

## BCA Board Meeting 5/21 minutes

Present were Board members. Jerry Courson, Tim Turvey, Michael Meyer, Jack Welch, Sid Meyer, Bill Gorman, Melanie Mauser, Ajesh Parikh and Bob Starzyk

Non Board members in attendance were : Anne Gibson, Pete Phillips, Mark Wheeler, Tom Parker and Adam Martin.

Jerry began the meeting by formalizing his resignation from the Buick Motorcar museum. He felt it was in the best interest of the BCA that he will now have more time to fulfill his duties as BCA President and to not present any potential appearance of any conflict of interest as a member of the museum board.

Secretary's report. Jack indicated that the prior meeting minutes have already been approved and posted on the BCA web site and archived by Cornerstone Registrations

Treasurer Report, Mike presented the Treasurer's report showing April's net income of \$5,671.33 and discussed investment options, recommending moving funds from Chase to Morgan Stanley's sweep account which offers 3.4% APY. The group agreed to explore setting up a sweep account at Morgan Stanley to ensure quick fund transfers while maintaining higher interest earnings above 3%.

Chapters, Regions and Divisions report. Anne will send out requests to all chapters and divisions in early June for updated rosters and information on regional/local event participation and board comments, with responses due by July 15th. Anne also provided updates on regional activities, including efforts to restart the Lone Star chapter and a potential Oklahoma chapter, and reported the passing of Jerry Richstein, who held multiple leadership roles. Anne also outlined plans to collect chapter rosters and information about event participation in July. Jerry discussed challenges with his small chapter having fewer than 10 members and proposed merging the three Texas chapters, though he expressed concerns about the feasibility of such a merger. The group discussed challenges with various chapters, including communication difficulties with the Virginia chapter where the director lacks email or computer access. Tim provided updates on division progress, noting that while some divisions like the pre-war group and driving enthusiasts are making good progress, others still need work on compliance and bylaws. Jerry reported on his efforts to revitalize the modified division by reaching out to related organizations like Buick Rod and Custom, resulting in potential new members. Jerry announced plans to send a roster and organize a basic election to determine roles within their division. Tim expressed interest in growing membership, particularly from pre-war car owners making modifications, and mentioned participating in an upcoming tour. Bob highlighted the emerging Restomod market, particularly with LS Motors, as a potential source of new members.

Membership growth: Jerry reported that new members had been signed up at the GS Nationals in Bowling Green. There seemed to be some confusion as to the actual number.

Financial report The Board discussed investment options for their \$800,000 liquid funds, with Tim recommending looking beyond Morgan Stanley for better returns and suggesting keeping a minimum \$2,000 balance at Chase to avoid service charges. Jerry raised concerns about the national meet's financial trends, noting that while registration fees are generating income now, the bulk of expenses will come later when the meet actually starts.

National Meet Committee report Marck provided an update on the Spearfish 2027 budget, explaining that they decided to lower costs for members to make the event more affordable while still maintaining profitability in the \$6,000-\$12,000 range, with specific price reductions including member registration from \$55 to \$50 and the BCA dinner from \$65 to \$55, though these changes require board approval. Board approved by a vote of 9-0 to approve. The Board also discussed the probability of decreasing National Meet costs by holding future events in remote locations like Spearfish. Marck explaining that some savings from judged car registrations will come from reduced judged vehicle costs from \$50 to \$45 and plaque costs from \$18 to \$4.28 per plaque. The board also approved modifying SOP 31 to allow distribution of the \$3,000 profit-sharing amount to volunteers from any chapter who help with non-hosted national meets, with Marck requesting the ability to distribute funds equitably based on The board also approved modifying SOP 31 to allow distribution of the \$3,000 profit-sharing amount to volunteers from any chapter who help with non-hosted national meets, with Marck requesting the ability to distribute funds equitably based on volunteer participation. Motion was approved 9-0. Marck was allowed to vote on these motions as NMC Chair.

Jerry was seeking approval to engage a BCA attorney, noting associate charges range from \$400 to \$600 per hour. The board approved retaining an attorney for the BCA with a requirement for board approval before any legal action, with Jerry explaining that only a retainer would be needed initially. The board conducted a roll call vote with all members present approving the motion. (Secretary's note. This actually should have stated as a replacement for our existing Attorney who has now retired)

Personnel Committee : Tim will Work with Mark on the Cornerstone service agreements contract and Shannon's contract as they come due.

SOP Committee: Bill will coordinate with Peter to publish the new SOP#31 regarding National Meet profit distribution in the Bugle.

New Business: The board discussed updating membership application forms with new rates effective July 1st, with Mark agreeing to send new rate sheets to the entire board. They addressed an urgent request from Richard Boyer, an eBay Buick parts dealer in Hanover, Pennsylvania, who needs applications for his packages, and Mark committed to processing this request promptly.

Tim requested a separate Board meeting to accommodate Museum presentations on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Our regular Business meeting will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Jerry will include an explanation in the next President's Message regarding the cancellation of the Ohio meet and the move to South Dakota.

Adam thanked Pete for publishing an article in the June Bugle about judging and car classification

Pete will Update the membership list in the Bugle to reflect Sid's continued participation on the National Meet Committee.

Tom will Connect with Jacob (social media) next week to discuss AI use and report back to Jerry and the board.