

**Minutes of BCA Board of Directors and Attendees Meeting,
held on Tuesday 18th February 2025, via conference call.**

In Attendance:

The BCA Board members who were in attendance included;

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

Therefore there were seven voting members in attendance.

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

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

1. Secretary's Report presented by John McCarthy.

John McCarthy commented that the Minutes from the 21st January 2025 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 7-0.

2. Treasurer's Report presented by Jerry Courson.

- a. Jerry Courson commented that the financial statement had been sent out to all Board members. There was no statement included for the 2025 national meeting, as he was not sure whether it was accurate. There was \$11,700 shown from operating expenses and \$45,000 of income. Therefore the bottom line showed \$11,200.
- b. He stated It has been hard to get in touch with the Accountant and he will need to sort some things out. Jerry Courson is confident that these will be done before the next meeting.
- c. Jerry Courson confirmed what Mark Wheeler had written in his report, that is we had lost 18 members in January.
- d. It was moved by John McCarthy that the Treasurer's report be accepted and was seconded by Melanie Mauser. The meeting approved them 7-0.

3. Personnel Committee:

Tim Turvey commented that there was nothing to report.

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

Jack Welch commented that he had nothing to report.

5. SOP Committee:

- a. Bill Gorman commented that the change to the rules and regulations for publishing in the Buick Bugle, was approved by the BOD last November. Has been published on the website.

- b. He commented that SOP 31, concerning revenue sharing, which was approved by the BOD, has been published on the web.
- c. SOP 32 has not been published in the Bugle as yet, and should appear in the April edition.
- d. SOP20 concerning financial reporting and changing this from California to Minnesota has not been done as yet. Jerry Courson has agreed to help Bill Gorman in completing this task.

6. National Meet Committee:

Sid Meyer made the following comments;

- a. The 2025 meeting in Charlotte is now mostly finalized.
- b. Mark Barker has lined up the Sherriff's Department, at a cost of \$50 an hour, to undertake trailer parking security. He said that he was confident that they will do a better job than what private security would do.
- c. All the tours are now set in place.
- d. Extra accommodation rooms have now been given to the meeting and capacity expectations will be met.
- e. There could be a problem with parking and this is being looked into now.
- f. Jerry Courson commented that the liability issue with the bus company, which was not in the contract, is still being resolved.
- g. Sid Meyer replied to Jerry Courson, stating that this is all we can expect with this contract, and he is satisfied with what has been done.
- h. He asked Jack Welch to find out whether the insurance company had a release of liability form which the bus company and BCA could jointly sign. Jack Welch agreed to look into this.
- i. After the completion of the Charlotte National Meeting, all awards and trophies will be going back to Cornerstone for storage and this will mean having one single storage venue for the Club.
- j. The 2026 National Meeting organization is doing well and is on schedule. The issue of trailer parking still needs to be resolved and they are confident that this will be done.
- k. Sid Meyer commented that Alan Oldfield was going to talk to Jeff Brashares about hosting the 2027 National Meeting in Columbus Ohio in conjunction with his Arthritis Foundation. He is hoping that they can use people from this Foundation to assist with organizing it.
- l. He further commented that he would like the 2028 National Meeting to be held in Flint Michigan, as it coincides with the GM Anniversary and is an ideal venue. Tim Turvey supported Sid Meyer's suggestion and both will be approaching the local Chapter looking for their support.
- m. The motion to accept the National Meet report was moved by Jerry Courson and seconded by Tim Turvey. Motion was passed 7-0.

7. National Chief Judge's Report:

- a. Adam Martin commented on the need to change and improve the Driven Class judging format, and in particular how, when and where this is done.
- b. The meeting discussed this further with comments that the driver needs to be present and that Ricky Pirch should have a team of Judges to assist him with this task.
- c. Sid Meyer commented that in his opinion registration would be the best time to do it.

- d. Jack Welch commented that the Driver needs to be able to prove that they brought their car to the meeting and that trust was the best way to prove that they drove the car. He asked Adam Martin to come up with a procedure for this to happen.
- e. Jerry Courson was concerned about members asking for a refund of their entry fee if they had registered and then failed to show up.
- f. Jack Welch asked the Judging sub-committee to report back to the Board at the next meeting with recommendations.
- g. Adam Martin commented on the possibility of dividing classes L and N into FWD and RWD.
- h. He also commented on the need to finish up details for Class W judging.

