

Minutes of BCA Board of Directors Meeting, held on the 14th July 2023 at the Spokane National Meeting.

- **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, Marck Barker, Bugle Art Director, Shannon Olson, Bugle Editor, Pete Phillips, Chief Judging Administrator, Belva Meyer, President of the ROA, Chip Aeppli, BDE Group Director and Dixie Chapter, Bruce Kile.

Absent from this meeting was; Chapter Co-Ordinator, Roberta Vasilow and Financial Adviser, Mike Meyer.

1. Secretary Report presented by John McCarthy.

Minutes from the 20th June 2023 meeting has been circulated to all BCA Board members and other attendees. Changes to the minutes had been made as requested by Jack Welch and Jerry Courson and circulated as “revised minutes”. It was moved by Jerry Courson that the Secretary’s report be accepted and seconded by Jack Welch. The meeting approved them 8-0.

2. Treasurer Report presented by Jerry Courson.

Jerry then made the following comments regarding his financial report and these included;

- a. The BCA income for the year to date is; \$36,000.
- b. He further commented that the BCA membership for the last month dropped by 5 members and that the current National Meet Income had generated \$46,000 and he expected that this event will “break even”.
- c. It was moved by Bob Starzyk that the Treasurer’s report be accepted and seconded by Jack Welch. The meeting approved this motion 8-0.

Committee Reports.

3. Personnel Committee:

John Steed commented that he had talked with Advertising Manager, Kim Clark about renewing her contract and this was making progress.

4. Finance Committee:

Jerry Courson commented that;

- a. He was preparing a budget review and will present it to the next Board meeting.
- b. That current investments are going well and future 5% + Treasury Bills will be coming up in August. He also mentioned that the BCA's investments are now spread over out 3 years. He expected that the current rates were the "top of the investment rate bubble and he wanted all new investments to be spread over 2 to 3 years.
- c. Jerry further commented on the need to find a place to put a short term investment to take care of the BCA's checking account funds He was looking at "Money Market" to make this investment, as the risk is minimal. It was agreed that Jerry Courson will move forward with this strategy.
- d. Comments were made about the need to remove the 2019 audit from the website and place the report in the BCA archives for future reference.
- e. He commented that it had been difficult to remove and dissolve the California corporation as it required the completing of four different forms, and this was being done.

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

Jack Welch commented as part of creating the Museum Corporation he contacted the Insurance Company to ensure that we are covered. He further commented that;

- a. The Museum and BCA will operate as separate entities.
- b. He was expecting that in the future car clubs will have issues obtaining adequate insurance cover.

6. SOP Committee:

- a. The chairmanship of this committee has been changed from John Steed to Bill Gorman.

The meeting discussed the following changes to two different bylaws which have been recommended by the SOP committee. These include;

Current Bylaw reads:
Article IV Section 2
SECTION 2—Term of Office.

The term of office shall be three (3) years with the term of one third (1/3) of the Directors expiring each year. No Director shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. A Director must wait one (1) year before again being a candidate of the Board of Directors or before qualifying for appointment

under Section 11 hereof. Any partial/full term served by appointment under Section 11 shall not be considered a full three (3) year elective term for purposes of being a future candidate.

John Steed moved that this motion be approved and it was seconded by Jerry Courson. Motion was approved 8-0.

The second SOP Bylaw which was proposed was;

PROCEDURE No. 30 Subject: Approval of Contracts.

1. Contracts that obligate and are backed by the BCA over \$5,000 must be approved by the BCA Board of Directors before being finalized. All hotel contracts must be approved by the BOD.
2. Contracts for the National Meet over \$1,000 will need to be approved by the National Meet Committee or a subcommittee of the National Meet Committee. Amounts over \$10,000 will also need approval from the BCA Board of Directors.
3. All contracts over \$5,000 will need to be checked by a legal advisor.
4. All BOD approved contracts will be stored at Cornerstone Registration, Ltd.

The following proposed amendments to Procedure No.3 included;

- a. John Steed proposed that the \$10,000 amount mentioned in item 2 be reduced to \$5000. This amendment was seconded by Jack Welch and this was approved 8-1
- b. The second amendment was put forward by Jack Welch to change the wording in item 4 to read; 'stored at the BCA National office and not at Cornerstone Registration Ltd. Seconded by John McCarthy. Approved 9-0.

