

Revised Minutes of BCA Board of Directors Meeting, held on the 21st February 2023 via Teleconference.

- **In Attendance:**

Elected BCA Board members who were in attendance included;

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

Other attendees whom were present included; Chief Judge, Alan Oldfield, National Meet Committee Chairman, Marc Barker, Bugle Editor, Pete Phillips, Cornerstone Registration Manager, Mark Wheeler.

Absent from this meeting was; Chapter Co-Ordinator, Roberta Vasilow.

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

Minutes from the 21st January 2023 meeting has been circulated to all BCA Board members and other attendees. A change had been made to the original copy of these minutes, as requested by Jerry Courson and the revised copy had been circulated to all BCA members and Board meeting attendees, several days before this meeting. It was moved by Jerry Courson that the revised minutes be accepted and seconded by Bob Starzyk. The meeting approved them 8-0.

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

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

1. That for the month of January 2023 there was a financial loss, which was not unexpected.
2. A 1-year CD investment certificate for \$140,000 matured and was reinvested for a further 2 years at 4.9%. The money is invested with the Chase Bank, who is tied up with Morgan Stanley Bank. It was noted that there is another investment with this Bank and that we are close to the insured limits. Marc Barker questioned this, stating that we don't want to exceed the insured limit and the BCA should now stay away from Chase Bank for further investments. It was moved by John Steed that the Treasurer's report be accepted and seconded by Jack Welch. The meeting approved them 8-0.

- **Committee Reports.**

- **Personnel Committee:**

John Steed indicated that he had nothing to report.

- **Finance Committee:**

Jerry Courson commented on the 2023 budget. His comments included;

1. The key issues which were discussed by the Finance Committee when coming up with this budget included, the museum project, unexpected projects, inflation and cost increases, travel and cash, membership decline and ideas which were not included in this budget.
2. For the 2022 financial year there was a \$15000 loss.
3. It is evident that the BCA's current income cannot support the current infrastructure and more care, with regards to income vs spending is needed.
4. The budget figures for the 2023 National Meeting, (Spokane) were based on the National Meeting Committee's "medium level of participation" which is 385 registrations and 219 cars. It was discussed that this budget may have to be revised to reflect lower numbers attending and the cars expected to attend will be closer to 175-180.
5. There is a crossover in operating costs and budgets between the BCA operating budgets and those belonging to the National Meet Committee, (NMC) and these included items such as travel expenses and trophies.
6. The proposed new membership directory needs to be put on hold for this coming year and that when resurrected, it should be in digital form with a limited available at cost printed version.
7. The reimbursed BCA Board travel expenses be reduced from \$1000 per member to \$700 per member.
8. The need to reduce the numbers of extra Bugle copies has to be "pruned" down to an absolute minimum. Currently there is on average 60 copies per month which is surplus.
9. The strategic plan is still being worked on.

Finally, Jerry emphasized that in this 2023 budget the BCA was not going to reduce member services, or increase memberships dues.

From this report there were three motions which the Board had to vote on. These included;

- a. To reduce the BCA Board Members reimbursed travel costs from \$1000 to \$700. This motion was proposed by John Steed and seconded by Bill Gorman. The meeting approved this motion, (8-0).
- b. That the NMC part of the BCA budget be amended to show lower registrations and car numbers expected for the Spokane meeting This motion

- was proposed by Jerry Courson and seconded by John Steed. The meeting approved this motion, (8-0).
- c. That the BCA Board approve the 2023 budget as work in progress. This motion was proposed by John Steed and seconded by Melanie Mauser. The meeting approved this motion, (8-0).

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

Jack Welch indicated that he had nothing to report.

- **SOP Committee:**

John Steed indicated that he had nothing to report.

- **Chapter Co-Ordinator report:**

No report submitted for this meeting.

- **National Chief Judge Report:**

Alan Oldfield commented that there was a need to find a 3-hour block on Friday to expand judge's and administration training. Also, it needs to include Archival and Unrestored Cars. Alan will be looking at other events on Friday afternoon and when they finish, which interfere with finding this time.

- **National Meet Committee:**

Marc Barker commented that he had upgraded the Operating Manual and made changes to policies and procedures. Included in upgrade and changes were; cancellation and refund times, mailing uncollected awards and registering non-BCA members.

Sid Meyer and John Steed commented that these changes should be forwarded to Pete Phillips for publication in the Bugle.

Pete Phillips emphasized the need for a car photo stop to be organized at the Spokane meeting.

- **Bugle Advisory Committee:**

Sid commented on where he could find details about membership dues and details on membership over extended time periods, (1, 2 and 3 years etc). Pete Phillips pointed out to Sid as to where to find these details.

- **Strategic Planning Committee:**

Jerry Courson commented that the strategic plan is still being worked on.

- **Membership Growth Committee:**

Bob Starzyk commented that he found three new members at a car show in Pittsburg..

- **Buick Museum Committee:**

Sid Meyer commented on the need for a meeting with the Bulgari Organisation within the next 30 days to discuss the Museum Project.

- **Old Business:**

Sid Meyer commented on the GM Combined Car Club media publications and the need to expand our social media presence. He talked about the cost of \$25 per month being required and this would mean four new entries per month. Jack suggested that Sid does a member needed search in his Buick Bugle column, with a hope of finding a suitable person to fill the media publications coordinator. Also, Jerry had asked him to advertise for a financial advisor person.

- **New Business:**

In response to a message and comments from Jeff Breshares, with regards to who is responsible for accessing Buick websites, Sid Meyer and Jack Welch discussed the need to publish BCA information on the AACCA Forum and the approach which we should be taking. John McCarthy commented that he will have a look at doing this.

Sid Meyer commented on the need to establish a new committee to progress the publication of a new Membership Roster.

- **Meeting was adjourned:**

Proposed by Bill Gorman and seconded by Melanie Mauser. All present approved, (8-0).

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 21st March 2023. 7.10pm (ET) and 6.10pm (CT) .