

BOD Meeting Minutes: 4/1- 4/30/2018

Approved : 5/7/2018

Summary of Motions:

Date:	Motion	Vote	File #
4/5/2018	to approve the March 2018 Meeting Minutes.	Passed	2017-2018-30
4/13/2018	to make a two part motion regarding the current 2017-2018 Budget as follows: 1.That we increase the line for conference calls by \$4,000. 2. That we establish a separate budget line of \$1,000 for the office to copy and send any Minutes requested by members in good standing. Both changes to take effect immediately, and, each to be used solely for those purposes.	Passed	2017-2018-31

Unresolved Business:

New Business:

3/31: Terry W. addresses the President with a complaint of unethical activities by some members of the BOD. The conversation is captured in Addendum 1 attached.

4/4: The March '18 Meeting minutes are sent to the BOD for motion to approve. There is a question regarding the substance of motion #2017 2018-24 as the motion does not fully describe the action. For reference the motion regards a program to honor members who have been in the BCA for at least 50 years, and the discussion for the topic is covered in full in the 3/8/2018 conference call minutes.

4/5: J. De Fiore makes the motion: to approve the March 2018 Meeting Minutes. Assigned motion # 2017-2018-30. With no other discussion initiated voting was opened 4/9/2018. Terry W. qualified his vote with the following: " I will vote no on the March minutes for reasons that I do not need to explain." Motion Passed:
1N: 6Y: 1 NVC

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Both changes to take effect immediately, and each to be used solely for those purposes. Motion assigned # 2017-2018-31. The discussion on this motion is contained in Addendum 2. Voting opened 4/18: Motion Passed, 6Y, 3N

4/21: CFO B. Stoneberg delivers the monthly financial documents. Terry W writes:

The thing here that bothers the crap out of me, and should bother everyone else here, is that this club is paying good money to an accounting firm every month and they just now think that it might be a good idea to get rid of fixed assets that do not exist. What kind of fly-by-night outfit is this? Wait until the IRS gets around to auditing their work for the BCA. Who was the person or persons that hooked this bunch up with the BCA? I want a direct answer to this question. Getting back to these fixed assets - understand that they have been depreciated out, but do they still exist? If they have been disposed of, what was the value that was received and was this reported as a gain?

I am demanding a financial report be made to the membership of the BCA immediately on grounds that the club is in violation of its Standard Operating Procedures and it is in violation of the annotated code of California requiring an annual report for a not-for-profit entity. Let's quit the dancing around and get this done. The membership deserves to know what is going on. Terry Wiegand

4/30: Conference call established for today. Results will be reported separately

NOTICES:

All members are encouraged to vote.

The agenda for the Denver, CO, BOD meeting is being assembled. Send potential items to the Club Office or the Club Secretary.

Recording Secretary : John C. De Fiore 2017/2018

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INTERNET MOTION RESULTS

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By:	J. De Fiore	4/5/2018	2nd:	B. Clark	4/5/2018
Discussion notes:					

VOTING	YES	NO	Abstain (ABS) / No Vote Cast (NVC)	Date Voting Opened 4/9/2018
Alan Oldfield Pres.				Date voting Closed 4/12/2018
Brian Clark VP	X			
Edward DePouli			NVC	Date Approved by BOD 5/8/2018
Larry DiBarry	X			
Robert Safrit	X			
Roberta Vasilow	X			
Rick Schick	X			
Terry Wiegand		X		
John De Fiore	X			
John Steed-C.Judge				Judging Issues Only
Bill Stoneberg-CFO				Financial Issues Only
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By:	J. De Fiore	4/13/18	2nd:	R.Schick	4/14/18
Discussion notes: see addendum 2					

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Edward DePouli	X			Date Approved by BOD 5/8/2018
Larry DiBarry		X		
Robert Safrit	X			
Roberta Vasilow		X		
Rick Schick	X			
Terry Wiegand		X		
John De Fiore	X			
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John C. De Fiore: Recording Secretary

**BOD meeting minutes for April 2018
Addendum 1**

3/31: Terry W writes: Mr. President,

Just when a person thinks that the powers in charge can not get any lower in ethics, this is discovered and brought to light. You had better believe that we (Barbara and myself) will completely obliterate your buddies name on our ballot so that no one can falsify our voting. We WILL sign both of our names on the ballot so that it cannot be disqualified. And by the way, I am still waiting for the answer to the question that I asked earlier in the week. WHAT are and WHERE are the \$22,991.00 worth of fixed assets that are held by the Buick Club of America located?