8. Chapter and Region Co-Ordinator Report:

- a. Anne Gibson commented that there are a group of members wanting to form a new chapter in the Bucks County and SE Pennsylvania Area. It will be called the Delaware Chapter and it has 34 members.
- b. Jack Welch commented that the Board has to vote on this happening.
- c. It was proposed by Jerry Courson that the BCA welcome into the BCA the new Delaware Chapter and this motion was seconded by Tim Turvey. Motion was passed 7-0.
- d. Anne Gibson commented on a conversation which she had with the Carolina Chapter's Director. He stated that he and one other were the last remaining members and that the Chapter held a bank account with \$9,000 in it.
- e. She asked the meeting as to what were the options for dispersing this money and who is responsible for doing this. As far as she knew the Chapter had been inactive for several years and there was no plan for this money.
- f. Jack Welch commented that according to the BCA rules, when a Chapter is closed-down, any surplus funds remaining should be returned to the BCA. He went on to state that he would make contact with the two last active members, (Brian DePouli and James Burquest) and consult with them as what they would like to do with the remaining funds, prior to closing the Chapter down.
- g. Tim Turvey moved that we ask the Carolina Chapter to return the funds to the BCA with the purpose of supporting National Meets and in particular the 2025 National Meeting, which is being hosted in North Carolina. Seconded by John McCarthy. Motion was passed 7-0.

9. Finance Committee Report:

Jerry Courson commented that the new budget was still being worked on.

10. Roster Committee/Membership Directory Handbook:

- a. John McCarthy commented that the committee had a meeting on the 22nd January and progress continues to be going well.
- b. He commented that he was waiting to hear back from Modern Litho for a printing price quote.
- c. Jack Welch asked that the committee seek a second quote for this process, which the committee agreed to do.
- d. John McCarthy commented that the Chapter Directors are doing a great job, under the guidance of Anne Gibson, in collecting membership details.

- e. The committee noted that some members have limited access to computers and limited computer skills. They have found it difficult to navigate the BCA website to enter data.

11. Bugle Advisory Committee:

- a. John McCarthy commented that the Bugle Advisory Committee was going well.
- b. Pete Phillips commented on the late postage and non-delivery of the January/February 2025 issue of the Bugle.

12. Cornerstone Liaison:

John McCarthy commented that he had nothing to report and that his conversations with Mark Wheeler have been very pleasant and productive.

13. Strategic Planning Committee:

Jerry Courson commented that he had nothing to report.

14. Membership Growth Committee:

- a. Melanie Mauser commented that in January 2025 there were 33 new members and this included 6 new members from the BOP Chicagoland swap meeting. In the coming World of Wheels show, she will be looking for new members here.
- b. She went on to comment about her efforts to find and intern who could assist the Board with marketing, advertising and market growth strategies and she is still looking in these areas.
- c. Jack Welch commented that he has put the planning and job description creation to find a new executive Director on hold and will come back to it later.

15. Awards Committee:

Melanie Mauser commented she is waiting for the proof of new designs.

16. Museum Committee:

Since Bob Starzyk was absent from this meeting there is nothing to report.

17. Old Business:

- a. Jack Welch commented that Tim Turvey is going to talk to the AACA about hosting the second BCA meeting at Hershey in October.
- b. He further commented that the BCA is going to participate in the GS Nationals with a shared tent. Progress is being made with this arrangement and the BCA participation.

18. New Business:

- a) Pete Phillips commented on an article which appeared in a magazine called "Flywheel", that which is published by McPherson College Automotive Restoration Program.
- b) He went on to explain that he had posted this edition out to BCA Board members because of an article written about the Franklin Trekker Car Club, and what it has done to attract new and younger members.
- c) The Franklin program is called the Franklin Experience Program and it sponsors younger people to attend their annual Franklin Trek. Since its inception it has

raised \$150,000 in donations. A student can apply for a scholarship of up to \$2000 to attend the Trek.

- d) Pete Phillips commented that this would be a good idea for the BCA to adopt. Other BOD members supported Pete Phillips proposal and there will be further discussion at the next meeting.
- e) Mark Wheeler commented on the need to discuss electronic voting for the coming BCA Board elections, as we need to be able to get all members, including E members to vote. We would have to change the mail-in voting system so that all voting mail will go to Cornerstone and not to the Accounting Firm. The Ballots will be in the April issue of the Bugle. The mail-in address in there will show the Cornerstone address.
- f) Pete Phillips confirmed that the change of address will appear in the April edition of the Bugle.
- g) The motion to approve this was proposed by Jerry Courson and seconded by Melanie Mauser. The vote was approved by 7-0.

19. Meeting was Adjourned:

Moved by John McCarthy. Seconded by Melanie Mauser.
Passed by 7-0.

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 18th March 2025. 7:10 (ET). 6:10 (CT).