

GSBCC Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2023 at The Boathouse, Myrtle Beach SC
by Susan McLaughlin, Secretary

The February meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 11:35AM by **President Dick Foltz** with 69 members attending our **13th Annual Shine & Show**. Unfortunately much of the “shine” was due to the rain that fell on our LBCs, and he thanked everyone for ignoring the inclement weather to attend. A special shout out went to the club’s first president Jim Hendricks. He also welcomed members and recognized visitors. New members were asked to introduce themselves and today included Joe and Cathie MacInnes of Longs SC, Chap and Shalida Davis with their 2022 Mini Cooper JCW, Kath and Steve Lydon with their 2006 Jaguar XKB. President Foltz also gave mention to our upcoming Rally as well as other club’s events, encouraging club members to participate whenever able.

On a more reflective note, Dick asked us to observe a moment of silence in memory of Dave Born who we lost on January 15, 2023. His wife, Julia Nightingale-Born, was the club treasurer 2020 through 2021. Please continue to keep her in your thoughts.

Vice President Warren Bender provided **Membership Report** of 238 members (133 standard members), 96 membership renewals with 37 pending.

The **Treasurer’s** report from **Steve Hertel** noted good financial health of our club.

Motion was made and vote taken to waive reading of the January minutes and approve as printed in the newsletter. **Secretary Susan McLaughlin** shared a thank you note from Tammy Braithwaite of Gifts from the Heart. She expressed her sincere gratitude for the gift bags contributed by club members to facility residents in our community at Christmas stating they were enjoyed by all the recipients.

Newsletter Editor Bill Unger requested entries and stories from club members about experiences with their cars.

Webmaster Ethan Harris informed attendees their memberships can be renewed online as well as registration for the upcoming Rally. He offered to assist anyone wishing to do so after the meeting today. He also reminded us of the annual change of password for members to access the more sensitive information on the club website.

Social Events: Diane Harris outlined information related to upcoming opportunities to gather. A drive to the Chef & Frog in Whiteville NC is scheduled for Sunday brunch on 2/19/2023. This was the site of our November meeting and not only was a delicious meal provided, we gained another club member- the owner- who has long been a collector of British cars. Our next monthly club gathering will be Saturday 3/11/2023 at Logan’s Roadhouse. She and **Coordinator Lisa Unger** have arranged for some very special venues for future meetings including Brookgreen Gardens and Caledonia Golf and Fish Club.

Social Media Coordinator Felicia Sachs invited the group to view new postings on the club Facebook page. Here you will find photographs taken at past events and detailed information related to future ones. She led the club in our British Trivia Questions, awarding prizes to those who guessed correctly- some of which she obtained at the 2022 Mini Takes the States in which she participated last summer.

There was also a raffle of a \$200 gift certificate which was won by Rochelle Powder.

Regalia Chair Ray Maggio announced future roll-out of new club clothing.

Britfest Basket Coordinator Stancy Bender reminded us it is never too early to start planning our baskets which not only have been excellent fundraisers in the past but extraordinarily creative as well. She has some tubs available today and will have sign-up sheets at the next meeting.

Jenn Ann Zangara and Larry Holloway provided details related to the upcoming “**You Can’t Change a Tyre with a Union Jack**” rally hosted by the GSBCC which will take place on Saturday 3/25/2023. Proceeds from the \$20 registration fee will raise money for the Advanced Diagnostics Institute in Conway and for club projects. The Rally course starts and ends in Conway SC and is 66 miles. The nature of The Rally is finding answers to questions along the route, and she stressed it is designed for any skill level. There are no pressures involved, even for those who have never participated in a rally. Prizes will be awarded and the rally is expected to be a lot of fun. There are 34 registrants to date with 16 spots remaining. In addition to GSBCC members, there are entrants from clubs in Charleston, Columbia and Wilmington as well as some from the Myrtle Beach Car Club.

Shows and events out of town include the Carolina British Classics XV on 4/1/2023 which is sponsored by the British Car Club Midlands Centre as part of the Tartan Day South Festival. This is a Scottish festival featuring traditional games such as axe throwing. The Gathering in Dobson NC is a 2-day show (4/14-15/2023) and is a display of British cars along with other activities including an autocross race. This event is usually attended by a number of GSBCC members and is always a lot of fun.

Bill Unger reported we received an invitation to the Hilton Head Concours d’Elegance showcase which is limited to 10 cars per club. There is no word yet on Women Driving America, an event in which GSBCC has participated in the past.

Please continue to visit our **GSBCC Website** frequently to stay informed of local events of interest both within and outside our immediate community, as well as access to links enabling participation in our own gatherings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan McLaughlin, GSBCC Secretary