

Grand Strand British Car Club  
Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2022  
Root Restaurant, Georgetown, SC

The August meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 11:53 a.m. on Saturday, August 13 by President Dick Foltz with 57 members and guests present. He welcomed everyone to the charming town of Georgetown, and asked new members to introduce themselves. Chris O'Neill introduced himself, his wife, Pam. Alan Gramet introduced himself, his wife, Noreen Davis, AND their 2006 Aston Martin db9. Jerry Schopp introduced his August visitors from the UK, Matthew, Lotus expert, and son, Jake, on the Mercedes Formula 1 team.

Vice President's Report: Warren Bender suggested that we consider attending the upcoming car shows:

- Euro in Greenville at the BMW factory, all European cars, which are included in a special class for the second year at Britfest
- Charleston car show on 10/29, and it's a good idea to pre-register
- Hilton Head Island Course d'Elegance 11/4-5, and Matilda, Pam & Dwight's 1952 MGTD will be there both days

For our annual show, Britfest, the following additional volunteers are needed and will hopefully be filled by today:

- Door prize table (1)
- 50/50 raffle (4)
- Registration (1)

Secretary's Report: Patsy Hoch thanked Susan McLaughlin for her excellent minutes, and a vote was taken to waive the reading of the July minutes and to approve them as published in the GSBCC Newsletter. President Foltz also commended Susan on her outstanding article in the recent Newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Steve Hertel had no formal report which is his way of avowing that the club is in good financial standing.

Membership Chair Greg Hoch thanked everyone for wearing nametags, and he will order one for Pam O'Neill. He announced that there are 196 total members, including 109 standard memberships.

Newsletter Editor Bill Unger is always looking for contributions, like Susan's article ... perhaps also a tech article. Send the articles to him with photos. Our articles get lots of interest from other clubs, and he receives many requests for reprints.

Regalia Chair Ray Maggio invited everyone to visit the regalia shop after the meeting, announced the 2022 antique Britfest poster theme, free stickers, and that we now use the square system for processing credit card sales that allows us to easily charge tax as well as the processing charge. He inquired about the vendor to update club business card information.

Social Event Co-Chair Lisa Unger thanked everyone for coming down to Georgetown, encouraged all to take advantage of all that charming Georgetown has to offer, and suggested that we thank Jimmy, the owner of Root Restaurant, who shut down the restaurant for our private party. She announced that

registration is already on the GSBCC website for the September meeting which will be held at Barefoot Landing Clubhouse, organized by Kathie Foltz. Pre-reservations are required.

Social Media Coordinator Felicia Sachs was unavailable for a report.

Stancy Bender, in charge of the club's largest fundraiser, announced that so far, as of today, there are 18 baskets that have been turned in and a total of 34 signed up. She acknowledged that that is really good for August. She noted that one special donation by Laura and Winston Hoy is the favorite champagne of Sir Winston Churchill. A bidding war immediately erupted in the audience...however, we all must wait until October 1. Other basket themes were also compelling, such as Christine's ... products to keep you safe from the sun, and ALL 4 Paws is putting together a cat basket AND a dog basket. Member Alan Brown is also the golf ball coordinator for ALL 4 Paws, and will set up a Britfest collection point, so please remember to bring golf balls to him to help support his non-profit that collected 3-400 golf balls last year at Britfest. It is commendable that all profits from the collection, sorting and cleaning of the golf balls goes for the care of the animals. He will also be able to collect golf balls at Barefoot Landing ...

Website Coordinator's Report: Ethan Harris announced that he is the new Britfest Registrar, and he encouraged everyone to register soon. He even has his laptop at the meeting, so can help anyone with registration questions. He has developed an electronic voting system for Britfest 2022 and needs additional volunteers for stress testing who have pre-registered. See him for written directions. He thanked the Britfest Committee members who successfully cast 40 test ballots. It's a great way to familiarize yourself with electronic voting.

From the Floorboard:

- Steve and Donna Finch and Cocker Spaniel Bentley recently returned from showing Donna's '57 MGA in Colorado Springs at the MGA National Convention where she won first in class. Look for Steve's upcoming article in the Newsletter where you will learn more about their discovery that life isn't just the destination, but the journey. On their adventure they encountered a dust storm that required putting the bib up, an altitude of 4600' above sea level that required an adjustment of 2 flats right on the jets, re-living their honeymoon, pre-dog, no-guardrail certain-to-be attention-getting views ... and they're already planning their next MGA convention, perhaps not in Calgary next year, but in Memphis in 2024!

What a way to close a meeting which was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m. by President Foltz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Hoch  
GSBCC Secretary