Terry Wiegand

Note: the following e mail thread was attached to Terry's e mail:

From: ajsuarez.net <ajsuarez.net>

Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 6:56 PM

To: dibarjo.com

Subject: signature

Larry, I knew I read it somewhere and I found it on page 10 of the Bugle in the upper left hand box of "Important, Please Vote". On the fifth line of instructions it calls for you to sign the ballot . The ballot has no place indicated for signature. I fear that this could be a convenient way to disqualify ballots if they choose. Are you guys on the Board aware of this? Larry, I know you weren't as of our phone conversation yesterday. They claim that the signature is very important.

Joe

From: joan dibarry <dibarjo.com>

To: "ajsuarez.net" <ajsuarez.net>

Cc: Dick Beckley <dbeckley.net>; Larry Schramm <lschramm.edu>; Mark Shaw <durcodude.net>; Pete Phillips <pPhillips922.net>; Terry Wiegand <terrywiegand.net>

Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 10:36 PM

Subject: Re: signature

Yes Joe:

You were not crazy!

I did read and reread the Bugle and finally found it in the gray box at the top of page 10. I have the same problem as you. Signature is important!!! But no place on the ballot for a signature. I had already sent in my ballot. After which you had called and then we discussed striking through the candidates names we did not wish to vote for so that no added marks could be placed. So now I wonder if my ballot will be ignored without the signature.

I will bring this up before the board.

Best Regards:

Larry

Roberta V writes: It also doesn't fit in a normal envelope which is/was very frustrating.

Bill S. writes: Terry, The fixed assets. I imagine, are in Columbus in the office of the BCA. They are desks, chairs, file cabinets,, fax machines etc. Whatever it takes to run a \$ 400,000 a year business. There is also storage costs and the file cabinets, books shelves needed for storing our records.

They have been on the books for as long as I have been doing this job. Depreciation has been taken on these assets for tax purposes.

Alan O. writes: By now, many of you have probably seen what Cindy Livingston posted on the forum:

Ooops... I kind of feel like this confusion about the voting instructions in the various boxes of the April issue is my fault so let me explain. First of all – a signature is NOT required on the ballot, so no need to worry that your vote won't be counted if you didn't sign it.

Our two goals this year were to try and increase the number of members who vote and also to make sure all ballots were properly delivered and counted. In the past we used ballot postcards with the mailing label of BCA member printed on one side and the accountant's address on the other side. Trouble is, the post office occasionally got confused and mailed the ballot back to the member instead of the accountant. Soooo... this year we worked through several different designs, trying to eliminate the post office confusion. In the end, we decided it was safest to keep the member's mailing label printed on the ballot so it could be easily read by the accountant, but to have voters send their ballot back in an envelope, rather than a postcard, which could be misread by the post office.

I'm sorry for the confusion. The voting instructions appear in several locations in the April Bugle. Before we went to print, we read those instructions many times over and changed the wording several times, trying to make it clear for everyone. The "signature" wording in the box of instructions on page 10 were just an overzealous attempt to get the ballots delivered to the correct location and have everyone's ballot counted. Again - a signature is NOT required on the ballot. As long as the voting member's name is somewhere on that ballot, there shouldn't be a problem.

Cindy does great work, as we all agree. I appreciate her taking the time today to help explain this situation. Everybody loves a juicy conspiracy: the CIA shot Kennedy, the government staged the moon landing, etc... Facts and the truth are just so boring...

I am not going to check my email tomorrow. I will spend Easter Sunday with God and my family.

