

Grand Strand British Car Club
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2022
Barefoot Landing Resort, North Myrtle Beach, SC

The September meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 11:46 a.m. on Saturday, September 10 by President Dick Foltz with 47 members and guests present. He welcomed everyone and asked for a moment of silence in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth and to honor the new King Charles III. He then asked guests Tom Wunk, Mark Marino, and Todd Harris to introduce themselves. We hope Tom and Mark will soon join, and we were glad to also have Ethan's son, Todd, with us today.

President's Report: A recent WBTW interview with Dick and his '62 Wolsley, Steve Finch's '75 MGMGT, and Kathie's 2023 electric Mini Cooper highlighted the October 1 Britfest at Market Common. Look for it on Channel 13 to be aired soon at 9:30 a.m. M-F. He introduced nominating chair Patsy Hoch who will prepare the slate for the upcoming annual election, and he provided underlying rationale for the Board recommendation for an increase in dues which will be reviewed, discussed, and vote taken under New Business.

Vice President's Report: Warren Bender began with trivia questions: Did we know that Queen Elizabeth once owned a McDonald's or that 94% of the people in the world only knew Queen Elizabeth as the Queen of England? For our annual show, Britfest, we need only 2 more parking volunteers.

Secretary's Report: Patsy Hoch was prepared with minutes of the last meeting; however, a vote was taken to waive the reading of the August minutes and to approve them as published in the GSBCC Newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Steve Hertel encouraged volunteerism and registration to support Britfest. He added that registration doesn't cover all the show expenses, no money is made from the lunches, that we are now paying taxes, and that we need to build a financial base to support the needs of our growing club.

Membership Chair Greg Hoch reported the addition of 1 new member since our last meeting which brings the total members of the club to 197 with 109 standard memberships. He also emphasized the need to increase dues based upon the increasing costs of everything.

Newsletter Editor Bill Unger's repeated requests for articles have at last resulted in a sufficient number for the next few months. But please continue to send them to him! He also is in favor of increasing dues because we may need pay for a show venue in the future.

Regalia Chair Ray Maggio displayed the new Britfest t-shirt in stonewashed gray and encouraged everyone to purchase regalia at Britfest

Social Event Chair Lisa Unger reviewed plans for the Friday night Britfest reception: 90 have registered, and there will be 2 food trucks, Lobster Dog & wood fired pizzas. She recommended that you bring folding chairs to the reception, and that the Italian Club will set up its kitchen on Friday for the show on Saturday. Stay tuned for the November meeting, a road trip that ends in Whiteville, NC at the Chef and the Frog.

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 21 baskets that have been wrapped, tagged, & are ready to go, 3 more that she's working on, & that a lot brought baskets today. She acknowledged many who have prepared outstanding baskets, reviewed the amazing profits from years past, and displayed the microfibre towels, complete with GSBCC logo, that will be included in each goody bag, thanks to Kathie's creative design and efforts.

Website Coordinator/Britfest Registrar Report: Ethan Harris announced that there are 65 already registered and anticipated that we will have 90-100 by the day of the show. He encouraged electronic voting and reviewed the simple voting instructions. He continues to build website visibility for the club, has saved money over-all, and reported over 2,500 hits at the end of August.

New Business: Warren made the motion to increase membership dues by \$10 effective for the 2023 calendar year. Discussion ensued, resulting in a unanimous vote in favor of the dues increase.

From the Floorboard: Recommendation to solicit auto parts' gift certificates.

A motion was made to adjourn at approximately 12:29 p.m., enacted by President Foltz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Hoch
GSBCC Secretary