

Minutes of BCA Board of Directors Meeting, held on the 15th November 2022 via Teleconference.

- **In Attendance:**

Elected BCA Board members who were in attendance included;

Sid Meyer, Bob Starzyk, John McCarthy, Jerry Courson, Jack Welch, Melanie Mauser, Ricky Pirch, Bill Gorman. Absent was John Steed.

Other attendees whom were present included; Chief Judge, Alan Oldfield, National Meet Committee Chairman, Marc Barker, Bugle Editor, Pete Phillips. Absent from this meeting included; Chapter Co-Ordinator, Roberta Vasilow, and Cornerstone Registration Manager, Mark Wheeler.

- **Secretary Report presented by John McCarthy.**

1. Minutes from the 27th September meeting were tabled after changes were made.
2. Jerry Courson asked that, “Marc Barker has submitted----“, be deleted from these changes and also “The”, put into capitals” and “which” also be deleted.
3. Jerry Courson, moved that these minutes with these changes were now accepted. Seconded by, Melanie Mauser and approved by the meeting 7-0.
4. Jack Welch moved that the minutes from the 25th October meeting, which had been distributed previously to all BCA Board members and other attendees, be accepted and this was seconded by Bill Gorman and approved by the meeting 7-0.

- **Treasurer Report presented by Jerry Courson.**

Jerry indicated that the financials had been sent out for review. Jerry then made the following comments regarding his report and these included;

1. The National Meet financial report has not been completed in time for the October report.
2. Melanie Mauser has completed her report for the 2022 National Meeting.
3. Jerry stated that financial reporting issues came about because expenses for BCA operations were incorrectly charged to the National Meet expenses and he is working to sort this out. He hopes to have it finished for his November financial report.
4. Mcacn accounts have been charged to National Meet expenses and this should not have been done.

5. Jerry commented on the change in policy for discontinuing the collecting of the 3% credit card fee is causing problems, as the fee is being paid by those who have registered for the 2023 National meeting.
6. Marc Barker commented that the BCA should continue collecting the 3% fee for 2023 and hold off the BCA policy change until 2024.

Jerry proposed to amend the policy change, not to take a 3% credit card fee until 2024 and to continue taking it for 2023. Motion seconded by Jack Welch. Approved 7-0.

- Discussion continued as to where there is a transition and crossover on operating policy and financial procedures and this needs to be defined more clearly.
- Jerry commented on the need to raise travel expenses for those Board members attending meetings during the year and not just for the National Meeting. He commented that this will need to be budgeted for in the 2024 financial budget. Jerry suggested that the current stipend be raised from \$700 to \$1000.
- Sid Meyer commented on the need to find a new tent vendor for Hershey for 2023 as the last vendor has ceased operating. This is most likely going to be more expensive. Therefore, a new vendor and the cost of renting needs to be known before we set the new budget for 2023.
- Jack Welch commented that the price of tent rental at Hershey was raised a year ago.
- Melanie Mauser questioned the size of the tent required and whether the BCA should purchase a tent.

It was moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted by Jack Welch and this was seconded by Bob Starzyk. Motion approved 7-0.

- **Committee Reports.**

1. **Personnel Committee:**

No report submitted for this meeting.

2. **Finance Committee:**

All financials were reported in the Treasurer's report.

3. **Insurance, BCA, D&O, Regions, Chapters and Divisions Committee.**

Sid Meyer commented that he had cancelled the BCA's insurance policy with Acord Insurance and brokered by Stonewall Insurance, as they were not going to cover drag racing in the future, and asked for a refund for the months remaining on this policy.

4. **SOP Committee:** No report submitted for this meeting.

5. **National Chief Judge Report:**

Alan Oldfield commented that he had nothing to report.

6. **Chapter Co-Ordinator report:**

No report submitted for this meeting.

- The Board moved into executive session.
- The Board moved out of executive session.

7. National Meet Committee:

No report submitted for this meeting.

8. Bugle Advisory Committee:

Pete Phillips commented on the need to do more stories on Black and other Diverse BCA members. This will be covered again in New Business.

9. Strategic Planning Committee:

Jerry Courson commented that reporting for this committee has been put off until next year.

10. Membership Growth Committee:

Bob Starzyk commented that he was going to Mcacn this weekend.

11. Buick Museum Committee:

Sid Meyer commented on having a retired Architect contact him and offered to help with the development of the Gilmore project.

Jack Welch commented on his discussions with David Landow at Hershey, who offered his support and help in moving forward with the museum project. He also spoke with Keith Flickinger who offered his support about being involved in the project and that the Bulgari Organisation was also keen on offering its support. Mr Flickinger and The Bulgari Organisation also commented that they were appreciative of the way which the BCA was handling the project.

According to Jack Welch, The Bulgari Organisation would like to have one of its employees being involved on a BCA project board and that they would be interested if the BCA decided to build the Museum in Allentown. Both The Bulgari Organisation and Mr Landow commented that in their opinions, they were concerned that the BCA was taking all the risks when moving forward with Gilmore in developing this project.

Sid Meyer and Jack Welch commented that in the future there will be a lot of materials including literature, parts, cars and artifacts being donated to the BCA and BHA and that the museum would be a good place to house and accommodate them.

12. Old Business:

Jack Welch commented that it is too late to change the Modified Division's judging rules to include a "Day 2" category in time for the 2023 National Meeting. This was because it was not possible to change the already in use 2023 registration documents, to include a Day 2 category and putting a judging format, including recruiting and training judges in place.

Alan Oldfield commented that since there was no motion to implement this judging category, there is no need to make any changes. All agreed that this will be looked at again in 2023.

13. New Business:

Sid Meyer commented about Pete Phillips's email from a BCA member about being more inclusive with Black members and members with other Diversities. The meeting discussed this at length and it was agreed that Melanie Mauser

would put together an article about Black members and members with other diversities in her Chapter and their cars for Pete Phillips to use in the Bugle. Sid Meyer commented on an approach made to the BCA from the GM Club Council about membership growth through social media. An email was sent out to Board members which outlined their proposals. The BCA was offered four online media outputs for \$25 per month. The Board discussed this and it was questioned by members.

Marc Barker commented that there was a huge difference between the four outputs per month vs \$200 per month for a daily output. He suggested that to be effective for this approach, the BCA should pay the \$200 monthly rate. Bill Gorman raised the question as to who was going to provide the media material from the BCA on a daily/regular basis. It was decided that Sid Meyer would seek further comment and clarification from the GM Club Council.

14. Last but not Least Committee:

There was nothing to report from this committee.

Meeting was adjourned:

Proposed by Jerry Courson and everyone, seconded by Jack Welch and everyone. All present approved.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 20th December 2022. 7.10pm (ET) and 6.10pm (CT) .