

**Revised Minutes of BCA Board of Directors and Attendees Meeting,
held on Wednesday 21st May 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, Bob Starzyk, Tim Turvey, Mike Meyer.

Therefore there were eight voting members in attendance.

Other regular attendees whom were present included; Chapter Co-Ordinator Anne Gibson, Assistant Chief Judge, Adam Martin, Bugle Editor, Pete Phillips. Special Guests Attending; Ajesh Parikh who is a candidate for the BCA Board elections. Absent, Chief Judge, Alan Oldfield and Mark Wheeler, Cornerstone Publications.

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 18th March 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. Bill Gorman asked whether SOP 33 had been modified and approved in these minutes. Tim Turvey replied that they had been approved. John McCarthy said he would look into this and modify the minutes if necessary. It was moved by Jerry Courson that the Secretary's report be accepted, and it was seconded by Sid Meyer. The meeting approved them 8-0.

Please note, I did have a look into Bill's concern about SOP 33. This SOP was moved and passed at the 18th March 2025 meeting and recorded in the minutes of that meeting and on the voting sheets. It was listed under New Business, as that was where it occurred on that meeting's agenda.

2. Treasurer's Report presented by Jerry Courson.

- a. Jerry Courson reported that the balance sheet had been sent out and he gave an analysis as to where we are going. He talked about how he was going to change the accruals to reflect better accounting.
- b. Jerry further commented that after looking over the accounts, they are correct. However there is an error in there somewhere in the accounts and the income line does not balance. He will look further into this and be in a better position to correct this situation.
- c. He went on to comments that we had lost 54 members for the year to date. This compared favorable for this year when compared to the same time last year.
- d. Tim Turvey asked that the accounts be put on hold until modifications are made.
- e. The meeting agreed to this.

3. Personnel Committee:

Tim Turvey commented that there was nothing to report.

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

- a. Jack Welch commented that he had a notice to renew the Club's policy and that Mark Wheeler has responsibility to do this.
- b. Jerry Courson raised the question whether it was possible to find other insurance companies that would provide the Club with the coverage which it needs to satisfy all of its members and their activities.
- c. Jack Welch commented that this is very difficult and that we have a good broker who looks after the Club.

5. SOP Committee:

- a. Bill Gorman commented that SOP 7 and 20 have been published on the BCA Website and also sent to Pete Phillips for publication in the Bugle.
- b. He said that he will follow up on SOP 33 and 29.
- c. Tim Turvey commented that he was still working on SOP 29 and it needed to be updated and changed.

6. Finance and Strategic Planning Committee:

Jerry Courson commented that he was going to rewrite the strategic plan.

7. National Meet Committee:

Sid Meyer made the following comments;

- a. Progress is very good for planning the coming meetings.
- b. He did comment that it has been hard to fill the "goody bags" for the coming 2025 meeting.
- c. The 2026 National Meet Committee is in good shape and John DeFiore has done an excellent job.
- d. Jack Welch and Alan Oldfield have offered to assist the 2027 National Meet Committee and Sid was confident that this will work well.
- e. Sid said that he has had a recent meeting with Denny Manners and Roberta Vasilow with regards to the 2028 National meeting which he hoped would be held in Flint Michigan. He was confident that after this meeting he now has the Flint Committee on track.
- f. It is hoped that the venue for this meeting will be the Buick Heritage Centre, however a larger hotel in the area needs to be found.
- g. Tim Turvey has offered to work with this group and his help will be appreciated.

8. National Chief Judge's Report:

Adam Martin commented that there was nothing to report.

9. Chapter and Region Co-Ordinator Report:

- a. Anne Gibson commented that letters had been sent out to the 58 and Pre War Divisions.
- b. She further commented that the BDE Division had recently completed a successful driving tour based around Natchez Mississippi.
- c. Anne reported that the 59 Division had now dissolved and that its funds have been donated to the BCA Museum Committee.
- d. She commented that the Modified Division had become an information Centre.

- e. Adam Martin and Sid Meyer discussed Insurance issues with regards to the Performance Division. It was decided to leave matters as they stood.
- f. Anne went on to say that all other divisions are in good shape.

10. Roster Committee/Membership Directory Handbook:

- a. John McCarthy commented that the committee had recently met and that work on the new edition is making good progress.
- b. He commented that further work needed to be done to establish costs for international shipping to various countries and a final weight of the publication, as this affected these costs. Once this was done a cost for purchasing a copy by overseas members can be established.
- c. Hope to get to the printer soon.

11. Bugle Advisory Committee:

John McCarthy commented that he was communicating well with Editor Pete Phillips and there was nothing to report.

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 and Finance Committee:

Jerry Courson commented that he had nothing to report.

14. Membership Growth Committee:

- a. Melanie Mauser commented that there were 15 membership renewals at the recent GSCA Nationals.
- b. She went on to say that the owner of the GSCA Club wanted a meeting with the BCA and the GSCA to discuss exchanging Rosters.
- c. Sid Meyer supported this and said that it would work well.
- d. Jerry Courson commented that he does not have a problem with exchanging rosters. Other members of the Board did not see any issue with exchanging copies of rosters.
- e. Tim Turvey commented that he did not see a problem as people could buy a copy and that the GSCA people were very cordial towards BCA members.
- f. Sid Meyer suggested that the BCA place an ad in the GSCA magazine.
- g. Jack Welch commented that he would leave this up to Melanie Mauser as to how we carry this discussion on further.
- h. It was moved by Bob Starzyk to continue our discussions with the GSCA Club as to how we can further our relationship with the GSCA. The motion was seconded by Sid Meyer and it was passed 8-0.

15. Awards Committee:

- a. Melanie Mauser commented that the Contemporary Awards have been made.

16. Museum Committee:

- a. Bob Starzyk commented that the Committee has decided to go to Hershey and will link up with the AACCA.
- b. The meeting discussed the pros and cons of Hershey vs Gilmore and it was mentioned that Hershey had 60,000 visitors per year and that Gilmore had 132,000 visitors.
- c. Bob Starzyk went on to say that there were better financial gains by going to Hershey than what there would be at Gilmore.
- d. He went on to say by going to Hershey they would be able to build a new addition onto the present site at the rear of the building.
- e. Negotiations are currently more centered on Hershey and not on Gilmore, as the building at Hershey is suited for expansion.

17. Old Business:

It was mentioned that the relevant points in Old Business have been covered in the meeting.

18. New Business:

- a) Former BCA President Mrs Helen Hutchinson contacted the BCA and said that she wants to hand over to the Club BCA Board Meeting Minutes, which go back approximately 40 years.
- b) The meeting discussed this further.
- c) Jack Welch commented that these should be archived.
- d) Jerry Courson commented that it was important for the Club's history that these minutes should be kept.
- e) Tim Turvey commented that we should establish a price to do this before this task is undertaken.
- f) Jack Welch said that he would investigate how many boxes there are to be shipped from Kansas to Minnesota, their weight and a cost.

19. Meeting was Adjourned:

Moved by Jerry Courson. Seconded by Melanie Mauser.
Passed by 8-0.

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 24th June 2025. 7:10 (ET). 6:10 (CT).

Note:

Enclosed as attachments are copies of the two letters sent out to the Pre-War and 58 Divisions. These letters have been delivered and signed for.