Plymouth County Beekeepers Assoc.
Executive Board Minutes
October 2, 2025

Call to Order: 7:00 PM
Location: Hanson Clubhouse

In Attendance: Richard Lomba, Bonnie Benford, Patrick Duffy, Greg Corrieri, Lee Burton, Helen Schoonover, Matthew Leighton, Victoria McDonough, Chuck Shea

Agenda Items:

No minutes from September meeting to approve

Membership policy reviewed: we are returning to a one-year membership renewal system, beginning 11/1/25. New members who joined in 2025 must renew by 12/31/25 for 2026 membership year, regardless of which month they joined, with the exception of new registering bee school students this winter. Membership to be notified by email and Facebook.

Financial update provided and reviewed on screen by Matthew Leighton, Treasurer.

Expenses were reviewed, area of concern discussed was food pantry donations in the amount of $5,500 annually – deemed to be an excessive amount and not aligned with our mission. Discussion about better use of those funds toward educational opportunities and club events for members versus blindly donating to food pantries we are not connected to simply because we have always done it. Hanson Food Pantry would stay as is at $1,000. Will revisit next meeting and put to vote.

Monthly Program update was provided and reviewed.

Bee School subcommittee meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 14th at Clubhouse 6PM. If possible in budget, bee biology posters with development timelines could be given to students for reference. Need to vote on the added expense of $250. Bee School Information Night to be held on November 19th at Hanover location.

Other Business:
Upcoming holiday party needs coordinators – a volunteer committee was formed with Lee, Vicky, and Helen who will meet to discuss details. Need to determine contact person at Camp Kiwanee to finalize table counts, etc. Permit to be pulled for liquor license, etc. Lee will reach out to Ann for info. Advertising for party should be ramped up to hopefully attract more (and new) attendees, via email and Facebook. Board members who wish to bring an entrée to contribute to a “main meal are welcome to, and the pot luck items will contribute to the spread as they always have with desserts and appetizers being popular in the past.

Lee inquired about disposal of old unused appliances in the clubhouse – Greg Corrieri recommended contacting a Brockton scrapyard that may take for free, but we would need to transport. Tabled for further discussion next meeting if anyone has ideas.

Next meeting November 6, 2025 7:00 PM

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Submitted by:

Lee Burton, Vice President