

**Second Revised Minutes of BCA Board of Directors and Attendees Meeting,
held on Tuesday 17th September 2024, via conference call.**

In Attendance:

The BCA Board members who were in attendance included;

Jack Welch, Melanie Mauser, Jerry Courson, John McCarthy, Bob Starzyk, Bill Gorman, Sid Meyer, Mike Meyer, Tim Turvey.

Therefore there were eight voting members in attendance.

Other regular attendees whom were present included; Chapter Co-Ordinator Anne Gibson. Chief Judge, Alan Oldfield. Absent from this meeting included, Bugle Editor, Pete Phillips and Cornerstone Group Manager, Mark Wheeler.

There was a total of eleven people on this conference call.

1. Secretary's Report presented by John McCarthy.

John McCarthy commented that the Minutes from the 13th August 2024 meeting had been circulated to all BCA Board members and other attendees. He asked whether there were any comments for discussion arising from these minutes. There were none, therefore it was moved by Jerry Courson that the Secretary's report be accepted and it was seconded by Melanie Mauser. The meeting approved them 8-0.

2. Treasurer's Report presented by Mike Meyer.

He made the following comments;

- a. That the income for the year to date is \$42,727 of which \$27,940 came from operating accounts and \$14,787 is from the recent Strongsville National Meeting. What is yet to be accounted for is the cost of the awards from the inventory and this will be transferred to the P and L.
- b. He added that in August there was a net operating loss of \$13,626 primarily from the National Meeting and these expenses will be recorded by the end of September and added into the accounts for the October meeting.
- c. Mike went on and commented that the accounts are looking good for this year, with a net income of \$28,303, when compared to \$8,006 in 2023 and it is expected that this year's income will go down in 2025.
- d. Further comments included that the Bugle expenses were \$16,000 lower this year, than in 2023 and should go down a little lower.
- e. It was moved by John McCarthy that the Treasurer's report be accepted and was seconded by Tim Turvey. The meeting approved them 8-0.

3. Personnel Committee:

Tim Turvey commented he was making progress with getting this Committee together for a meeting and understanding its inventory.

4. Insurance, BCA Divisions, Other Clubs, Regions and Chapter Committees:

Jack Welch commented that there was nothing to report.

5. SOP Committee:

Bill Gorman commented that there was nothing to report.

6. National Meet Committee:

Sid Meyer commented that this committee met last Sunday and that planning for the 2025 National Meeting is going well.

- a. He further commented that trailer parking is being sorted out, with two options available for consideration.
- b. There are 390 car parking spaces available, with a further 51 swap meeting spaces. Sid stated that this was more than what was available at the recent Strongsville meeting.
- c. Sid Meyer went on to comment that the recently approved new class for modern cars, (5 to 11 years old), will now be called, "Contemporary Class" and not "Legacy Class".
- d. He further commented that there is going to be a new BCA hand-book published about hosting and organizing a National Meeting, which has been written by Pat Wojahn from the Mile High Chapter, Colorado. Sid Meyer then added that he will be assisted by Jack Welch, with editing and getting this hand book published, as it is much needed.
- e. Tim Turvey commented about the need to have a Buick dealer display with possible financial contribution at National Meetings and that he would be willing to assist with doing this.
- f. Jerry Courson asked Sid Meyer about the distribution of the profit obtained at the recent National Meeting, with the cost of the trophies being taken into consideration, (\$4389) and stating that after this there was a \$10,400 profit available to be split 50/50 with the Chapter and BCA. Jerry commented that under the current rules the Chapter hosting the National Meeting would receive \$5,200. However if there was ever to be a loss, the host Chapter would be only guaranteed \$2,500. This he argued was not a lot, for the amount of effort which goes into organizing a National Meeting. The meeting discussed this in detail and it was agreed that the minimum amount be raised to \$3,000 and then a 50/50 split of the remaining profit between the host Chapter and the BCA. An example of this that the Host Chapter would get \$3,000 and then share 50/50 of the profit. If the profit was \$10,000 the Host Chapter would receive \$3,000, (guaranteed) and then the remaining \$7000 would be split evenly between the Chapter and the BCA. Each would receive \$3,500.
- g. Bill Gorman asked about a time frame for implementing this and the meeting agreed that this proposal would start from 2026 onwards.
- h. Jack Welch commented that this change will go a long way to encouraging Chapters to host a national meeting and his comments were further supported by Tim Turvey.
- i. It was moved by Tim Turvey that the distribution and share of National Meeting profits be altered to include a \$3000 minimum, followed by a 50/50 split in the remaining profit, as outlined in the minutes. seconded by Sid Meyer. The meeting approved them 8-0.

