

**Minutes of BCA Board of Directors and Attendees Meeting,
held on Tuesday 12th November 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, Tim Turvey. Absent Mike Meyer.

Therefore there were seven 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, Bugle Editor, Pete Phillips and Cornerstone Group Manager, Mark Wheeler.

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

1. Secretary's Report presented by John McCarthy.

John McCarthy commented that the Minutes from the 22nd October 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 Melanie Mauser. The meeting approved them 7-0.

2. Treasurer's Report presented by Jerry Courson.

He made the following comments;

- a. The income from the BCA operations lost money for the last two months. In particular, the Club lost \$5200 during the October month and \$2200 in September. This is not material and the BCA is still making money.
- b. He has opened checking accounts for the BCA and the Museum accounts at the Chase Bank. The signees for the BCA include myself, Jack Welch and Mike Meyer. The signees for the Museum accounts are Jack Welch and Bob Starzyk. All signees need to go to a Chase Bank before the 7th December and complete the paperwork.
- c. The Club paid \$778 for annual income taxes.
- d. The financial statement will be finalized once all the Strongsville Meeting accounts are in and completed.
- e. It was moved by Sid Meyer that the Treasurer's report be accepted and was seconded by John McCarthy. The meeting approved them 7-0.

3. Personnel Committee:

- a. Melanie Mauser and Tim Turvey discussed the overview of the current contracts.
- b. Sid Meyer commented that all personnel who are on two-year contracts have been completed and signed. This was supported by Jerry Courson.
- c. Jack Welch asked whether there are any personnel contracts due during 2025. Melanie Mauser commented that there were none.

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

Jack Welch commented that he is able to confirm the renewal of the Museum Director's insurance policy. Mark Wheeler confirmed that this insurance policy was renewed on November 6th 2024.

5. SOP Committee:

- a. Bill Gorman commented that SOP30 which explained how revenue is to be shared with the BCA and the host Chapter, was voted on and approved by the BOD during September 2024. This SOP will now be published in the December 2024 issue of the Buick Bugle and then added to the BCA Website.
- b. Jerry Courson asked about paying the NE Ohio Chapter the second half of their National Meeting profit share. He said that he wanted to set this up as an account payable for 2024.
- c. Jack Welch stated that he would like to pay NE Ohio Chapter now and not after the December Buick Bugle publication.
- d. Sid Meyer moved a motion to approve this payment now and it was seconded by Bob Starzyk. Motion was approved 7-0.
- e. Bill Gorman asked the question whether SOPs and any modifications to them have to be published in the Bugle, as there does not appear to be any SOP which covers this procedure. Therefore he proposed a new SOP31 procedure, which will say that any new SOP and subsequent modifications which have been approved must be published in the Bugle. Motion was moved by Jerry Courson and Seconded by Sid Meyer. Motion was approved 7-0.
- f. Bill Gorman commented on a problem which the Club has with SOP20, which relates to the 5013C, (Not for Profit document), which lists the State of California and not the State of Minnesota and this is written in section 6321 of the document.
- g. Jack Welch commented that this needs to be changed and whether this could be done easily or does it need more detail?
- h. Jerry Courson will take this to the BCA Attorney and get his opinion and get it changed.
- i. Bill Gorman commented that there was a need to update the BCA rules and regulations to come in-line with the revised Bugle advertising regulations which are currently published in the Bugle. At present every time we change advertising regulations, we have to change the BCA regulations, as the advertising information differs.
- j. Pete Phillips commented that the BCA rules and regulations should read; "please refer to the Bugle for current advertising rates, rules and regulations, when placing an advertisement-----".
- k. Jack Welch asked Bill Gorman to write out a revised rule, which would cover this situation and change the wording, as suggested, (or similar to what Pete Phillips said).
- l. Tim Turvey asked about how we arrived at the current rates and conditions.
- m. Melanie Mauser commented that we should invite Jerry Wilson to the next BOD meeting where we can discuss these issues.

6. National Meet Committee:

Sid Meyer commented that he had spoken to Pete Phillips about putting an advertisement in the Bugle every second publication, looking for possible National Meeting locations. This was agreed to and will be happening.

7. National Chief Judge's Report:

- a. Alan Oldfield commented that his "committee" will be meeting during the coming MCACN meeting to discuss "modified" judging.
- b. He further commented that this coming MCACN meeting was going to highlight 1968 Buicks and that the BCA will have a booth set up at this meeting.
- c. The BHA will have a 1970 Buick GS on display at this meeting.

