

**Revised Minutes of BCA Board of Directors and Attendees Meeting,  
held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025, 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, Mike Meyer.

Therefore there were eight voting members in attendance.

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

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

**1. Secretary's Report presented by John McCarthy.**

John McCarthy commented that the Minutes from the 12<sup>th</sup> November 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 Bob Starzyk. The meeting approved them 8-0.

**2. Treasurer's Report presented by Jerry Courson.**

- a. Jerry Courson commented that the BCA ended up with a good final bottom line which showed a profit of \$20,659.
- b. It was moved by Sid Meyer that the Treasurer's report be accepted and was seconded by Melanie Mauser. The meeting approved them 8-0.

**3. Personnel Committee:**

- a. Tim Turvey commented that there were two contracts coming up for renewal later on during this year and these were under control.

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

Jack Welch commented that he had nothing to report. Jerry Courson commented on an insurance payment being late and a \$600 duplicate payment which was sent, is now being returned to the BCA.

**5. SOP Committee:**

- a. Bill Gorman commented that SOP31 had been published on the BCA website.
- b. He further explained that under Rules and Regulations the previous rules and regulations for adverting has now been condensed from two or more paragraphs to a much shorter statement.
- c. It was moved by John McCarthy to accept these changes and once changed have them published on the website. The motion was seconded by Sid Meyer. The motion was approved 8-0.
- d. Bill Gorman will now pass this result onto Cornerstone for publication.

**6. National Meet Committee:**

Sid Meyer made the following comments;

- a. That there was now a place to park trailers at the upcoming Charlotte meeting and this is about 2 miles from the show field. It is run by the City Council. We still have to pay for security there and this is why there is a \$25 trailer parking fee. Tim Turvey questioned the reason for this fee.
- b. Sid Meyer has had several meetings with John De Fiore, (2026 National Meeting) and all that remains to be sorted out is the wording of a contract where there is a clause which states; "people that use their services are not liable for anything which might happen----".
- c. He further commented that he was looking into the possibility of the Chapters around Flint, Michigan hosting the 2028 National Meeting as it is an Anniversary year.
- d. He further commented that there was still a possibility of Columbus, Ohio hosting the 2027 meeting.

**7. National Chief Judge's Report:**

Adam Martin commented that there is someone updating the Judging manual and that he will be checking on its progress.

**8. Chapter and Region Co-Ordinator Report:**

Anne Gibson commented that she is working with several Chapters to get running and established. She further commented that the age of members hinders progress here.

**9. Finance Committee Report:**

Jerry Courson commented that the new budget needs to be explained and this will take some time. He explained to the BOD how the budget was constructed and some of the key items which he included. All Board members now have a detailed copy of the budget and it will be published in the April edition of the Bugle so that all BCA members can see where the club sits financially and its plans for the coming year and beyond. The dropping membership continues to be a key issue as it relates to our income potential.

Jerry Courson made further assumptions about membership decline, mostly because it is age related. He emphasized the need to be aware of income and expenses for and from National Meets, as they can and will fluctuate. The likely drop in investment income over the next few years is not unexpected.

A motion to accept the Budget was moved by Sid Meyer and was seconded by Melanie Mauser. The motion was approved 8-0.

**10. Roster Committee/Membership Directory Handbook:**

John McCarthy commented that the committee had a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> December and that they were making good progress. He asked the meeting for their comments on publishing the SOPs and By-Laws in the new publication and where should they find them in the new Membership Handbook and Directory? All agreed that they should be in there and towards the front of the book.

**11. Bugle Advisory Committee:**

- a. John McCarthy commented that he was in the process of getting a notification published in the Bugle for members to update their personal and vehicle details and that the earliest that this will happen will be in the March edition of the Bugle.
- b. He also commented that he will ensure that it is published on the BCA website and notification is sent out to Chapter and Regional Directors and other BCA affiliated Clubs.
- c. Sid Meyer commented that there were 20 new members recruited at the MCACN recent meeting.

**12. Cornerstone Liaison:**

John McCarthy commented that he had nothing to report.

**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.
- c. Sid Meyer commented that there were 20 new members recruited at the MCACN recent meeting.

**15. Awards Committee:**

- a. Melanie Mauser commented that all work in this area is up to date, including pricing and ordering.
- b. Tim Turvey commented on the use of Buick logos.
- c. Melanie Mauser put a motion to the Board to approve the cost of \$7 for a new membership badge and to reinstate the ambassador's program. This was seconded by Jerry Courson and approved 8-0.

**16. Museum Committee:**

Bob Starzyk commented that he was still trying to get a meeting arranged with Hershey and Gilmore to get things going again.

**17. Old Business:**

- a. Jack Welch commented that he was working on a job description for a non-elected BOD position of Executive Director.
- b. He further commented on the need to have a second onsite BOD meeting during the year and where should it be, either Hershey in the Fall or at the GS Nationals, (Bowling Green), in the early Summer? The meeting discussed this and the consensus favored Hershey in the Fall.
- c. Jerry Courson commented that there was a budget for Board Members attending a second meeting during the year.

- d. It was moved by Tim Turvey to hold a second Board meeting at the Fall Hershey meeting in October 2025. This motion was seconded by Jerry Courson. Motion was passed 8-0.
- e. Tim Turvey commented that a Board Member should take responsibility for planning this meeting and getting an agenda together.
- f. Jack Welch commented that accommodation was not cheap in this area and you need to book early. Sid Meyer commented that he stays in Harrisburg while attending this meeting.
- g. Discussion was centered on where to hold the meeting. Either in the BCA tent or at the AACA Headquarters. Tim Turvey recommended the AACA Headquarters and on either Wednesday or Thursday and around midday.
- h. Sid Meyer commented that he would like to see the BCA continue supporting the GS Nationals at Bowling Green. He went on to say that there is an opportunity for the BCA to join up with a Company who details cars and share costs for a tent. He said that the cost of the tent would be \$800 and this would be shared, (\$400 each).
- i. It was moved by Sid Meyer that the BCA pays a half share of an \$800 tent at the GS Nationals. This motion was seconded by Bob Starzyk. The motion passed 8-0.
- j. Jack Welch asked whether the BCA would sponsor any awards at the GS Nationals and be able to hand them out? It was mentioned that there was a second car show held on Thursday and the BCA will be involved in this event.
- k. Jack Welch commented that a high number of GS National members also belong to the BCA.
- l. Jerry Courson moved a motion to sponsor some of the awards for the Thursday GS National Prize giving event and it was seconded by Sid Meyer. Motion was passed 8-0.
- m. John McCarthy commented that a check for \$100 was returned to the BCA after it had been originally sent to Free Conference Calling as a donation. Free Conference Calling commented that it was unable to accept donations from any of its users.

**18. New Business:**

Jack Welch commented that at present there are only two candidates standing for the three BOD vacancies.

**19. Meeting was Adjourned:**

Moved by John McCarthy.                      Seconded by Melanie Mauser.  
Passed by 8-0.

**Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025. 7:10 (ET). 6:10 (CT).**