I wish everyone a Happy Easter. Alan

4-2-18:

Terry W writes: This is not the kind of answer that should be offered to any board of directors member. To my thinking this is a made-up, blow him off answer. Do Pete Phillips and Cindy Livingston have office furniture and/or equipment of the type that enables them to do their jobs for a \$400,000.00 a year business? This is the type of information that should be made available to each and every member of this club through a thorough and comprehensive financial report to the membership that is published in the Bugle per the standard operating procedures and also posted on the BCA website. Please tell us all WHY there is so much secrecy and stonewalling in regard to the financial dealings within this organization. Terry Wiegand

John D writes: What a ridiculous statement! A general question was asked. The best possible answer was received. Lets get on with making the Club better, not hashing out BS over what is now an accounting line for depreciated assets, and micromanaging insignificant ongoing expenses. On one hand we complain about having too much in reserves and on the other we complain about spending legitimate monthly expenses. What the heck if the focus?

Terry W writes: John, I agree, the answer we were all given was ridiculous. The focus is and always has been is to get honest and truthful answers to legitimate questions regarding the finances of this organization. I am truly sorry that you think the handling of the members money is BS. Terry Wiegand

Brian C. writes: Terry, stop twisting people's words and being generally obnoxious and demanding. There is a proper way to ask a question without being condescending, demanding, or rude. I guarantee you will get better responses that way. Asking questions and finding out answers to financial questions is a good trait to have in a BOD member, but you need to learn how to do it respectfully, regardless of your personal feelings towards those you are asking the questions. I would recommend that no one issue any responses to questions that aren't asked respectfully, by anyone.

Terry W. writes: All right Mr. Clark, let's try a different approach. I was totally unaware that I had a condescending, obnoxious, demanding, and/or rude attitude with my question(s). I will respectfully ask for a 100% listing of all office furniture and equipment used in the BCA office. I will also ask respectfully that when the BCA office responsibilities are taken over by another person or persons, will 100% of all of the office furniture and equipment be transferred to the new person or persons? I will respectfully submit to you that just asking these questions will seem condescending, obnoxious, demanding, and/or rude to some of you. This puts me in a no-win situation here. 7,000 members deserve to know where and how their dues money is being spent. I am not afraid to ask the questions. Mr. Clark, please know and understand that I am not afraid of you or anyone else on here. You or anyone else on here will not intimidate me. After all, what can you do to me? I am making these remarks to you in a matter of fact tone of voice. I am just stating the truth to everyone. I do not intimidate. So, with all of that said, please answer the questions that I have posed so that we all can move on. Chuck Kerls warned me about what I would be getting myself into. I just did not know how bad it would really be. Respectfully submitted, Terry Wiegand

Bill S. writes: Terry, I give you and everyone else the answers that you ask for as best I can, if I was going to blow you off I wouldn't waste my time on making something up, I would just ignore you. After talking to various people who might have knowledge of this I have found that this figure was arrived at when we transferred the office from California to Columbus. Some consisted of inventory of trophies and medallions, some consisted of old bugles, and some was shelving and desks. All the furniture, shelving and computer equipment were disposed of in prior years with approval of the board at the time, the Books own their desks and computers as do Cindy and Pete, the Bugles are now transferred to the North Texas Chapter for disposal and we no longer keep a large inventory of trophies and medallions. We are going to do an inventory and work with the accountant to get this number to where it belongs.

4/3/18:

Brian C. writes: Thank you Bill! Terry, it may be unintentional, or out of habit or nature, but I can assure you that is how you come across most of the time. I am not trying to intimidate or scare you, but I can assure you that most of us don't appreciate the way you conduct yourself online and the accusatory manner in which you ask your questions. You couldn't even ask the question nicely without throwing out accusations and derision. I can assure you that asking questions in the way you did here will reap you many more rewards....in the event that you haven't already burned too many bridges. Terry, I'm not even trying to stir things up, we get along fine at nationals....however, one of the perks I do enjoy, is getting to be the cranky ex-president who isn't afraid to shoot his mouth off and tell the truth! :)

Ed D. writes: Bill, Could you send Terry, and all of us, the depreciation spread sheet showing the purchases being depreciated. This sheet will also give us the date of acquisition, and the initial cost.

The only question that arises in my mind is: Have any of the listed assets already been disposed of? If so, I believe they should have been 100% depreciated on the date of disposal. ed depouli

Bill S. writes: Ed, I wish I had such a sheet. I will send you an inventory when we have it, that is the best we can do.