8. Chapter and Region Co-Ordinator Report:

Anne Gibson commented that she was making progress on filling a Regional Director's vacancy.

9. Finance Committee Report:

Jerry Courson commented that he had nothing to report.

10. Roster Committee/Membership Directory Handbook:

John McCarthy commented that the committee had a meeting on the 6th November 2024 and that they were making good progress. He had spoken to Mark Wheeler about processing data. Next meeting is scheduled for the 4th December 2024.

11. Bugle Advisory Committee:

- a. Pete Phillips commented that the January 2025 issue will now be combined with the February 2025 issue. He detailed that the December issue will be a 48 pages long and that the February issue will be a 64-page edition.
- b. He further commented that the February 2025 Bugle issue will include the "bios" of the candidates who are seeking election to the BCA Board of Directors.
- c. Jack Welch agreed to change his monthly Bugle message to include information on the 2025 BOD elections.
- d. Jerry Courson suggested that the BCA Board send out an email "blast" to further highlight this and give details of how to apply. Mark Wheeler agreed to publish this blast" on the BCA Website.

12. Cornerstone Liaison:

John McCarthy commented that the liaison was working well and that we now have the BCA coming events updated.

13. Strategic Planning Committee:

Jerry Courson commented that he was still working on the budget for next year and it is nearly complete. He further commented that for the 2025 year he had changed the accounting procedures to make the statements easier to read.

14. Membership Growth Committee:

- a. Jack Welch commented that membership was currently 2.7% down for this year.
- b. Melanie Mauser commented that she had revised the current membership form and will start using it at the coming MCACN meeting.

15. Awards Committee:

Melanie commented that she is investigating the design of new awards for the new Contemporary, Class W cars. She also asked that, at her discretion, she will be looking at other trophies which need to be revised. This the meeting agreed to.

16. Museum Committee:

Jack Welch commented that this committee is waiting to hear back from Hershey and that he appreciates the work which David Landau is doing here.

17. Old Business:

- a. Jack Welch commented on the need to find a suitable person for a non-elected BOD position of Executive Director.
- b. Jerry Courson commented that there not a budget to pay anyone, including travel and accommodation. He went onto say that while he appreciates the need for such a position, we need to write up a job description. as to what this person will do.
- c. There were further comments from various BOD members, which included the need for consistency and the need for a job description. We should move forward and look at ideas of how to get involved.
- d. Jack Welch further commented on this position and what job this person does.
- e. Bill Gorman asked about the length of service this position would have attached to it.
- f. Jack Welch said that because the BCA is currently in a sound financial position, it is important to have this person in place.
- g. Jerry Courson moved a motion stating that Jack Welch should move forward and write up a job description for an Executive Director's position. Seconded by Sid Meyer. Motion was passed 6-0.
- h. Jack Welch suggested that the BOD hold an annual second in-person meeting, to be held in conjunction with either the Hershey meeting, or the GS Meeting in Bowling Green.
- i. Jack Welch commented that where ever it is held, it will involve Board members having to travel.
- j. Bill Gorman asked about what would be gained by having a second in-person meeting?
- k. Pete Phillips commented that in the past there were BOD in-person meetings at Hershey and they were not well attended.
- l. Jerry Courson commented that there was a budget provision for a second meeting, where BOD members could claim expenses.
- m. Discussions followed where BOD members expressed their opinions, which included Chapters hosting a BOD meeting. Tim Turvey commented on how the AACA does its meetings at Hershey. Finally it was agreed that Jack Welch would come up with a presentation, which will be presented at a future meeting.

18. New Business:

- a. It was moved by Bob Starzyk that there will not be a BOD meeting scheduled in December 2024. This was seconded by Bill Gorman and it was passed 6-0.
- b. Jack Welch asked whether the BCA would like to participate in the 2025 GS Nationals. Sid Meyers commented on the need to have a presence here.

c. Motion was proposed by Sid Meyer and seconded by Jerry Courson. Motion was passed by 6-0.

19. Meeting was Adjourned:

Moved by Jerry Courson. Seconded by: Bob Starzyk.
Passed by 6-0.

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 21st January 2025. 7:10 (ET). 6:10 (CT).