

Buick Club of America
Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting Minutes
May 01, 2003

The meeting started at 9:00PM, EDT; President Bill Schoening took roll call. On the line were board members: Vice President, Pat Brooks; Treasurer, Paul Meyer; Secretary, Jerry Bodden; John Ball, Al Eichelberger, Bob Leets, Pete Phillips and the National Office, Nancy & Mike Book; National Chief Judge, Rick Schick; and BCA members Donna Syrdal and Roy Faries.

February, 2003 Board Minutes - A motion was made by John Ball to approve the minutes of the BCA BOD meeting of Feb. 21, 2003, seconded by Al Eichelberger. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Paul Meyer mentioned a few points on the financials. The Bugle mailing costs are over budget and the printing costs are under, year-to-date. An adjustment should be made next year to bring these two categories into alignment. Also, postage is over budget. Pat Brooks commented on Interest Income and the shortfall this year compared to last year. Pat will talk with Joel Gauthier for an explanation. Pete Phillips made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Bob Leets seconded, all voted in favor.

Committee Reports - Bill Schoening asked if anyone had any comments or discussion regarding the Committee Reports, all board members had copies to review. There was no further discussion.

Old Business

2003 Flint Meet Update – Bob Leets deferred the up-date to chairman Denny Meyer; however, Bob commented that plans are moving along very well, and they are getting more excited by the minute.

National Car Show/Software Coordinator – Bill Schoening thanked Roy Faries and Donna Syrdal for their reports. Pete Phillips raised the question, “Why are we discussing a Car Show Coordinator position?” Pete did not see a need for this position. Bill asked Roy if he thought the software would assist smaller chapters in organizing and running a National meet. Roy said that the software would certainly help; the software would be available one year prior to the Meet, allowing this time to make any changes necessary. Rick Schick mentioned that registration forms should be reviewed as well as all other forms for completeness and accuracy, i.e. windshield cards, judging forms, etc. A person appointed by the Board should be available to run the reports and coordinate the administrative activities. Donna asked Roy if he thought the Software Coordinator would handle these functions; she thought it would be logical. Roy stated the software coordinator would provide the software and train the local Chapter in its use, and

understand Rick's comments about needing someone in a position who understands the judging and administrative functions. Roy will prepare the software for the 2004 BCA Meet and will be assuming the role of Coordinator; as the registration will be handled by Roy's wife. Roy will make the software available to the Chapter that hosts the BCA National in 2005. Mike Book suggested that the coordinator handle the registrations, passing the funds received to the Chapter; to be certain that this important function operates smoothly. Donna also suggested that statistical records be maintained by the Chapters for use by succeeding host chapters. Pat Brooks and Al Eichelberger requested that the positions, National Meet Coordinator and Software Coordinator be further clarified. Roy mentioned that the position description he and Donna wrote defines these tasks. Pat Brooks made a motion to explore the functions of a National Meet Coordinator and a Software Coordinator, John Ball seconded the motion. Bob Leets asked if these positions would be compensated. Pat answered that it's too soon to determine whether the positions should be compensated. Roy pointed out that in his position description, no compensation was requested. Al mentioned we should be very open and up front with the membership regarding the Meet Coordinator, so as not to imply that the National Board was attempting to "meddle" in chapter affairs. Donna stated that she originally thought this position would do just that, until she better understood its function. Donna stated that she wrote her Position Description of the Meet Coordinator with this in mind. Pat Brooks stated that this process might be a step toward allowing the National to participate in the profits generated by a successful meet. Al supported this concept. One BOD member is opposed to both positions, another BOD member is opposed to the Meet Coordinator position. All other BOD members favor the motion. Pete expressed that if either of these positions were to be compensated, then other positions, i.e.: Chief Judge, Judge's Training may have to be compensated. Several BOD members supported his comments. Bill will put these topics on the agenda for the General Membership meeting.

Driving Class Award – Bill Schoening proposed that the BCA use the picture of the Buick racer provided by Terry Dunham for the BCA Driver's award medallion. Al Eichelberger made a motion to incorporate this picture, Jerry Bodden seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Jerry mentioned that this picture does not show this auto as a Buick, but it appears as a generic racing car. Discussion took place to consider placing the wording of the make (Buick) and year under the picture on the badge.

Rick Schick made a few suggestions to the form for the BOD consideration. Rick suggested changing the BCA Driven Class judge to a five year appointment, drop the word "National" from the title to be consistent with other classes, i.e.: Archival.

Regarding the Rules, Rick suggested adding "safety glass" to rule #3. Jerry suggested regarding Rule #2, drop the term "plane & boat" and simplify the terminology; presently it's too "legal" sounding. Jerry also suggested, Rule #2, part one, as follows: ...and driven by the BCA member or a designated driver.

