

Constitution of the Black Canyon Homebrewers Association (BCHA)

Article I: Name & Objectives

The name of this club shall be the **Black Canyon Homebrewers Association** herein referred to as “the club”.

The purpose of the club shall be:

1. Provide education to its members and the public about home brewing
2. Promote social events, competitions, and the free exchange of brewing knowledge from novice to experienced brewers
3. Promote the economic viability of locally crafted beers in the Uncompahgre Valley

Some Objectives:

- Participate in an Oktoberfest and May Day event for education and fundraising, as well as participate in competitions
- Invite guest speakers
- Summer Picnic, Christmas Party
- Beer of the season competition for members with awards
- Road trips (pub crawls)

Article II: Qualifications for Membership

Membership in the club shall be open to anyone who is interested in beer or homebrewing. Active members shall be in good standing in accordance with any bylaws or policies. They shall have the right to vote, hold office, and have full benefits and privileges of membership as are instituted by the club. Dues will be determined annually and will be due by April 1st of the fiscal year. Members’ spouses or significant others are encouraged to attend all social events and welcome to participate, but will not have voting privileges. A nominal fee may be charged for non-member attendees of competitions, brew meetings and educational meetings. Any member can be removed without cause with a quorum vote.

Article III: Officers, Elections, and Duties

Section 1: Officers

The officers of the club shall consist of the President (Primary Fermenter), Vice President (Secondary Fermenter), Secretary (Brew Lagger), Treasurer (Air Lock), and Website Manager (Carboy). For the purpose of non-profit status and filing, all elected officers shall be considered Directors.

Section 2: Elections

Officers shall be elected annually by the membership at the March meeting. Each Officer will

hold the office for one fiscal year beginning April 1st. An officer can be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the members whenever it is judged to be in the best interest of the club without prejudice to the person removed. A newly elected officer shall serve the balance of the un-expired term.

Section 3: Duties of Officers

PRIMARY FERMENTER: The President shall:

- Preside over club meetings
- Appoint interim presiding official in his/her absence
- Appoint committees and chairmen as necessary
- Solicit agenda items for meetings

SECONDARY FERMENTER: The Vice President shall:

- Handle all club correspondence with outside interests
- Issue club membership cards
- Handle all club publications except newsletter
- Solicit guest speakers
- Point of contact for interested members/recruitment
- Competition organizer

BREW LAGGER: The Secretary shall:

- Maintain all club records and calendar of events/meetings
- Maintains club membership listing (database)
- Prints membership cards

AIRLOCK: The Treasurer shall:

- Handle all club funds and maintain the club accounts
- Prepare an annual financial report for the membership
- Pay all club bills upon their approval by the board
- Send out reminders of club dues balances

CARBOY: The Website Manager shall:

- Maintains website and email list
- Edits and posts newsletter to website

Article IV: Meetings

Section 1: Monthly Meetings

The club will hold monthly meetings at the association's designated site. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the officers. Meetings shall be open to all members, their guests, and prospective new members. Date, time, and place of each meeting shall be announced ahead of time via email, social media, and/or similar methods. Minutes of each meeting shall be recorded, reviewed, approved, and stored on the website.

Section 2: Quorum

A majority vote of a 6-pack (members) other than the presiding officer shall be necessary to conduct business.

Article V: Finances

Dues shall be assessed annually in an amount determined by vote of the membership. Dues shall be pro-rated for incoming members. Partial payments will not be accepted.

Article VI: Amendments to this Constitution

From time to time, it may be necessary to amend the Constitution. Any member may propose a change to the Constitution at a regular meeting or by email. The proposed change to the Constitution will be reported to all members by email. The proposed change will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting. After the presentation, the attendance shall vote on the proposed change provided there is a quorum. The change will be added to the Constitution if it is approved by a two-thirds majority.

Article VII: Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the Directors shall dispose of all its assets to an educational or scientific institution that is exempt from taxation under the then current code of the Internal Revenue Service. Preference shall be to an institution with similar objectives.