

Grand Strand British Car Club
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2022
Heritage Golf Club

The January meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 12:17 p.m. on Saturday, January 8 by Vice President Warren Bender with 45 members at the event. He welcomed everyone, and announced that our Christmas party at the Sons of Italy was a huge success. Everyone had such a good time that we will return. All 4 Paws benefitted from Britfest and Gifts from the Heart was overwhelmed at the generosity of our club members.

Attendance at the following upcoming events was encouraged:

- 2/12 - GSBCC 12th anniversary meeting, Show & Shine, @ the Boathouse, Myrtle Beach (Also Drive your Triumph Day)
- 4/2 – Carolina British Classics car show in Cayce (Columbia), in connection with the Scottish games
- 4/22 – the Gathering @ Dobson, NC
- 5/7 – Cape Fear Car show @ Wilmington, NC
- 5/28 – show at Furman University, also in conjunction with the Scottish games

A vote was taken to waive the reading of the December minutes by Secretary Patsy Hoch and to approve those minutes as published in the GSBCC Newsletter.

The Treasurer's report, including the balance, was provided by new Treasurer Steve Hertel, and the club is in good financial standing. He thanked past Treasurer Julia Nightingale-Born and Website Director Ethan Harris for their many hours of training, and reminded us that tips were **not** included in the pre-registration for lunch today.

Membership Chair Greg Hoch welcomed all new members and asked them to tell us about their cars. Everyone enjoyed hearing from Anne Marie (Pam) and Dwight Ihling, Don Jackson and Donna Lovejoy, and David Beard. Greg announced that he's received many membership renewals and reminded everyone else to renew by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty for joining as a new member.

Newsletter Editor Bill Unger encouraged new member articles and reminded us that personal interest stories are often reprinted in other British car publications, such as the British Marque. Ideas for articles to submit to the Newsletter may be gleaned from the GSBCC website where all old Newsletter issues are archived.

Webmaster Ethan Harris announced the new password that will allow access to the member roster with contact information and photos of their cars. The password is also needed to access meeting minutes. He noted that our website is getting a lot more traffic, and that it's always nice to read the published compliments.

Social Media Coordinator Felicia Sachs reminded everyone to smile when she points her camera or iPhone in their direction because the photo will soon appear in many different social media posts. She added an interesting little known fact, that she is now a member of the Hole in One Club!

Regalia Chair Ray Maggio reported that he has a number of items for sale today (hoodies, denim shirts, etc.) as well as many old t-shirts in smaller sizes available for a donation to the club treasury. He mentioned that online ordering and new designs are under consideration.

Social events Co-director Lisa Unger reiterated that our donations to Gifts from the Heart touched so many elderly people who might not have otherwise received a gift. She reminded us to be gracious with our tips to Heritage since tips were not included in the sign-up. Soon we will see online registration for the Shine and Show at the Boathouse, and we should watch for information about our March meeting at Barefoot Landing. We look forward to the April 9 meeting at Hopsewee Plantation which will be another wonderful event.

From the Floorboard:

- We have at least 2 prospective members and may soon add a Bentley and another F-type Jaguar to our stable of GSBCC cars
- Interest was expressed in participating in other Christmas parades, so all we need is a point person for each
- The Starting Grid could easily be used to organize a Christmas parade, any spur of the moment gathering, drive or rally – it is an under-utilized, but extremely valuable resource on our website

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:02 p.m. by Vice President Bender who left us pondering ... when did we last see a Fairthorpe Electron?

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Hoch
GSBCC Secretary