Rick also suggests, on the Certification form, change the Engine Number to VIN, Buick Model to Model Name & #, add "Body Color" to the form; change the term "Period" to "Buick Period" Additional discussion took place, and Bill asked for a motion to approve the forms as amended. The term "National" will remain on the form, as well as the wording: "boat and plane" in Rule #2.

Bob Leets made a motion to accept the agreed changes, Al seconded, Pete Phillips opposed, the remainder of the Board voted in favor.

Jerry asked that we get a clarification from Terry Dunham regarding his meaning of the phrase "one time free use" of the Buick Race car by the BCA for the Driven award medallion. Bill will talk to Terry and clarify this point.

2004 BCA National Meet- Pete Phillips finalized the Meet Registration form, distributed a copies to the Board, and sent it to Robert Snowden, editor, for Bugle publication. Pete mentioned that all committee chair positions are filled, and the meet plans are looking good.

Attracting Younger Members – Jerry Bodden thanked the board members who responded with suggestions regarding the draft of the article inviting youngsters to participate in the Buick & its Parts program at this year's National Meet in Flint. After Al Storrs' review, the article will be sent to the Bugle for publication. Bill Schoening suggested the BCA give the Winross trucks it has in inventory to the youth participants. There are 84 trucks at the present time. John Ball made a motion to award the trucks to the youth participants, seconded by Bob Leets, all voted in favor.

Contacting Chapters- No updates by any BOD members at this time. Pete Phillips reported that the Lone Star Chapter recently hosted a show with 40 Buicks in attendance; and the Alamo Chapter will host the South Central BCA Regional meet this fall. Bob Leets has the chapter contact list previously handled by Phil Strassner.

Foreign Mailings – Al Eichelberger made a motion to adopt the National Office's recommendation to re-align the dues of Canadian and Mexican members. Bill Schoening will address this matter in an upcoming President's message.

I could not detect a "second" by a Board member, however, the entire BOD did vote in favor to accept the National Office's recommendation.

Mike Book pointed out that 8,900 of the 9,000 + BCA members are paying the \$35.00 dues rate, which just covers the Bugle cost & postage. Any increase in postal rates will cause a deficit in the ratio between the dues income and the Bugle printing and postage expense.

Changes to the Bylaws on Board Elections – Bill Schoening asked for a motion to adopt the changes to the Bylaws as written, Pat Brooks made the motion, Al Eichelberger seconded it. All board members voted in favor to adopt the change as written. Mike Book stated that the new change to the Bylaws would appear in the next edition of the Bugle.

Modified Class- No discussion took place.

New Business

July, 2003 Board Meeting – Bill Schoening will have an agenda for both the BOD and the General Membership meeting to the board for their review. The Board meeting will be Sunday at 8:00AM.

2005 Meet Solicitations – Mike Book reported that he spoke with both Bruce Kile of the Dixie Chapter and Ron De Groff of the Finger Lakes Chapter about hosting the 2005 meet, both chapters expressed an interest. Ron DeGroff suggested that Mike Book and other Board members, if possible, attend their June meeting to “talk up” the 2005 meet amongst their members. Pat Brooks asked that Mike and other board members who may attend the meeting discuss the concept of the National Meet Coordinator and the BCA possibly sharing in the profits/losses of conducting the National Meet. Mike and John Ball said they would address this issue with the Chapter officers.

Pete Phillips expressed concern that there might be another National meet close to the Buffalo, NY site, where a national meet was held only a few years ago. Mike Book detailed several conversations he had with western chapters, and none expressed an interest in hosting a national meet, for a variety of reasons. Mike intends to continue to contact other western chapters to see if there is an interest. Bill Schoening submitted an article on the BCA web site about hosting national meets, in an effort to get some feedback from members. Bill plans to expand this concept in an effort to find out why chapters are reluctant to host a national meet. Al Eichelberger commented that comparatively few western states members attend national meets, and therefore may lack the desire to put on a national meet.

Mike Book plans to place a notice on the BCA web site regarding the delay in sending out the Roster issue. This delay is due to database problems at the National Office, and is not the fault of Baker Press.

Mike Book talked about the possibility of expanding the Bugle for a centennial issue. General comments on the web site were very much in favor of publishing a special, expanded centennial Bugle issue. Jerry suggested that we seek out more advertisers to offset the increased costs; Mike stated he would look into this. Mike will talk with Baker Press and obtain the costs to publish an expanded centennial issue, and send this information out to the board via e-mail for board review.

At 10:35 pm EDT, Bill Schoening asked if there was anything further to discuss, no one had anything. John Ball made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Leets, all voted in favor.