

Grand Strand British Car Club
Meeting Minutes
9 April 2022
Hopsewee Plantation, Georgetown SC

The April meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 12:13 PM on Saturday, April 9, 2022 by Vice President Warren Bender with 41 members and guests present. He welcomed everyone, thanked Lisa Unger and Kathie for the beautiful venue, and asked new members Hank and Sarah Lau and almost new member Tudor to introduce themselves. New member Ed McNulty was present for the visitation pre-meeting but was unable to stay for lunch.

President report: Dick and Kathie Foltz were unable to be here today, so Warren Bender presided and incorporated his Vice President report: The Grand Strand British Car Club was well represented at the Carolina British Classics Car Show in Caycee, SC on 4/2 with he and Stancy, Jennifer Zengaro and Larry Holloway, Bill Walton and Debbie White attending, collectively winning, placing, and showing. Upcoming shows:

- 4/22 The Gathering at Shelton Vineyards with 300 English cars – Bill Unger is leading a caravan departing Gallivants Ferry at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, 4/20, so see him if you plan to meet them, and he will provide a route book that he's compiled, and Lisa Unger will include you in the casual dining plans.
- 5/7 Wilmington Cruise-in in Leland – see the BMCCF Cape Fear Club website for details.
- 5/14 Triangle British Car Raleigh show at North Hills Shopping Center
- 5/28 Great Scott Club on Memorial Day week end at Furman University

Treasurer Steve Hertel reported that Club finances are in excellent shape. See him for details.

Secretary Patsy Hoch thanked Susan McLaughlin and Sharon Rosenberger for their interest in the support of the position. The reading of minutes was waived with an approval vote to accept as published.

Membership chair Greg Hoch reported that the club currently has 182 members with 94 standard memberships.

Newsletter editor Bill Unger reported that the updated version now contains links to sites for relevant events on the website as well as to specific sites. He continued to request personal articles and photos which are of interest to our membership and also to other clubs. He announced the passing of a recent bylaw that adds an additional membership classification that designates a non-voting, temporary "special membership" to comply with the club's non-profit status.

Website Coordinator Ethan Harris announced that we can now click on the Google calendar to expand it and to sign up for events. Some areas of the site are password protected (ex: member roster) which was provided.

Club regalia chair Ray Maggio announced a surplus of small t-shirts available for “best offer” and that many hats are also available for purchase. The survey to note desired member items for future sales is available for a few more days on the Club website under “Activities”. A Square device will be implemented to also help future sales.

Social media: Ray recommended the Facebook page “Lovely Old British Cars”.

Social events: The club was welcomed by Raejean Beattie, owner of Hopsewee Plantation, who provided a history of its purchase, renovations, the availability of meal service, logistics for tours, and plans for the future museum. Club members appreciated the Beattie’s preservation efforts of plantation, culture, land, AND their Cobra!

Britfest status:

- Save the Date cards for Britfest are available for distribution upon request. See Bill Unger.
- The vintage poster sample for 2022 Britfest was passed around for member input by Ray Maggio.
- A preliminary Call for volunteers was issued today by Warren. Many are needed for the event, and the official call will come next month.
- Raffle baskets - Stancy Bender challenged all members to participate in the creation and donation of the always-popular raffle baskets that last year yielded almost \$1500. A sign-up list with themes will be provided at each future meeting, and members were encouraged to begin gathering items now and to consider going in with other members. Check the newsletter next month for more details.
- Location: Market Common. Consideration of other locations would be welcomed and explored.

From the floorboard: Sharon Rosenberger updated the group on the visit from the car club from Pennsylvania. Five cars will be in the Grand Strand area leaving 4/23/2022. Lunch is planned for 4/27/2022 at Sweet Carolina’s at Broadway at the Beach; a headcount is needed for this event.

Upcoming GSBCC meetings: 5/14 Market Common Picnic Pavilion on Forbis Street
6/11 Italian Club
7/9 Litchfield Country Club
Always check the website for details.

Time of adjournment 12:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Susan McLaughlin Secretary Pro Tem and Patsy Hoch
Secretary