The amendments were voted on and then the proposal to accept, Procedure 30, Approval of Contracts, was voted on. Proposed by John Steed and it was seconded by Jack Welch.

Motion was approved 8-1. Marck Barker being the disapproving vote.

It was noted by the meeting that Procedure 30 was implemented into the SOPs not to "second guess" the National Meet Committee, but to protect the BCA.

7. Chapter Co-Ordinator report:

No report submitted for this meeting.

8. National Chief Judge Report:

Alan Oldfield commented that he was making changes to the training manual.

He also commented on the idea of welcoming Opel owners into the BCA, as there has always been a relationship between Opel and Buick. Alan asked for Board approval to investigate this further as a way of helping clubs grow. The meeting approved this and Alan will report back later. Bruce Kile commented on the possibility of including GMC owners into the Buick Club and this was supported by Marck Barker.

9. National Meet Committee:

Marck Barker commented on;

1. The Spokane meeting was going well.
2. Heather Banhidy from Strongsville, Ohio was present at the Spokane meeting and was promoting the 2024 National Meeting.
3. There was interest from “other groups” to host coming National Meetings. He went on to mention the possibilities such as combining with the GS Club at Bowling Green or the ROA. The next “out west” venue scheduled for 2026 could be Springfield, Missouri and this could include Route 66 driving and touring?

10. Bugle Advisory Committee:

- a. John Steed commented that there was nothing to report.
- b. Pete Phillips spoke to the meeting about his pending vacation trip to Italy during September and visiting various Buick collections, clubs and activities while there.
- c. Shannon Olson will be available for anything to do with the Bugle while Pete Philips is away.

11. Strategic Planning Committee:

Jerry Courson commented that there is an action plan available and in place, and that at the next Board Meeting it needs to be looked at.

12. Membership Growth Committee:

- a. Bob Starzyk commented that he would like to bring back the Ambassador Program.
- b. Melanie Mauser commented on the need for new ideas for membership growth. We need to survey where people are who took membership registration forms and did not return them. We need to hire a person experienced in this process to undertake this task.

- c. Jerry Courson indicated that he is struggling to see what the problems are and that we need to hire a person who can do data research and marketing which will bring in younger people into the BCA.

13. Buick Museum Committee:

- a. Jerry Courson commented that now that the Buick Museum has been incorporated, we need to file for a tax identification number.
- b. He further commented that the BCA needs to initially fund/advance the Buick Museum Committee with a loan for \$10,000 to pay bills. Jerry Courson proposed a motion for the BCA to loan the Buick Museum Committee \$10,000 for initial development. This was seconded by John Steed. Motion was passed by 8-0.
- c. Jerry Courson commented that he wants to use a CPA for the Museum Committee set-up activities.

14. Old Business:

1. Jack Welch commented on the need to find a new Chief Judge replacement for Alan Oldfield, as his term was up.
2. He went on to say they the Board needs to find replacements for the Judges Training Chairman and Chairwomen, (Paul and Donna Syrdal).

15. New Business:

Sid Meyer made the following comments. These included;

1. There is a need to find a media person whom can publish BCA material regularly,(almost daily).
2. Jeff Schindler, Chairman of the 2023 Spokane National Meeting, commented on various aspects of the meeting and the need to publish a manual on to how to run a national meeting.
3. The Board Election was run by Alan Oldfield and the following Board people were elected to these positions on the Board for 2023/2024.
 - a. President, Jack Welch.
 - b. Vice President, Melanie Mauser.
 - c. Treasurer, Jerry Courson.
 - d. Secretary, John McCarthy.

16. Regional Meetings:

Bruce Kile reported to the Board on the Activities of the Buick Driving Enthusiasts' (BDE) and their planned up-coming tours for this year and beyond.

17. Meeting was adjourned:

Proposed by Jerry Courson and seconded by Bob Starzyk. All present approved, (8-0).

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 15th August 2023. 7.10pm (ET)

6.10pm (CT).