

**Minutes of BCA Board of Directors and Attendees Meeting,
held on Tuesday 13th August 2024, via conference call.**

In Attendance:

The BCA Board members who were in attendance included;

Jack Welch, Melanie Mauser, Jerry Courson, John McCarthy, Bob Starzyk, Bill Gorman, Sid Meyer, Mike Meyer, Tim Turvey.

Therefore there were eight voting members in attendance.

Other regular attendees whom were present included; Chapter Co-Ordinator Anne Gibson. Chief Judge, Alan Oldfield. Assistant Chief Judge, Adam Martin. Absent from this meeting included, Bugle Editor, Pete Phillips and Cornerstone Group Manager, Mark Wheeler, whom sent in his apologies.

There was a total of twelve people on this conference call.

1. Secretary Report presented by John McCarthy.

John McCarthy commented that the Minutes from the 12th July 2024 meeting had been circulated to all BCA Board members and other attendees. He asked whether there were any comments for discussion arising from these minutes. There were none, therefore it was moved by Jerry Courson that the Secretary's report be accepted and it was seconded by Mike Meyer. The meeting approved them 8-0.

2. Treasurer's Report presented by Jerry Courson.

He made the following comments;

- a. That money is still coming in from the recent Strongsville National Meeting and the accounts associated with this are looking good.
- b. He further commented that the final Strongsville National Accounts will be presented by the end of September 2024.
- c. He further commented that the BCA has had a net membership gain of 12 members and this has been the first time since October 2022.
- d. Jack Welch commented that this is a good positive on membership and there is a noticeable increase of people using the BCA media sites.
- e. Jerry Courson commented that it was difficult to work out where this membership growth had come from.
- f. It was moved by John McCarthy that the Treasurer's report be accepted and was seconded by Melanie Mauser. The meeting approved them 8-0.

3. Personnel Committee:

Jack Welch commented that Tim Turvey had become the new Chairman of the Personnel Committee and had replaced Melanie Mauser. He went on to praise Melanie Mauser for the excellent work which she had done in this position.

4. Insurance, BCA Divisions, Other Clubs, Regions and Chapter Committees:

Jack Welch commented that there was nothing to report.

5. SOP Committee:

Bill Gorman commented that there was nothing to report.

6. National Meet Committee:

Sid Meyer has now been appointed Chairman of the National Meet Committee.

- a. He commented that Marck Barker is going well with the planning and organization of the 2025 National Meeting being held in Concord, North Carolina.
- b. Marck Barker requested that Board Members contact him once they have placed their hotel accommodation booking at the host hotel, which is the Embassy Suites by Hilton, in Concord.
- c. Sid Meyer went on to comment that the National Meet Committee is looking for a host Chapter, who is willing to host the 2027 National Meeting after the Central Ohio Chapter, which had showed interest in hosting this event, indicated that they were now not in a position to undertake this task.

7. National Chief Judge's Report:

- a. Alan Oldfield commented on the structure and the process of judging and the continuing process of restructuring and training. To support this work he asked that the Board appoint Bill Gorman to be the Chief of Judge Training and that Adam Martin be appointed as Chief Judge after the 2025 National Meeting.
- b. Jerry Courson moved the motion to make these two appointments and it was seconded by Sid Meyer, Vote was passed 9-0. Alan Oldfield has a vote.

8. Chapter and Region Co-Ordinator Report:

Anne Gibson commented that the Bonneville Chapter based in Utah is still going well and that Grant McAllister was the new Director.

She then commented that according to Paul Simons, the Nutmeg Chapter is no longer active. Jack Welch commented that since this comment had been made, he is working on getting this Chapter going again.

Anne Gibson continued on and summarized her work with the various chapters and divisions. This included;

- a. She spoke with Tim Postma from the West Michigan Chapter and he stated that this chapter was no longer active and should be removed from the BCA roster.
- b. Anne had made contact with the Carolina Chapter and their membership has dissolved and they had not had any meetings for the last three to four years. However they have \$9286.12 in funds, accumulated, mostly from the 2012 BCA National Meeting and were willing to talk to the BCA about handing over these funds.
- c. She continued to explain to the meeting that she was in the process of finding and appointing a new Regional Director for the Golden West and Four Corners Regions.
- d. Anne commented that the 65 GS Division no longer existed.

