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding to employees and agents of the Corporation with the same scope and effect as the provisions of this Article with respect to the indemnification and advancement of expenses of directors and officers of the Corporation or pursuant to rights granted pursuant to, or provided by, the Washington Business Corporation Act, as applied to nonprofit corporations, or otherwise.

Article X: Bylaws

Initial Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation at their first regular meeting, so long as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles. The authority to alter, amend or repeal bylaws is vested in the membership as per Article XI of the Bylaws.

Article XI – Amendments

Section 1. Changes in these Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds majority of members in good standing present and voting at any membership meeting or by a two-thirds majority of all votes cast in a mail ballot, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to every member at least one month before the last date to return ballots in the case of a mail ballot or thirty days in advance of a regular or special meeting.

Article XI: Incorporator[s]

The name and address of the incorporators of the Corporation are as follows:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation at _____ am/pm on this _____ day of _____, 20____, acknowledging that this document is hereby executed under penalties of perjury, and is, to the best of our knowledge, true and correct.

Robert Harris, President

Norman Switzler, Vice President

Susanne M. Weil, Secretary

Sarah Roebas, Treasurer

Brandy Jean Demelt, Mentorship Coordinator