

## GSBCC Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2020 @ 12:00 noon

Wahoo's Restaurant, Murrells Inlet

President Rod Smith called the December meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club to order at approximately 12:25 p.m. on Saturday, December 12, 2020. He thanked everyone (there were 31 in attendance) for coming and acknowledged that today's event was a departure from the normal Christmas gatherings we've held in the past. There was no Secret Santa exchange of gifts due to the virus. He thanked Wade and Paula who were gracious to open for lunch inside their restaurant only for our private party. He will soon post pictures showing our social distancing, the good drinks, and pictures of our masks for those who could not join us.

Vice President Greg Hoch provided a membership report of 198 members and introduced new members Bob and Tricia Arndt ('60 MGA) and Paulette and Mark Buongiorno ('61 Austin Healey 3000 MKII).

There were no Treasurer, Newsletter, Social Media or Website reports, due to various circumstances.

The reading of the October minutes was waived and approved as published in the GSBCC Newsletter.

In Rod's President's report he announced that the Britnic event at Pelican's Stadium was a huge success, and that the Pelicans extended an invitation to the club for 2021. They loved seeing our British cars on their warm up track.

He thanked everyone for contributing to the success of the Grand Strand British Car Club and noted the following individuals for their help:

Greg – for always reminding everyone to wear his GSBCC i.d. badge, for his counsel, being a great sounding board, for graciously welcoming new members, for his help with Britfest, with the tents, the tabulation of votes, and the ant hills.

Patsy – as secretary, always being prepared, organized, providing minutes almost immediately, her help at Britfest, with the British tea.

Julia – for stepping into the treasurer's position and handling it so well.

Jim and Neal Smith – for pinching pennies, handling trophies, swag, Jim always handling tents, water, music, tables, donuts, whatever needed to be done.

Bill Unger – for the Newsletter that he is always suggesting be put together by other Editors, but no one could take his place, really - for being such an excellent statistician, keeping stats on everything from Santa hats to car registrations and classifications, voting - for being our Parliamentarian.

Warren and Stancey – for being such solid supporters, for handling our most successful fundraiser, the Britfest baskets, which does NOT happen by itself.

Joel and Deb – for all their help at Britfest.

Charlie Covitz – for his help and advice during Britfest.

Jim Hendrix – whose original idea it was to organize the Grand Strand British Car Club.

Ray Maggio – who thought of and made happen our Britfest posters and who recommended working with the Pelican management to host Britnic.

Wade and Paula – for always opening their restaurant at Christmas and whenever we wanted to meet in Murrells Inlet.

Bob Puttbach – for always having the right spare part in his pocket, for always being there whenever we have a breakdown on a drive and keeping whatever we might need in his trunk.

Skip and Denise – for doing such an excellent job with membership before leaving for Los Alamos for the next 5 years, but who plan to join us at meetings and drives whenever they can.

Felicia – for keeping us in the social media realm and helping create interest in the club.

Jenn and Larry – for opening their house twice now to our membership and recommending the food trucks.

Myrna – for being my wife and putting up with me.

Rod thanked everyone, again, and admitted that he has such mixed emotions about stepping down as president. He helped form the club in 2010 and has watched it grow. He emphasized the fact that it is the members who make the club what it is, the people, the comradery, the sharing of war stories, the technical advice, the meeting attendance, the support at our shows, our drives.

Rod announced the following Nominating Committee-proposed slate of nominees and opened the floor for additional nominees for consideration:

Dick Foltz, President  
Warren Bender, Vice President  
Julia Nightingale-Born, Treasurer  
Patsy Hoch, Secretary

Hearing none, the slate received a unanimous vote of approval, and Rod asked that everyone be as supportive to the new board in the future as they have in the past.

After a board-presentation of the following gift of gratitude to Rod for pouring his heart and soul into the organization and extracting a promise to continue as a member and attend as many events as possible, Rod closed the meeting at approximately 12:44 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Patsy Hoch.