

BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

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MINUTES BCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1995

The meeting was held at the California Credit Union League. It was called to order at 12:20 PM by President Dick Schoppe. Board members present were: Terry Dunham, Dick Bury, Lyle Marshall, Al Eichelberger, KC Collin, Bruce Andren and Carol Derbin, Dorran Smith served as Dale Osstyn's proxy. Also present were Office Manager-Val Ingram, Bugle Editor Chuck Koch and BCA Members Helen Hutchings and Bill Schoening.

Future Board Meeting are set:

November 11, 1995

12 noon at the California Credit Union League 2350 S. Garey Avenue; Pomona, CA 91766

January 20, 1996

12 noon at the California Credit Union League 2350 S. Garey Avenue; Pomona, CA 91766

March 23, 1996

12 noon at the California Credit Union League 2350 S. Garey Avenue; Pomona, CA 91766

The minutes of the July Board Meeting were accepted as submitted:

MOTION: A Motion to accept the minutes of the July Board meeting was introduced by Osstyn's proxy; seconded by Collin.

Motion carried: 8-0.

The minutes of the July General Membership Meeting were accepted as submitted:

MOTION: A motion to accept the minutes of the General Membership meeting was introduced by Derbin; seconded by Collin.

Motion carried: 8 - 0.

Treasurer's Report-KC Collin

Treasurer Collin reported that the accountant was having software problems and so the report was received late. She also stated that she has been dealing with the IRS since February. Some paperwork was filed late due to a delay at the accountant's. A waiver was requested but no answer was received from the IRS. A fine was paid to protect the club but it will be refunded as the IRS did grant the waiver.

The paperwork for the GEN number is not yet in progress,

The stock of porcelain badges for the Senior Awards needed replenishing.

MOTION: A motion to accept the treasurer's report was introduced by Marshall; seconded by Eichelberger.

Motion carried: 8-0.

Office Report-Val Ingram

July 95

New Members- 117
Renewals- 661
Stockroom sales- \$356
Returned items-

Total Deposits- \$27,391.00

Val Ingram explained that the BCA Office has taken advantage of a new service offered by the phone company. For an additional \$5.00 per month, it has been possible to add a dedicated fax line into the BCA Office. This will also allow a dedicated modem line in the future if it is desired. The new fax number is 619-947-2465.

A new stock of static cling decals has been ordered. As these are supplied to new members with their membership packet, it was necessary to order them ASAP.

REATTA ARTICLES:

The BCA Office did not have the copies of the Bugle advertised in a recent Bugle as featuring the REATTA. Thus, the members ordering those issues received their checks back, along with a Xerox copy of the appropriate pages.

Derbin requested that a physical count be done of all of the items, excluding Bugles, in the stockroom.

Val is currently Xeroxing copies of the judging handbooks, until the new ones are ready.

There is a concern about a gentleman in San Diego who is representing himself as being in charge of a San Diego Buick Club. He is leaving solicitations on cars with his name and phone number. He has moved at least 3 times in the last 2

months. President Schoppe will contact this gentleman, who is a BCA member and explain how to go about forming a chapter.

MOTION: A motion to accept the Office Report was introduced by Osstyn's proxy; seconded by Eichelberger.

Motion carried: 8 - 0.

President Schoppe complimented Val on her patience and willingness to go the extra mile to help BCA members and others interested in information about the BCA.

REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT-Ron DeGroff

Nothing at this time.

CHAPTER COORDINATOR REPORT-Carol Derbin

No report at this time. Derbin did agree to draft a letter to be sent to all chapters who are slow in returning their Chapter Inquiry Form, explaining how important it is that they provide the BCA Office with that information in a timely manner.

BUGLE EDITOR REPORT-Chuck Koch

The Bugle remains on/under Budget for the year, due mainly to a lower than projected print order.

Five documented member complaints have been received by Editor Koch in regards to one of our advertisers.

MOTION: A motion directing Editor Koch to send a certified letter (return receipt requested) to Lou Savonic notifying him that his advertising privileges have been canceled, due to these unresolved complaints, as well as notifying him that the BCA Board will be reviewing his membership status was introduced by Eichelberger; seconded by Derbin. The motion also gave editor Koch permission to print a notice of suspension of advertising privileges in the Bugle.

