

July 23, 2026

Marin County Beekeepers Association Board Meeting (by Zoom)

Attendees: Gary Denison, Jim Lawson, Dana Pepp, Justin Strom, Tom Pillsbury, Paul Reulbach

Agenda

1. Review and approval of June Board minutes
2. Review and approval of July board activity
3. Communication about president/chair vacancy and MCBA voting
4. Treasurers report
5. Community outreach
6. Pot Luck on 8/6 at Log Cabin
7. Date of board retreat
8. Frequency and duration of meetings - board meetings
9. Frequency of member meetings
10. Storage of materials
11. Hive Dive - process, confirmation of attendees, potential revenue source
12. Budget for education
13. Swarm report - who responds when not a swarm
14. Use marinbees.org email

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Board Minutes

June 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order.

The first item of business was the recognition of the new Board Members as a result of the election held in accordance with Associations By-Laws during May 2006.

The following individuals were duly as elected to serve a two-year Board term expiring on June 30, 2028

President: Robert MacKimmie

Treasurer: Gary Denison

Secretary: David Potovsky

Co-Chairs for Community Outreach: Dana Pepp & Tom Pillsbury

Director of Beekeeper Education: Justin Strom

Membership Coordinator: Jim Lawson

The next item of business was agreeing upon a format for future monthly beekeeper meetings. It was agreed that time is needed before the meeting for members to socialize and welcome new members into the association. After receiving input from the board members, the motion was made to continue to hold meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and to adopt the following format:

- 6:00 PM – Members gather in the bar area for refreshments and an opportunity to socialize with fellow beekeepers.
- 6:30 PM – Meeting begins upstairs with a formal welcome and member introductions, hosted by Justin, Paul, Dana, and other board members.
- 7:00 PM – 7:15 PM – President's update on current hive conditions, seasonal beekeeping considerations, and words of wisdom.
- 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM – Featured educational lecture or presentation.

The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Dana and Tom then discussed the upcoming Marin County Fair and our Associations booth at the fair. Dana indicated that not all time slots have been signed up by members and that we need to have more members step forward. It was agreed to present this to members at the upcoming meeting and request sign ups.

It was also indicated that there will be a honey competition but our association is responsible for providing a non-biased judge for that contest. Some names were presented for consideration. Dana and Tom will select a judge based upon availability and willingness.

The logistic of setting up and tearing down the booth was discussed. Also, there will be a need to ensure that someone takes responsibility for the observation hive each evening.

Finally, it was discussed that Kids at the fair really enjoy our exhibit and historically we have distributed Bee stickers to the Kids. Our supplies of stickers are low. A motion was made to allow Dana to purchase stickers for the fair up to an amount of \$75 dollars. The motion was seconded and received unanimous consent.

Jim provided an update on the association's various email and databases and some of the challenges/issues with same.

Board members indicated a desire to continue with monthly meetings and ad hoc meetings as necessary. A discussion was had about whether some meetings could be via zoom, instead of in person. It was agreed that zoom would be an acceptable format but a preference was indicated for in person meetings.

June 18th was suggested for the next board meeting but the motion was tabled. However, Board members agreed to submit dates for their availability subsequent this meeting.

The meeting adjourned. The regular beekeeper meeting followed.

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Board Activity and updates

July 2026

The Board acknowledged that President-elect **Robert** rescinded his nomination prior to the start of his term. The Board formally accepted the rescission on **June 24, 2026**.

Secretary David Potovsky submitted his resignation from the Board.

The Board recognized the outstanding success of the **Marin County Fair** and expressed its appreciation to **Dana** and all volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

Gary presented the annual lease agreement for the Log Cabin meeting space, covering **12 monthly meetings**. The lease had been approved by the Board on **July 6, 2026**.

Gary presented a proposal for liability insurance covering meetings held at the Log Cabin. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board on **July 8, 2026**.

Gary submitted a proposal for **Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance** for Board consideration on **July 9, 2026**.

Justin submitted an educational program proposal for Board review and discussion.

Summary or key decisions

- Summarize the most important meeting outcomes

Action items

- ☐ Roles and responsibilities of board members - Paul to send draft to board
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Ideas for later

- Resource Library for members
- Member swag
- Other events we should participate in
- Refreshments at meetings
- Website refresh
- You Tube channel