7. National Chief Judge's Report:

- a. Alan Oldfield commented that the recently approved new class for modern cars, (5 to 11 years old), will now be called, "Contemporary Class" and not "Legacy Class",

which is designed to appeal to a broader base and improve our membership. Contemporary class would and include; Cascada, Regal, TourX and others, and be known as Class W.

- b. He commented that as a result of the Strongsville Meeting, he was in the process of compiling an organizational document about how to layout a show field. Also how the process of presenting trophies at the Banquet should be done. This document will be included in the Pat Wojahn document and in conjunction with Sid Meyer's editorial.

8. Chapter and Region Co-Ordinator Report:

Anne Gibson commented;

- a. The Arizona Chapter now has 6 or 7 members.
- b. That she spoke to Jerry Drew from the West Michigan Chapter. Since it was no longer active, they have donated the money from their bank balance, to the Gilmore Museum's Education Program and have closed the bank account. He wanted a letter from the BCA to confirm that the Chapter has ceased to exist.
- c. Tim Turvey commented on the problems which the Board is facing, with the need for better communications with the Chapters and Divisions. He went on to say that there is a need to establish a protocol and procedure for Chapters, who cease to exist. Also a protocol as to show how they should be wound up, including a more efficient accountability for their finances.
- d. John McCarthy commented, that since Anne Gibson has come on board with the Chapter and Region Coordinators' position, good progress is being made.
- e. Jack Welch commented that any money remaining in bank accounts from inactive Chapters should come back to the BCA.

9. Finance Committee Report:

Jerry Courson commented that he had nothing to report.

10. Roster Committee/Membership Directory Handbook:

John McCarthy commented that the committee is moving forward. He had asked Cornerstone to post out to the Committee members, copies of the current directory. Once this is done a meeting will be scheduled.

11. Bugle Advisory Committee:

John McCarthy commented that he had spoken to Pete Phillips about advertising in the remaining 2024 Bugle publications that included a schedule of these publications, with content page sizes for November and December issues. Also a reminder that there will be no publication in January 2025. Also mention that the Bugle publication will resume in February 2025.

12. Cornerstone Liaison:

John McCarthy commented that he had nothing to report.

13. Strategic Planning Committee:

Jerry Courson commented that he had nothing to report.

14. Membership Growth Committee:

Melanie Mauser Commented;

- a. Cornerstone confirmed that they are sending new members a membership card and BCA decal. Replacement cards will be sent upon request.
- b. BCA decals are available for purchase thru the Central New England Chapter.
- c. She also commented on reformatting the membership application form to include names of those whom have recommended the new member and also the issue of discounts.
- d. Melanie Mauser asked Tim Turvey whether he was able to sign up any new "Brass" members at the recent "Back to the Bricks Meeting"? Tim Turvey replied that he signed up one new member.
- e. Alan Oldfield commented on the need for Board members to actively promote through various media. New membership aimed particularly at owners of the W Class vehicles and the Opel Division is also needed.

15. Awards Committee:

Melanie commented that she is investigating the design of new awards for the new Contemporary, Class W cars. She also asked that, at her discretion, she will be looking at other trophies which need to be revised. This the meeting agreed to.

16. Museum Committee:

Bob Starzyk commented that he had nothing to report.

17. Old Business:

Jack Welch commented that there was nothing to report.

18. New Business:

Jack Welch commented that the Board will need to find a suitable person to replace John Steed as the coordinator of the Hershey event. There is also a need find a second person to assist the coordinator.

19. Meeting was Adjourned:

Moved by Jerry Courson.

Seconded by: Sid Meyer.

Passed by 8-0.

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 22nd October 2024. 7:10 (ET). 6:10 (CT).