Rick S. writes: All, Here you go... Mike and Nancy Book became Office Managers on July 1, 2001. At the time they became Office Managers, the BCA owned the following office furniture and equipment, which was then leased to the Books by the BCA at a cost of \$1.00 per year:

1. Xerox 5328 Copier, purchased 11/8/1994
2. Intellifax 900 Fax Machine, purchased 3/26/95
3. IBM Compatible Computer with Okidata Microline 320, 9-pin printer
4. Vertical file cabinet.

All of this office furniture and equipment was approved for purchase by the BOD and was previously in the possession of our prior Office Managers, Val and Ed Ingram. I see purchase authorizations reported in the BOD minutes from the late 1990's.

On October 31, 2000, this furniture and equipment was reported on the BCA financial statements prepared by our CPA, Joel Gauthier, at a cost of \$18,559.06. It was fully depreciated at least since August 31, 2000.

Between October 31, 2000 and October 31, 2001, the cost basis as reported by our CPA increased by \$2,441.60, to \$21,000.66. Whether the additional purchases occurred before or after July 1, 2001, when the Books became Office Managers, cannot be determined.

As of July 15, 2001, the BCA reported the replacement cost of its office furniture and equipment, for insurance purposes, to be \$20,000. That consisted of Computers - \$5,000, Media/Data - \$5,000, and Equipment in Transit (to the Book's) - \$10,000.

So, it appears to me that over the past 16-plus years, only \$2,000 of additional office furniture and equipment was purchased. That seems pretty minimal to me. And I suspect if we examined the BOD minutes from the past 16 years, I suspect we would see BOD authorization for this \$2,000 as well.

I hope this information answers everyone's questions and that we can now move on to other business. Rick

Ed D. writes: Bill, Without a sheet, how does the accountant know how much to depreciate each year?

What I'm used to is a spread sheet listing each item separately; the date of acquisition; the cost at time of purchase; the time allotted to depreciation; and the remaining value at the time of filing with the IRS. (As you aware different types of capital purchases can/must be depreciated over different numbers of years)

When an item is disposed, any remaining non-depreciated value gets written off in the year of disposal.

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<http://www.doa.la.gov/osrap/library/gasb34/01-31%20guide%20for%20capitalization%20and%20depreciation%20of%20capital....pdf>

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As I'm composing this I received Rick's email. Considering the types of equipment and the useful life in the above reference, why is any of this equipment still being depreciated? ed depouli

Ed continues: Rick, This is a great reply. How do you know this stuff? I'm in know way questioning what you've written. Just wondering is this is public info or info you gleaned from prior minutes ed

Terry W. writes: Mr. Schick, If you knew this information all along, WHY did you wait so long to reveal it to us? Terry Wiegand

4/4/18:

Terry W writes: Mr. Clark, I opened up the email account this morning and I nearly fell off the chair. The first thought that went through my mind was, OH HOLY MOTHER OF GOD WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?! Mr. Stoneberg admitted that the fixed assets of \$22,991.00 do not exist. Then just where in the hell are they? That balance sheet dated January 31, 2018 is totally bogus and fraudulent. The accounting firm is supposed to have provided the financial reports to Mr. Stoneberg to distribute to the club members.

The question now becomes - WHO was responsible for selecting this particular accounting firm? Are they complicit in this mess we have here? If the office furniture and equipment were disposed of - where did the money go? Mr. Stoneberg owes us an explanation as to just how long he knew about this and why he did not come forward with this information when the questions started. Mr. Stoneberg also owes us an explanation as to WHY a financial report has not been filed in the Bugle within six (6) months after the close of the club fiscal year as mandated by Standard Operating Procedure #4, Accounting, item #3. I am done with Mr. Stoneberg for the time being. He has done a very good job of hanging himself for us here. Those annual financial reports have not been filed for at least the last THREE YEARS.

Let me talk about Mr. Oldfield. I asked about the \$600.00+ travel expense for the BCA Office in December of last year. He explained that that was for the Books to go to some show that he asked them to go to with him. Standard Operating Procedure #4, Special Approvals, item b - states that any expenditure over \$500.00 MUST be approved by the Board of Directors. This was not done and the only way that this expense was exposed was because I asked the question of what the expense was for. We were told after the fact and never would have been told if I had not asked what the expense was for. Mr. Oldfield feels that we do not need to put the financial report in the Bugle because it will take up valuable space in the magazine. He says that posting it on the BCA website will be sufficient. This is contrary to what is mandated in the Standard Operating Procedure. There is a sizable number of members who do not have internet access and would not be able to get this information in that form. The financial report needs to be put in the Bugle AND on the website.