Motion carried: 8 - 0.

Christopher Breeze's letter regarding Mac Blair's modified cars column was reviewed and discussed by the Board, as was a letter from John Thilbourg.

Editor Koch is still in progress in setting up the BCA computer. Once this is done, and a modem link established, membership data will be transferred by modem from the BCA Office to the Bugle Editor.

MOTION: A motion to accept the Bugle Editor's report was introduced by Osstyn's proxy; seconded by Osstyn's proxy; seconded by Derbin. Motion carried: 8 - 0.

JUDGE'S HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY

Discussion of the draft of the Judges Handbook was postponed to the end of the meeting, by acclamation, in order to allow the changes to be considered line by line.

President Schoppe stated that Mac Blair had volunteered to continue as chief judge of the BCA until the year 2,000, in accordance with the term limits adopted by the board in the 1994-95 fiscal year.

Dorran Smith will continue to handle the administration/tabulation room, as well as the records.

Al Storrs has volunteered to help Mac Blair maintain a listing of Senior Preservation Award winners. Mac will contact John Boudier to obtain copies of the records in his possession. Dorran Smith will send copies of those records in her possession to Mac, as well.

It was suggested by Dorran Smith that the formal judging form contain a place for the VIN number of the vehicle being judged.

There were 54 Senior Award winners at the 1995 National.

One car did not receive a Senior Award, due to its radial tires.

There was a case in which the worksheets did not match the final form. In either case, the car would receive a Gold Award, but there would be a difference in whether or not the car received a Senior, depending on which form was deemed correct. A call was made to Head Judge Rick Schick to determine if he had made a final decision on this matter. He could not be reached. As one board member was on the judging team and it was also possible to contact the judge responsible for the area in which the discrepancy occurred (chassis), it was decided to render a decision based on the clarification provided by the chassis judge. After being told that the larger deduction was, in fact correct, the decision was made that the car would receive a Gold Award, but not a Senior. Both members of the judging team that could be contacted agreed with this decision. Dorran Smith offered to write an appropriate letter to the owner of the car.

NATIONAL TOUR REPORT-Dick Schoppe

Schoppe suggested that the BCA Board ask the Buick Driving Enthusiasts Division Board members if they could suggest someone who might be interested in taking on this position.

REATTA DIVISION:

A letter from John Furrette was reviewed and discussed by the Board. The Reatta Division plans a mailing to those BCA members who have Reattas but who are not members of the Reatta Division.

MEMBERSHIP AND ADVERTISING COMMITTEES-Ed Ingram

Ed Ingram volunteered to continue to serve the BCA in this capacity. He reported that the ads in Hemmings and Old Car Trader were renewed. He also took advantage of a special offer from Old Cars News and Marketplace and placed an ad in their Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac issue, as well as in the Hershey, Carlyle and Club issues.

Ed also suggested that the Board consider having magnetic signs created. Val made one which Ed and Val often place on their vehicle. It has resulted in some new members joining the club. He will check into the cost of making these signs with the club address and phone number.

OLD BUSINESS:

SENIOR PRESERVATION AWARDS/NATIONAL TROPHIES:

President Schoppe presented a bid from McLoone Metal Graphics for a brushed aluminum tri-shield to be engraved with the date of award and mounted on the base of the Senior Preservation award. The chip would have been an outline of a tri-shield with or without a border.

Al Eichelberger presented a bid from Anacortes Brass Works for a tri-shield cast in polished brass with colored enamel within the tri-shield. These will also need to be engraved.

After much discussion, the board decided to purchase 500 brass tri-shields from Anacortes Brass works.

MOTION: A motion to purchase 500 brass tri-shield chips from Anacortes Brass Works, with color as submitted in prototype form, at a cost of \$6.00 each, plus a \$50 mold cost was introduced by Dunham; seconded by Marshall.

Motion carried: 8 - 0.

President Schoppe presented a bid from United Trophy in Orlando, FL for the construction of the etched glass portion of the Senior Preservation award.

