



Pinellas Beekeepers Association Inc. (PBA)
Apiary located at Great Bay Distributors Inc.
2750 Eagle Ave North, St. Petersburg, FL 33716

The primary goal of PBA for this location is to provide it's members with a safe location to place a limited number of hives, have restricted access to the hives to maintain and promote the health and growth of honey bees, allowing pollination to surrounding vegetation and to harvest their honey. Secondary, PBA will use the land to offer community businesses and individuals the opportunity to Sponsor/Adopt a Beehive, supporting education, growth and health of our local honey bees.

PBA - Great Bay Apiary Agreement.

Placement of Hives:

1. Be a current paid PBA member.
2. Sign and maintain on file a PBA release of liability and hold harmless waiver.
3. Be a current registered Florida State Beekeeper. (copy required)
4. Hives must be marked with proper FL State Registered identifying number.
5. Provide proof of last hive inspection.
6. No Africanized Bees or hot, aggressive hives permitted - If hive develops evidence of Africanization the hive must be re-queened within 7 days with a Queen from a certified Queen Breeder or removal of the hive will be required.

Maintenance and Upkeep:

1. PBA will supply a 10' hive stand and assign placement of stand for hives.
2. Member may not move location of hive without notification and approval from PBA Apiary Manager.
3. Members are responsible to maintain their hives to keep to a minimum the spread of hive beetles, varroa mites, and any other diseases. Treatment or removal of hive may be determined by the Apiary Manager &/or Board.
4. Members must inspect and maintain their hives at a minimum, once a month. Your hive will be considered abandoned if after 2 months no inspection has been made. You will receive written notice and must reply and inspect hive within 14 days or hives/bees will become property of PBA.
5. Surrounding and immediate area must be kept clean and free of debris and excess equipment.
6. Members agree to assist with mowing of grass, area clean up, etc as needed or requested by Apiary Manager.
7. Members names with emergency phone & email contacts will be made available to PBA and Great Bay Distributors.

Apiary Access:

1. Apiary will be kept under lock and key at all times. No admittance to Apiary unless accompanied by an authorized member of PBA. Any guests in the apiary are required to sign waiver before entering.
2. Weather permitting, the Apiary will be available a minimum of 2 times a month. Dates and Times may be determined by the members with the approval of the Apiary Manager and will be posted on the PBA website.
3. Special issue admittance may be accommodated for upon request and approval of Apiary Manager or PBA Board.

Loss of Bees:

1. PBA is not responsible for the loss of hive due to swarms, absconding bees or any other reason.
2. Swarm boxes will be placed within area but unless the queen is identifiable by specific markings any and all swarms either found in boxes or surrounding area will become the property of PBA.

Member Costs and limitations:

1. \$75.00 non refundable per year for a 10' hive stand. (stand can accommodate up to 5 full hives) No double stacked colonies allowed.
2. Renewals are due yearly on the first day of the month following the member's GB apiary anniversary date. If payment is not received by the 31st of that month a notice will be sent to member. Payment must be made or removal of hives within 14 days of notice or hives will become property of PBA.
3. Limit of 2 hive stands per member, subject to change.
4. Placing hives at the PBA GB Apiary is at your own risk. We encourage each member to maintain their own insurance.
5. PBA reserves the right to require a member to remove their hives within 14 days with written notification.
6. This Agreement and/or requirements are subject to change without notification and at the discretion of the PBA board.

Apiary Manager responsibilities:

- Liaison and/or Apiary Manager to Great Bay Distributors is an appointed board position.
- Keep accurate records of members & PBA hives, location within Apiary & inspection dates of hives.
- Accept, record and forward to Treasurer any payments received.
- Maintain and verify PBA waiver is signed by all entering into Apiary.
- Set Dates and Times of member admittance, clean up/work days.
- Maintain keys/codes and logs to Apiary, assign additional gate key code to limited number of apiary assistants. Inform Great Bay Liaison of any changes to be reported to Great Bay Distributors.
- Overall maintenance and health of property.
- Emergency contact, may assign additional contacts if needed.

Sponsor/Adopt a Beehive Program Hives

- Hives will be the property of PBA and will reside in a segregated area from member hives.
- Details of program will be observed as set forth in the Sponsor/Adopt a Beehive Agreement.

I _____ agree to the terms of this Agreement for use of the GB Apiary.
Print Name

By signing below, I understand that the maintenance of my hives placed at the Apiary are my responsibility and should I not continue my PBA membership, annual hive stand fee, maintain my hives, or inspect my hives as outlined in this agreement I will forfeit ownership of any and all equipment including bees to PBA. I may remove my hives at my discretion upon notification to the Apiary Manager or PBA Board.

Signature of Member

Dated: _____

Florida State Beekeepers Registration Number _____

Date Hives placed at Apiary _____

Accepted by: _____

___ I have provided a signed PBA release of liability, waiver of claims, express assumption of risks and hold harmless agreement.