

# **GSBCC Monthly Meeting Minutes**

## **January 14, 2023, Litchfield Country Club, Pawleys Island, SC**

### **by Susan McLaughlin, Secretary**

The January meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 11:40 a.m. on Saturday, January 14 by **President Dick Foltz** with 58 members and 21 British cars in attendance. A warm welcome was extended to all with special recognition to those who braved the cold morning and arrived at the meeting with their “tops down”. New members introducing themselves and their cars to the club included Doug Gist with a 1976 TR6 and Chris Nasdahl with her 2013 Mini Roadster.

**President Foltz** strongly encouraged anyone who has not yet renewed membership to do so now. He reminded the group how dues help with planning future events including Britfest. If memberships lapse and are renewed later, the member will be subject to the higher “new application” fee. Dick also issued an invitation to the February anniversary gathering “Shine & Show” at The Boathouse reminding us all how much fun this meeting has been in the past. Mention was also made of Britfest planning and an early call to consider volunteering at this event.

**Vice President Warren Bender** noted the spring car show season is starting and encouraged the club to support and attend other clubs’ shows stating this is a good way to positively represent our club and to make new friends. Britfest was again briefly mentioned which will be held Saturday October 7, 2023.

The **Treasurer’s report** was provided by **Steve Hertel** who stated good financial health for the club due largely to those who renewed memberships on time.

**Secretary report:** A motion was made and vote taken to waive reading of the prior month’s minutes and to approve as published in the newsletter.

**Membership Chair Greg Hoch** thanked the group for wearing name tags. New members’ tags will be available at the next meeting. Club membership renewals are at 50%. It is easy to renew online via the club website. Greg also encouraged participation in other shows such as The Gathering at Shelton Vineyards near Dobson NC.

Our **Newsletter Editor Bill Unger** asked members to continue submitting articles stating our personal articles truly make the newsletter special. He also asked to be informed if others want help getting word out about activities in which they’re interested such as organizing a caravan to a car show.

**Webmaster report** was provided by Dick Foltz who reminded the group of the change in password on 1/1/2023 allowing access to more sensitive information on the club website such as member contacts.

**Lisa Unger** provided **Social Media report** reminding members of the club's public and private Facebook pages. In addition to providing communication outlets, these are also useful tools for outsiders to verify or check club authenticity.

**Social Events Coordinator Lisa Unger** notified members of **locations for upcoming 2023 meetings**. The 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Show & Shine" will be held on February 11 at The Boathouse. There will be trivia questions and a door prize, and Jay Mosser of Coastal Coating will give a presentation about this special ceramic automobile coating process. Logan's Roadhouse will be the site of our March meeting and in April we will gather at Brookgreen Gardens. Details are always posted on the website so please check frequently.

**Regalia Chair Ray Maggio** reported that consideration is being given to various types of regalia to sell and how to manage it. Some online outlets have been identified such as Land's End, and a company he recently found called GeckoCustom will make various items featuring a submitted photo of your car. He was wearing a Hawaiian shirt with his British car imprinted among the palm trees and states it cost around \$32. Currently we have hats, visors, can koozies and shirts, and these can be purchased with cash or credit card. Kathie Foltz is also making club shirts and canvas bags and can be contacted directly for more information. Ray asked members to email him with ideas and preferences.

**Stancy Bender, Britfest basket coordinator** requests we think about ideas for Britfest baskets. Three baskets have already been turned in - one is a school teacher theme, one is MG themed and the other is a Christmas basket. Last year 41 baskets were donated and brought more than \$1000 to the club. She will bring empty baskets to the February meeting. Also regarding Britfest planning, **Bill Unger** has 'save the date' cards for our 2023 event and will make these available to anyone attending a car show who would like to distribute them or tuck under windshield wipers.

**Upcoming meetings (other clubs):** Please see GSBCC Newsletter.

**Next GSBCC meeting** is the "Shine & Show" 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting on Saturday February 11, 2023 at 11:00am at The Boathouse, Myrtle Beach SC. Please go to our website to sign up.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:14 p.m. by President Foltz.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan McLaughlin, GSBCC Secretary