MOTION: A motion to purchase 200 etched glass pieces at a cost of \$28.25, plus a \$25 set up charge was introduced by Bury; seconded by Osstyn's proxy. Motion carried: 8 - 0.

MOTION: A motion asking Board member Bruce Andren to persue discussions with BCA Member Paul Martinez concerning the 200 oak bases with a matte finished walnut stain needed for the Senior Preservation Awards, as wel as obtaining an

estimate of costs and timeline for completion was introduced by Dunham; seconded by Marshall.

Motion carried: 8 - 0.

Proposals from Anacortes Brass Works and American Foundry for the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards were discussed at length. It was decided that both sizes and designs had to be finalized, before a decision could be rendered.

Thus, the board requested that both companies re-bid the project and submit new prototypes of the Gold Award at the November 1995 Board Meeting, using the design of the '04 Buick under the Flint Vehicle City Arch, as submitted by Dorran Smith. The size of the Gold Award was decided as 3 inches by 5 inches, with the Bronze Award as submitted in prototype form and the Silver Award approximately half way between them in size.

MOTION: A motion to accept the design as printed in these minutes, subject to the addition of BCA in front of the Gold, Silver or Bronze notation was introduced by Dunham; seconded by Bury.

Motion carried: 8 - 0.

MOTION: A motion to request additional bids from these two suppliers with the sizes as specified above and giving Schoppe and Eichelberger the flexibility to obtain the best possible cost was introduced by Bury; seconded by Marshall. The quantities specified in the bid were 275 Gold Awards, 200 Silver Awards and 275 Bronze Awards. Motion carried: 8 - 0.

GM CARD-MERCHANT ACCOUNT:

Helen Hutchings has been in contact with the person currently in charge of our file. The changes brought on by personnel shuffling at the company, has resulted in our started back near ground zero. Helen volunteered to continue to work with them to bring this to fruition in a timely manner.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES:

A lengthy discussion of Bill Biché's 4 proposals occurred.

MOTION: A Motion to create a Policy and Procedures Committee, chaired by Bill Biché with the following modifications was introduced by Osstyn's proxy; seconded by Bury.

Motion carried: 8 - 0.

It shall be the duty of this committee to study the continuing organizational and procedural needs of the BCA National Organization and develop and propose policies and procedures to meet these needs.

It shall be the responsibility of this committee to work with the BCA National Board to develop and maintain the "Buick Club of America Standard Operating Procedures."

This committee shall make formal reports to the Board as directed by the Board.

This committee would serve the National Board as an ongoing resource, to assure that clearly defined policies and procedures are in place to provide timely and efficient operation of the day to day and long term activities of the Club. The committee members would be selected from Club members who have demonstrated the skill and willingness to assume this responsibility. Committee members would be approved by the National Board.

The Implementation section of the proposal is deleted as it is covered above.

ASSOCIATION OF PAST BCA PRESIDENTS

MOTION: A motion stating that, after polling several ex-presidents of the BCA, it was felt that the issues stated in this proposal should remain at the Board level, until the need arises for this association, was introduced by Derbin; seconded by Marshall.

Motion carried: 7 - 0 - 1.

ASSOCIATION OF PAST BCA BOARD MEMBERS

MOTION: A motion stating that, after polling several ex-Board members, it was felt that the issues stated in this proposal should remain at the Board level, until the need arises for this association, was introduced by Andren; seconded by Eichelberger. Motion carried: 8 - 0.

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MOTION: A motion approving this idea in concept, but asking chair Biché to refine and resubmit this concept as part of the Policy and Procedures Committee was introduced by Dunham; seconded by Osstyn's proxy.

Motion carried: 7 - 0 - 1.

MOTION: A motion stating that a roster of Past Presidents and their years of service will be printed in all future editions of the BCA Roster was introduced by Dunham; seconded by Eichelberger.

Motion carried: 8 - 0.

BCA REPRESENTATION AT AUBURN

One of our vendors was loaned a BCA SPOKEN HERE banner for the Auburn meet. He reported that he gave out a few dozen yellow applications.