The meeting then discussed with Anne the concerns which they all have with bringing together the divisions which make up the BCA's pre-war cars and in particular the early Brass and Nickel era cars. There is considerable strength in the 1936-1938 Divisions and other Straight Eights entities and it is hoped that they can be linked and united with all other groups from these eras.

Jack Welch commented that he was working with various members to get this to happen. The meeting concluded this agenda item by stating their appreciation to Anne Gibson for the effort and work which she has put in to providing the Board and Club members with information and knowledge, as to the strengths and functionality of the Regions, Chapters and Divisions within the BCA. This work is still ongoing.

9. Finance Committee Report:

10. Jack Welch commented that he wanted to amalgamate the Strategic Planning Committee in with the Finance Committee.

Jerry Courson commented on having a new committee and getting the Strategic Plan and Budget in place.

11. Roster Committee/Membership Directory Handbook:

Jack Welch commented that John McCarthy would now be the Chairman of this committee. He further commented that there has been interest in updating and producing a new roster. John McCarthy asked Anne Gibson to join him on the committee, to which she agreed. The Board then discussed this further and comments included;

- a. Tim Turvey commented about the need to put up-to-date and current data together, which can be accessed online through the BCA website.
- b. Anne Gibson and Sid Meyer commented that it was possible to access vehicle data, make, model, year, ownership by whom, including city and state through the BCA website and Cornerstone, however it was questionable how up to-date and accurate this data was.
- c. Tim Turvey commented that in his opinion it was not very accurate.
- d. Anne Gibson commented about the need to put an article in the Bugle about how to access and use the roster.
- e. Alan Oldfield commented about members ability to remove and add vehicles whenever the need arises, which should enhance the accuracy of the roster. However he said that this was seldom done.
- f. Tim Turvey commented that the data base needs to be upgraded annually.
- g. Melanie Mauser commented that she thought that vehicle ownership was a requirement for renewing BCA membership.
- h. John McCarthy commented that the Chapters could assist the Board in keeping the data base accurate and current and this should be done annually by each Chapter Secretary and as part of their reporting.
- i. Anne Gibson agreed to add this into her Chapter reporting requirements.
- j. Tim Turvey commented on the need to promote and link Chapter and BCA memberships closer together, as many BCA members are not members of a Chapter. The Board needs to work on improving this.

12. Bugle Advisory Committee:

- a. Jack Welch commented that John McCarthy is now the Chairman of the Bugle Advisory Committee.
- b. John McCarthy commented that he had spoken to Pete Phillips about how were things going, as he saw it. Pete replied that they were okay.

13. Strategic Planning Committee:

Jerry Courson commented that he had nothing to report.

14. Membership Growth Committee:

- a. Melanie commented that she was pleased with the proposal to introduce a “Legacy Class” of newer Buicks into the judging structure.
- b. She further commented on the positive effect which social media is having on Buicks and the BCA.

15. Museum Committee:

- a. Bob Starzyk commented that he had nothing to report.

16. Old Business:

Jack Welch commented that there was nothing to report.

17. New Business:

- a. Jack Welch commented that John McCarthy has been appointed as liaison person with Cornerstone and the BCA.
- b. Alan Oldfield commented on “future classics” and in particular the Buick Cascada, Regal and Tourx and others, as a new class for these models. It is for models aged between 5 and 12 years old. Once they pass the 12 years old mark, they will join the traditional 400 point system. The class of car would be known as the “Legacy” class of vehicle.
- c. A motion to accept the Legacy class of vehicle into the BCA for judging was moved by Sid Meyer and seconded by Bob Starzyk. Motion was passed 9-0.
- d. Alan Oldfield talked about issues of organizing and running national meetings and having a document which outlines a time line to ensure smooth operation. Examples include, but were not limited to, hotel bookings, putting trophies together, organizing a show field, bus tours and financial time lines and management systems. It must be about and include accountability and responsibility.
- e. Sid Meyer commented that he was going to put together a document which includes all these comments, plus more. Jack Welch commented that this has mostly been done by Pat Wojahn from Denver and was available.
- f.

18. Meeting was Adjourned:

Moved by Sid Meyer. Seconded by: Jerry Courson.
Passed by 8-0.

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 17th September 2024. 7:10 (ET). 6:10 (CT).