At Allentown, Larry DiBarry and I visited with Cindy about the need for an advertising editor and/or manager for the Bugle. She told us that Mike Book shot that down right now. I asked her why he would have anything to do with that. She told us that he gets the commission from the display advertising every month. I doesn't take much to figure out that the BCA office job has some pretty nice perks that come with the job. One hand washes the other, or, you scratch my back and I will take care of you. Travel all over the country at the members' expense.

I have included all four BOD candidates in this writing because they need to know the mess that they are going to be getting into. I have also included two long time BCA members who have reached out to myself and Larry DiBarry and all of the board members on at least one occasion. I think and feel that they are representative of the average BCA member in this club. We should value their input. I have also included Pete and Cindy because what has been revealed here needs to be put before the members in the very next Bugle. The membership has the right to know just what is going on and what is going wrong in this club.

I will be in Wichita, Kansas on Thursday and I am going to the local Internal Revenue Service field office and sit down and talk with them. I am going to demand that they conduct a top to bottom audit of this organization as they see fit. There are things going on here that are not ethical, legal, and proper. As a sitting board of directors

member for a not-for-profit entity, I have a moral and fiduciary responsibility to the members of the club and I take that responsibility very seriously.

Mr. Oldfield stated in an email to Mr. Beckley I believe, that if there is corruption in this organization, then we will root it out. No argument here on that point.

I am not playing some sort of game here. This is some damned serious stuff going on. I do not know if there is any criminal activity involved - I'm reasonably certain that the IRS will look at everything and go accordingly to what they find. There is no getting around the point that an audit is mandatory. It appears that it has been very much needed for a long time.

Mr. Stoneberg, I am demanding your resignation from the Buick Club of America on the grounds of fraudulent financial reporting and unethical conduct on behalf of every member of the Buick Club of America.

Mr. Oldfield, I am demanding your resignation from the Buick Club of America on the grounds of violation of established Rules, Regulations, and Standard Operating Procedures of the Buick Club of America on behalf of every member of the Buick Club of America.

Pete and Cindy, I will trust that you will do what you can as soon as you can to get this into the Bugle for the membership.

Lastly, Mr. Clark, I have laid out what I have to say in what I think you will have to agree has been a respectful manner and tone. What other folks might think of me and what I may think of other folks has absolutely nothing to do with what has been revealed here. This is strictly business here. The business is running a social organization like this is in a proper and ethical manner which is not what is happening. Remember this about me - talk about me all you want - say anything you want - just be sure it's the truth.

Terry Wiegand

Bill S. writes: For everybody else that Terry copied, just to show there is nothing going on except furniture that has been on our books forever that needs to be corrected. The email that we all got from Rick Shick who was on the BOD at the time explains that to him. It is copied below.

Note: Ricks E mail with the inventory list is attached to Bill's e mail

Rick S. writes: Ed, I was Chief Judge from 2000-2006 and Chair of Judges Training from 1995-2000. I frequently attended the BOD meetings and in my positions was routinely given copies of the BOD minutes. When Jeff Brashares was BCA President (2000-2002), he/his staff prepared massive handouts for the BOD meetings that contained all relevant documents. Being a pack-rat, I saved all this stuff.

I recently began culling through what I had saved in an effort to capture all of the BOD minutes that are not currently posted on the BCA website. The BOD Board books included detailed financial statements and consultant's contracts, which is where I obtained this information. If anyone would like to see any of these documents, I'd be happy to scan them and pass them along. I do plan to provide Peter with copies of all BOD minutes I have that are not on the BCA website. I plan to be done shortly.

Rick

Rick continues: Terry, I was not withholding any information. I did not have this information at my fingertips. I spent a significant amount of time going through what I still had after all these years once your questions began. I had assumed that our BOD predecessors had archived these documents. As a non-Director and an appointed position, that was not my responsibility.

It is just fortunate that I have what I have and that I am a pack-rat. I suspect that everyone else had thrown this stuff out years ago.

Once I have found and scanned all of the BOD minutes I have that the BCA does not have on its website, I will provide them to Peter for posting. Rick

John D. writes: I do not support any of these demands!