REQUIREMENT OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE BCA TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETS:

James Benini's letter and Ron DeGroff's response were discussed. The BCA Board re-affirmed the club policy that in order to participate in the judging process at Regional and National Meets, a participant must be a current BCA member.

However, the Board understands that many local chapters use their shows as a means of attracting new membership. Thus, they may allow non-members to show cars and qualify for awards at any meet that is not a National or Regional meet.

PERPETUAL CALENDAR:

The Board approved the calendar as presented by President Schoppe. A copy of the calendar will be sent with the minutes to Board Members.

BUICK MOTOR DIVISION REQUEST:

Nothing has occurred since the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS-

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

MOTION: A motion that beginning this fiscal year, the vice-president will chair the committee to select candidates for the Board was introduced by Derbin; seconded by Eichelberger.

Motion carried: 8 - 0.

TERM LIMITS:

In response to members' questions at the General Membership meeting, President Schoppe polled Board members and appointed officers. Current terms are as follows:

Name:

Term #:

Dates of service:

Schoppe

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93-96

Marshall	1	94-97
Andren	3	94-97
Bury	1	95-98
Collin	1	93-96
Eichelberger	1	94-97
Dunham	1	95-98
Osstyn	2	93-96
Derbin	2	95-98

Term limits approved at the January 1994 Board meeting limit Board members to 2 consecutive three year terms.

All appointed officers (Regional Coordinator, Chapter Coordinator, National Chief Judge, Judging Committee Chairperson), in place as of January 1, 1995 will be subject to the single, five year term of office, expiring on December 31, 1999, as approved during the January 1995 Board meeting. All future appointed officers shall serve no more than five years consecutively per this same decision.

Office Manager Val Ingram requested a clarification of her duties at a National Meet. It was decided that she and Editor Koch would work out a schedule where they would alternate manning the Office/Editor Desk in the registration room.

PRESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE:

After discussion of Mr. Harrington's concerns the board recommended that chapters hosting a National Meet submit a detailed itinerary of times and dates of: Swap Meet

General Membership Meeting

Board Meeting

Show Judging

Judging School

General Tour Information (Titles, Days and Times)

to Bugle Editor Koch by MARCH 10 for inclusion in the May Bugle.

Mr. Breeze's letter was discussed during the judging discussion.

Mr. Tarpey was thanked by the Board for his input and a copy of his letter was to be forwarded to the North Texas Chapter.

Terry Dunham volunteered to write an appropriate response to Charles McEwen's letter.

NTC PHONE CARD:

Due to the amount of time that President Schoppe spends traveling, it was suggested that this pre-paid phone debit card could save on phone costs.

MOTION: A motion to authorize Treasurer Collin to cut a check to NTC for \$250 to purchase a NTC phone debit card for the BCA President was introduced by Osstyn's proxy; seconded by Eichelberger.

Motion carried: 7 - 1 - 1 abstention.

BCA MEMBERS LETTERS-JUDGING CONCERNS:

Further discussion of letters from BCA members on judging matters/concerns was postponed to the November meeting, when Chief Judge Mac Blair will be present.

METRO AREA CHAPTER LOGO APPROVAL:

MOTION: A motion to approve their logo, with its depiction of the 51 LeSabre was introduced by Eichelberger; seconded by Osstyn's proxy.

Motion carried: 8 - 0.

COMPUTER CONSULTANT:

A bill for \$683.25 from Brendan O'Mahoney for consulting services-setting up modems and upgrading the hardware, software and installation and training time for the new computer equipment for the BCA Office and Editor was discussed.

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARD: Helen Hutchings

MOTION: A motion asking Helen to finalize the announcement of the award and its criteria for selection and cost for the November Board Meeting was introduced by Eichelberger; seconded by Marshall. When approved by the board, the announcement is to be sent to Editor Koch for inclusion in a future Bugle, as well as being sent out with the minutes. These awards will be presented at the awards banquet at the National Meet.

Motion carried: 5 - 2.

JUDGE'S HANDBOOK REVISION:

For the remainder of the meeting, the board held a working session on the revised draft of the Judging Handbook.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: A motion to adjourn was introduced by Eichelberger; seconded by

Marshall.

Motion carried: 6 - 0 - 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Eichelberger

