

Grand Strand British Car Club
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2021
Surfside Moose Lodge at Murrells Inlet, SC

The August meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 12:05 p.m. on Saturday, August 14 by Vice President Warren Bender with 44 members at the event. He warmly welcomed everyone, and a vote was taken to waive the reading of the minutes by Secretary Patsy Hoch and to approve the June minutes as published in the GSBCC Newsletter.

Membership Chair Greg Hoch welcomed our newest members Tom and Care Bundy with their black Jaguar F-Type, Bob Bourgeois with his TR6, and Dave Cook and Lori Coltrin with their MBG.

Social Media Coordinator Felicia Sachs mentioned that Ethan is doing such a good job with our website, and she reminded everyone to send her a good e-picture for posting. Make sure that the background enhances the car and doesn't detract from it as the focal point.

Britfest updates orchestrated by Warren who reminded us that it is fun, held at in beautiful Market Common, that we have cars coming from as far north as New York and as far south as Florida, that everyone enjoys our event and that once they attend the first time, they always come back:

- Club member registrations are encouraged. Britfest Registrar Bill Unger who maintains our historical show statistics reported that we are not too far off registrations this year, in spite of our late start. The bulk of the registrations usually come in September. Out of the 30 entries 8 are from other clubs and out of state. The most popular class is MGB, and the new non-British class is filling up quickly with exciting cars, such as a Porsche 356, an Alfa Romeo Spider, a Mercedes Benz SLK, and a Delorean. Categories are determined after an in-depth review of previous entries, and some class consolidation is required for cost containment. Trophies will remain the same size this year.
- Ray Maggio's great Britfest posters (donated by him!) are quickly selling at \$5 each.
- Britfest Raffle Baskets, the club's biggest fund-raiser to-date – Stancy provided an excellent overview of the professionally-organized feature, provided a sign-up sheet with ideas, brought baskets to take home, fill, and return as soon as possible – she thanked Linda Orto & Susan McLaughlin who will help her this year – to give you an idea of the ROI, \$852 was netted at our last car show. Much behind the scenes activity occurs to make the baskets all look professional, so please make an effort to turn them in asap. You may notice that much thought goes into the collection process ... attractive item arrangement, cellophane wrapping, item/donor cards, offers to pick up your basket between meetings, color coded raffle ticket entry tubs to make sure you are putting your white ticket in the right tub for the desired gift basket, even the size of the basket was chosen to more easily fit into an LBC, and the basket is labeled with our logo ... this all augments the generosity of our member donations and makes many Britfest gift basket raffle winners extremely happy! With a promise from our members of 27 raffle baskets and 10 already turned in, Stancy announced that we are doing great!
- The Friday night event will be held under the tent at the show site at Market Common in compliance with Covid avoidance concerns.
- Professional photography will be provided by Ray Maggio with our many thanks.

- Canine Angels is, again, our chosen recipient for the 50/50 raffle, managed by Regalia Chair Jim Smith ... this ticket will be a different color, and we always look forward to the dogs taking money from us and putting it in the collection bucket!
- This year all golfers will be able to support ALL4PAWS Animal Rescue (Pawleys Island) by bringing their experienced golf balls to a collection point at the show to help rescue animals eat, play, and to find forever homes.
- Many Britfest meetings have gotten us to this point with many more to follow.

We encourage participation in other car shows, such as the Charleston show on 10/23, the week after Britfest, and celebrating a WWII Veteran, Duane McNett, celebrate his 101st birthday with a GSBCC drive-by on Monday, 10/25. And we look forward to future events, such as perhaps orchestrating an off-season gathering with the Italian Club at Pelican Stadium and definitely joining Larry & Jen's Halloween Boneyard Bash on 10/30 from 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you missed the details today, join us at our September meeting at T-Bones, 2nd floor, on 9/11 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m. by President Dick Foltz who appreciates such a great gathering, reiterated that we do fun things as a club. He, too, looks forward to working together to help others.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Hoch, GSBCC Secretary