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An accounting error is not fraud. And SOP 4 section b cannot be separated from the rest of SOP#4 which starts by saying: SOP Procedure # 4 Any major expenditure, i.e., obligations that aggregate \$250 or more, not approved in the Budget must be approved in advance of incurring the obligation as follows:

Rick S. writes: For the record, I was not "on the BOD" (i.e., a Director) at the time. I was Chief Judge from 2000-2006 and Chair of Judges Training from 1995-2000. Roberta and Pete may have something to add as they were on the BOD at this time. Thanks. Rick

Roberta V. writes: I forgot most of what went on, I don't think I saved much but there are a lot of boxes of stuff I haven't ventured to look at yet, been working on! LOL!

Jack Welch adds: Since I have been copied on all this , I will reply by saying , that at first I This was an April fools joke similar to the one saying that Steven King was running for Governor of Maine. Then I realized it is not a joke , but it certainly is not reality . All I can say is good Lord, I was wrong in my bio in saying that the BCA is not like family anymore. It is very much like a family and a highly dysfunctional one at that . Sorry Terry , but I have never read such drivel in my life . Jack Welch

Ed D writes: Rick, I'm glad you saved things. Thanks for the reply ed

Ed continues: Brain DePouli, To quote Oliver Hardy to Stan Laurel on more occasions than I can remember; "ANOTHER FINE MESS YOU'VE GOTTEN ME INTO".

Guys, I ran for office to support my son in his efforts on behalf of the BCA. I feel strongly that we need to do more to give back to the membership. That being said 25 year old furniture and computers should not exist on the books. They've reached the end of their useful life. They should have been disposed of years ago. Showing them as assets is an accounting mistake, but not a grievous error. I see no malfeasance.

I also stated in previous emails that in my opinion the office has significantly improved. Travel to an auto show to try and increase membership at the request of the President is the type of activity this club should be making. Keep in mind that Alan and Roberta also attended at no cost to the club. If I had one slightly negative comment it would be that perhaps only one of the two Books' needed to go. That being said, I see no malfeasance.

Regarding Terry's upcoming visit to the IRS. I look forward to whatever conclusions the IRS reaches.

I only see the club getting stronger. There may be changes needed. But, I see no malfeasance.

Terry has called for Bill's resignation and Alan's resignation. He's previously disparaged John Steed.

This situation must be resolved. It's not constructive. I believe that we have Director's and Officer's Liability Insurance. There's probably a disclosure clause in that policy. I recommend that disclosure needs to be made and their counsel obtained. We've reached that point. ed depouli

Terry W. writes: All, This is really becoming sickening and interesting at the same time. Ed says he sees no malfeasance. I DO. I am still waiting for an answer as to why a financial report has not been filed in the Bugle for over three years? This is in the rules, regulations, bylaws, and standard operating procedures. This organization has been granted not-for-profit status by the IRS. With over \$600,000.00 in assets it sure seems that this is one money grubbing machine to a whole lot of folks. We need an answer to two questions here. Why hasn't the report been filed for over three years? and when will we be seeing Mr. Stoneberg's resignation from the Buick Club of America? Terry Wiegand

Bill S.writes: To begin with Terry YOU WONT. It took a while after Joel died to get the accountant to understand our business. That has been taken care of.

Last year was totally my fault because I had deaths in the family and illnesses that kept me from doing a lot of things I normally would have done. A lot fell through the cracks and this was one of them.

Dick Beckley adds: As a longtime BCA member and successful business entrepreneur of 40+years experience , and although I'm not on the BCA Board, I agree with Ed's comments . I got involved in these issues because I sent a letter to the BCA Board concerning the proposed BCA by-laws changes regarding a Regional Director, some of which I thought could cause irreparable harm to the Chapters financially and also horn in on their ability to run their activities. I continue to hold this belief and think this subject should be given more thought.

From there I have been privvy through various e-mails to the happenings and discussions of the Board and frankly, as a BCA member, I am disgusted by the bickering and apparent lack of communication between the Board and Officers. I also was communicated with by President Oldfield on my comments and feel that he could have done much better with his comments to me and also as to how he is handling these various situations.

