

Grand Strand British Car Club  
Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2022  
The Chef and the Frog, Whiteville, NC

The November meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 11:48 a.m. on Saturday, November 12 by President Dick Foltz with 51 members and guests present. He welcomed everyone and commented on the nice crowd, great venue, and great British car roads we had just experienced. He then invited newest members to introduce themselves: Bob and Emily Padlowski with their 2019 Mini Cooper, Heinz Maetzener with his 2007 Mini Cooper, Ed and Anna Kowalski with their 2007 Jaguar XK, Dan Callisto with his 2005 Jaguar XKR, John and Jackie Neal with their '75 Triumph Spitfire.

**President's Report:** Dick proclaimed that the 2022 Britfest was great in spite of rescheduling due to the hurricane, thanks to our wonderful volunteers, newly-recruited Registrar who successfully managed the rescheduling with his excellent website skills as well as implemented our first e-voting platform.

**Vice President's Report:** Warren Bender began by congratulating and welcoming home all veterans, including Dick and himself. It was nice that Whiteville held a parade in their honor. He also thanked all Britfest volunteers and announced that the GSBCC was well represented at the excellent Charleston Show the following weekend. Many returned with awards: Dick and Kathie with a 3<sup>rd</sup> in their mixed class with their Wolsley, Greg and Patsy with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in their MGB class, he and Stancy with a 1<sup>st</sup> with their Triumph, Dan and Ann with a 1<sup>st</sup> with their Triumph, and Ethan and Diane with the first ever 1<sup>st</sup> for their MGB. Warren and Stancy also attended the Euro show with about 199 others in the Greenville, SC/BMW area and won 1<sup>st</sup> in class with their Triumph. GSBCC was also well represented at the Hilton Head Island Concourse D'Elegance, and Jenn Ann and Larry encouraged others to attend in the future. We hope to be invited as a club to future club showcases at HHI. Attendance at other club shows was followed by the proper way to display the Union Jack flag.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Steve Hertel was also appreciative of the club volunteerism and registration to support Britfest. He added that much time and effort is required for the annual event, that we did ok financially, and he hopes for good weather for Britfest 2023.

**Membership Chair Greg Hoch** thanked Dick for introducing all the new members in attendance and reported the addition of 12 new members at Britfest and 8 others since our last meeting which brings the total members of the club to 226 with 127 standard memberships. He said that the membership year for all new members extends through 2023, that they would soon receive name tags and reminded everyone else to renew their membership online. It is a simple process with only your name and a credit card required.

Diane Harris reported for Social Event Chair Lisa Unger to remember the 12/3 British car parade at Broadway at the Beach. Jenn Ann is coordinating it, so she will email those who've registered the time of the lineup (between 9-11 a.m.), a reminder to decorate your car, and she encouraged others to join them. The GSBCC Christmas/Holiday dinner meeting will be at the Italian Club on 12/16 at 5:00.

Registration is available on the website with the buffet menu posted and a reminder to bring an unwrapped gift for Gifts from the Heart as well as a “goof gift” valued at approximately \$20 wrapped for the gift swap that always results in much fun. The January meeting location will be Litchfield Country Club, the February anniversary meeting will be at the Boat House, the March meeting at Logan’s Road House, and the April meeting will be held at Brookgreen Gardens. Future road trips will be announced, perhaps to Lake Waccamaw, la Belle Amie Vineyard, and other locations.

Social Media Coordinator Felicia Sachs announced that club email addresses have been created for GSBCC board members. She and Lisa opened a private Facebook page, and she requested that member club videos would be appreciated by her and Ethan for re-posting. She participated in the finale of the 2022 MINI Takes the States. Stay tuned for 2023 MINI plans!

Stancy Bender, in charge of the club’s largest fundraisers, acknowledged many members who prepared outstanding baskets, including 2 in attendance today, Susan and Rochelle, who were tremendous help during Britfest. Over \$1,000 was donated to the club from the successful baskets, and a \$210.50 donation was made to the charity recipient, Gifts from the Heart.

Ray Maggio’s Regalia Chair report was given by Dick who announced that the remaining Britfest t-shirts were donated to the Lighthouse Mental Health organization, an approximate amount of \$250. All t-shirt and poster orders were delivered today to those in attendance who had ordered them or who were unable to attend Britfest.

Website Coordinator Report: Ethan Harris announced that he continues to build website visibility for the club, has added videos and new pages, has saved money over-all, and reported over 6,000 hits during October, the month of our 2022 Britfest show.

New Business: Nominating Chair Patsy Hoch presented the following slate, thanked those who are willing to serve, and encouraged members to consider nominations from the floor prior to the December election: President Dick Foltz, Vice President Warren Bender, Secretary Susan McLaughlin, Treasurer Steve Hertel.

From the Floorboard: Jenn Ann brought 2 extra HHI programs for members to view, and not only did our host, Guillaume Slama, and his wife and chef, Annie, provide a delicious and perfectly presented luncheon, but Guillame presented their amazing life history and path to Whiteville, AND they are now our newest GSBCC club members! We welcomed and thanked them ...

A motion was made to adjourn at approximately 12:36 p.m., enacted by President Foltz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Hoch  
GSBCC Secretary