

GSBCC Meeting Minutes

12:00 noon Saturday, June 13, 2020

Shelter #1, Myrtle Beach State Park, SC

At approximately 1:16 p.m. President Rod Smith called the June meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club to order with 18 members and guests and one prospective member in attendance. He began by thanking everyone for coming and by introducing prospective member Bill Cooper who recently moved from Sacramento to Pawleys. He owns a Triumph motorcycle and is interested in purchasing a British car.

The reading of the minutes was waived, so the March minutes were accepted as written by Secretary Patsy Hoch.

Vice President Greg Hoch thanked everyone for wearing name tags and announced that as of yesterday there were 14 registrations for Britfest. He noted that Dennis had driven his TD in spite of the challenging weather and asked if there were a club member who could correctly pronounce Dennis' unusual last name, Chechile ... One correct guess of "keck-ulee" won a British dark chocolate.

Membership Chair Skip Robertson announced that we have a total of 177 members, not including 7 who haven't renewed for extenuating circumstances. There will be a car show next weekend in Longs at the Chesterfield Missionary Baptist church that was postponed due to inclement weather. The show will include a variety of vehicles, so expect to see more than just British.

Rod thanked Webmaster Ethan Harris for his hard work, most recently increasing the website load speed. He mentioned that our web support was responsible for website optimization, and you will notice how much more quickly loading occurs. He encouraged everyone to register for 2020 Britfest on the website and to utilize the new feature, the Starting Grid, where anyone can enter an impromptu drive, complete with details, to entice others to join. You do need to register to opt in to receive notifications.

With so many car shows cancelled this spring because of the pandemic, we are looking forward to the Dillard show and Britfest. Steve Finch reported that he plans to attend the MGA regional show the weekend before Britfest and take his Magnette. The show features Magnettes and will be the largest gathering of Magnettes in the last 10 years.

The next meeting will be on 7/11, but due to Covid-19 restrictions, a location has not yet been identified. Rod asked for suggestions for establishments that have re-opened and provide safer, outdoor seating. Members will text or email their recommendations to Rod next week (Patsy will check on Hopswee, Ray Maggio will contact the Pelicans park) for follow-up. Stay tuned.

Before Rod officially adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:45 p.m. he suggested that we convene a Britfest status report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Hoch

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Extensive planning has already taken place in anticipation of the GSBCC 8th annual Britfest that will be held at Market Common on Saturday, October 3 this year. Registration of 14 is only 3 less than this time last year. As always, pre-registration helps all aspects of planning for the event.

It was pointed out that we will continue to plan toward hosting the event this year, and that the ultimate decision-making point is the cut-off date for placing orders for t-shirts and trophies when our financial liability emerges.

2020 Poster report: Rod appointed a new committee chair, Ray, to work with volunteers Skip and Warren.

Gift Basket report: Stancy anticipates an even greater year (to exceed 37 baskets with a profit of over \$900) with beautiful themed baskets donated by club members. Sign up today or email or text Stancy. She will bring the list and GSBCC containers to each meeting.

Under control are the following categories:

- Accommodations for a block of more rooms at the \$115 discounted rate at Doubletree resort
- Registration already on the website
- Music
- Registration (we'll need 3 at each table this year for contingency purposes)
- We won't need a permit since we are meeting on private property, we'll need only a city license
- Hot dog vendor will also be authorized to sell beer
- Restrooms
- Show layout
- Ballots
- Signage
- Continue Bill's expeditious paper voting system
- Continue parking Britfest staff cars on the first field & taking their pictures

Action items:

- Put a deposit down with Conway Rental for one large tent (Greg/Jim)
- Inventory trophies (plaques) (Jim/Neal)
- Earlier start-time for getting classes out on the field
- Plan to help Jim and Neal
- Reserve the Nacho Hippo party room for the Friday night event