I will also state that Larry DiBarry is my successor as Director of the Mason-Dixon Chapter , which I Chartered in 2008 along with Barry McClair and Larry's leadership abilities and his dedication to the hobby and the BCA is unparalleled. I've known Ed dePouli for more than 30 years and he is a credit to the BCA . I've met Rick and Roberta at various BCA meets and have gotten to know Terry by e-mail and phone over the last 2-3 weeks but do not know the rest of the Board and Officers.

I think that all of this has gotten out of hand and that a better line of communication has to be constructed and also a more conciliatory and transparent attitude has to be reached if the BCA is to conduct business going forth. Terry may be a bit brash in his comments as I've found middle America guys to often be, but he has raised some relevant questions and issues, some of which I share. I can be a bit opinionated and blunt myself when I feel it is necessary.

I touched on a few of these questions and issues in my conversations with President Oldfield, namely the \$600,000 balance in the club Treasury, the failure of the Board to publish a Treasury Report, Balance Sheet and Budget in the Bugle each year for those members who do not have access to the website, and my desire to see some sort of Scholarship program set up to utilize some of this surplus money in that direction which would help attract younger folks to the BCA and the hobby. Please let me state that I am NOT in favor of returning the excess money to our members in the form of a reduction of dues because that would set a precedent , because in this world the cost of anything never goes down. However \$600,000 is excessive for reserves because, unless we collected nothing in the next two years , our funds still would not be nearly exhausted for several reasons you all should be able to understand. Some of this windfall should be used in ways to build the membership and improve the BCA for it's members. I challenge this Board to get their heads together, stop the bickering , scrap the good ol' boy's network that seems to be alive and well within the Board, and get to work trying to make the club better , instead of tearing it down.

I'll confess to making a threat to write a letter to each and every BCA Chapter, Division and Club covering these issues and my concerns as a 40 year member so that all members would have knowledge of these issues, but my health, time constraints, and the immediate proximity of the election of the new Board have caused me to reconsider doing that at this time. However, rest assured, I will not hesitate to do just that later on if I feel it is justified. The power of the pen is a powerful tool when the perception of non-transparency of the Board is suspected. All or most of this can be corrected simply by passing along to the members the information on those issues I mentioned above as well as others that may come to surface later on.

I'm not the only BCA member who has negative opinions on the actions of the BCA Board, now or in the past. I know of quite a few who are no longer members because of issues like this. It just seems to me that your jobs would be much easier if all of you would listen to the members once in a while on issues that are important to them and if you would inform the members THRU the BUGLE of important issues instead of just posting them on

the Website which I believe the majority of our aging membership does not utilize. That surely would not be "redundant" as President Oldfield stated to me.

Any comments or questions are invited. Sincerely: Dick Beckley BCA #7896

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BOD meeting minutes for April 2018
Addendum 2

4/13:

John D. writes: I would like to make a two part motion regarding the current 2017-2018 Budget as follows:

1. That we increase the line for conference calls by \$4,000
2. That we establish a separate budget line of \$1,000 for the office to copy and send any Minutes requested by members in good standing.

Both changes to take effect immediately, and, each to be used solely for those purposes.

Bob S writes: John, Your two part motion sounds reasonable. Do you think that we could get by with conference calls every three months. Bob

4/14:

Alan writes: I support this motion, John. This will provide the funds we need for our BOD conference calls, which most of you have indicated are valuable, and a good way to really discuss our most important issues. Thank you. Is there a second? Alan

Rick writes: I will second the motion. Rick

4/15:

Alan writes: Moved and seconded. Discussion here. Thanks Alan

Roberta writes: Has there been any research on conference call providers? Maybe we should show a comparison of call cost over the last year. What is the current budget?

Alan writes: We tried to use a different one a couple of months ago but the quality was horrible, if you recall, and the "technical support" was non-existent. I am doing some research with my office to see if my IT people have a suggestion. The service we are currently using has good quality, and is reliable; am I correct John D? Thanks Alan

John writes: I agree Alan. The low cost provider simply allowed the call. I had to record the conversation on my old fashioned tape recorder and then it took almost 5 days to transcribe the call.

4/16:

Ed writes: All, I think I'm missing something. The budget 1027 - 2018 ends in a few months. John, Do you mean next years budget? Ed

John writes: Hi Ed. welcome back. You read it right. I want to provide addition funds for this fiscal year.

Bill S. writes: Do we need to change the budget for this year or can we just spend the money ? I will increase the budget for next year for these accounts ?

Terry writes: Here is a real novel idea that I'd bet the farm that a select few of you will never consider. How about giving the membership a comprehensive and easy to understand financial report like the by-laws, rules and regulations, and standard operating procedures mandate within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year before money is being spent? This financial report is to be published in the Bugle and putting it on the club website is beyond being the right thing to do. There hasn't been a financial report of this club published in the Bugle as required in three years. I find this totally unacceptable. Terry Wiegand

John writes: To add an explanation, I believe the original budget line for conference calls was \$1,000. I also believe we have used that up. The intention of this motion is to replenish this line item so the BOD can conduct club business.

The intention for the 2nd item is to make sure we have funds available in case people ask the office for copies of the minutes. The conference calls we have had comprised a lot of pages. This is something we never put in the original budget for this year.

For both items, the intention is to dedicate these line items such that if the money is not spent for these direct activities, the money is not spent at all. Thanks John D

4/18:

With no further discussion received, Alan O. opens the motion for voting.

Roberta writes: NO, my questions were not answered again as usual.

Bob writes: Yes, Bob

John writes: Yes. And I don't understand why you say your questions weren't answered Roberta. You asked: Has there been any research on conference call providers?

Alan answered that there had not been, but he was asking his IT staff to research it for him. Other than that we had tried a different provider which was unacceptable.

And you asked: What is the current budget? I answered that it was \$1,000, even though we all have that same information from when we approved the budget.

In between you stated: Maybe we should show a comparison of call cost over the last year. Which to me is an open ended thought since you did not state what you wanted to compare the costs to or allude to what you wanted to see. Matter of fact, I wonder why you didn't provide the comparison if you had a point to make?

Rick writes: Yes. Rick

Roberta writes: This would probably scare all you old farts. <https://www.ringcentral.com/>

Ed writes: All, I vote yes on the motion, but don't see it as needed as an amendment to the budget. Only an authorization to spend as defined is needed in my mind. However, it's not a big deal either way ed

Terry writes: I vote NO! The membership NEEDS to see a financial report on the money status of this organization. This has not been done in at least three years as REQUIRED by the Standard Operating Procedure #4, Accounting, item #3. How can some of you people vote to spend the members' money and not tell them what their money is being spent on? Terry Wiegand

Bill S writes: I will vote yes. Terry, The financial report will be released at the end of the year. They will be, most likely in the October issue of the Bugle.

Larry writes: I vote NO. Still feel the \$4,000 amount is excessive. Larry

4/19:

Alan writes: what's your point Roberta? Is this a service you use and recommend? Would this be a cheaper alternative to our current provider for conference calls, providing a written transcript?

I'm open to better ideas, if someone has a concrete suggestion. Alan

Roberta writes: Alan, I have not used this service, but did use gotomeeting.com, back in the day but this is supposed to be better. I have reached out and heard from them and told them what we are looking for. Yes, one their options is recording the conference calls not sure if transcript is included but will ask. Hope to hear back from them tomorrow, as I stated our objectives. RV

Brian writes: Yes, sorry, I sent it only to Bob the first time.

4/20: Alan writes: Thanks Roberta. I also spoke to the IT people at my company. We too, have the option to make an audio recording, but not a written transcript; my IT person will work to see if she can find an option. I appreciate your follow up Roberta. Alan

Alan adds:

Thank you Brian. Motion is approved. Voting yes: Brian, Bob, Ed, John, Rick, Bill
voting no: Terry, Larry, Roberta

To be clear, and hopefully allay concerns, there is no intent to spend the entire authorized amount. Indeed, I think we will spend only a fraction of it and only what is the direct cost of the call, and any direct costs if the BCA office has to mail out copies of the minutes.

With this vote, then, we can go ahead and schedule the next BOD conference call for Monday April 30, probably 7pm EDT 6p, CDT. I have not heard from anyone who CANNOT be available then.

Main agenda item will be discussion of the BCA reserves. If you have ideas to propose on what to do with the reserves, please spend some time thinking through how your plan would work. Thank you.

Alan

END