

**GSBCC Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13, 2023 at La Belle Amie Vineyard, 1120 St Joseph Rd, Little River, SC**  
**by Susan McLaughlin, Secretary**

The May meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was **called to order at approximately 11:05 AM on Saturday, 5/13/2023 by Vice President Warren Bender**. There were 35 members and 2 visitors present on a sunny morning on the beautiful grounds of La Belle Amie Vineyard. A warm welcome was extended to all. Warren shared we have 125 standard memberships with total number (including spouses and partners) just about doubling that number. New member Evie Bishop joined us today and brings her 2018 F-type sport 400 Jaguar into our club.

**Vice President Warren Bender** began the meeting by reminding us of the vacant Regalia Chair and asked for volunteers to consider filling this important position.

A vote was taken to waive the reading of the April minutes and to approve them as recorded by **Secretary Susan McLaughlin** and posted in the most recent newsletter.

Although **Stancy Bender** did not have **Britfest baskets** in hand today, she promises she will have a supply at all remaining meetings prior to Britfest. There are still some spots on the basket roster left to fill and she asked for members to sign up even if they do not yet have a theme in mind.

**Social Events Coordinator Lisa Unger** thanked us for attending today. Our next meeting will be held on the north end of the strand on June 10 at Greg Norman's Australian Grille at Barefoot Landing on the patio overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. In July we will gather at Caledonia Golf and Fish Club in Pawleys Island. On August 12 we will meet at The Trestle in downtown Conway, SC. Detailed information is always available on our website and Facebook page. Jenn Zangara noted cancellation of the May ice cream cruise due to uncertainty if the venue has opened. On 6/23/2023 there will be a drive to Lake Waccamaw State Park with participants meeting in Longs on Hwy 9. There is also an afternoon drive on July 21 to Radd Dew's BBQ Pit in Aynor SC. As always, details for all GSBCC activities are found on the calendar on our website.

**Warren** relayed an incident occurring during his trip to The Gathering in Dobson, NC and had some very good advice to share about Good Samaritans who offer to assist you with mechanical problems: regardless how well-intentioned folks may be in helping you fix your car, watch them very closely as you may end up with far more (and more serious) problems than you initially had! He also discussed future shows such as the Triangle British Classic Car Show next Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the NC MG Car Club in Raleigh NC. The Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Scot! British Car Show on Saturday, May 27 will take place on the mall at Furman University in Greenville SC. Upcoming shows also include the 23rd Cape Fear British Car Show on Saturday 6/3/2023 held in conjunction with the Port City Highland Games in downtown Wilmington. He asked any members who could attend to come out and support our neighboring club. As this venue is not easy to find, he suggested a caravan

up the coast meeting at the NC Welcome Center at 3PM. He also suggested assistance of a GPS system to locate the field as there are many stoplights and turns upon arrival into Wilmington creating the possibility of the group being separated en route. BMCCP has online registration for those who wish to sign up.

**Newsletter Editor Bill Unger** reported he is coming to the end of cached articles for the newsletter and asked members to share personal stories or informational articles for publication. Stancy commented while she was distributing Britfest Save-the-Date cards at The Gathering in Dobson, several people remarked how much they enjoy reading our newsletter, proving again that our publication has a broader audience than one might realize.

**Social Media Coordinator Felicia Sachs** shared news of an interview on WBTW of past president Dick Foltz and Steve Finch with shots of the Foltz's Wolseley and electric Mini along with the Finch's MGBGT in the background. Dick invited anyone with an interest in British cars or those who may own one to join our club. She reports about 700 public Facebook visits with about 80 private visits. We will be adding more videos to our You Tube site and if members have photos or videos they would like posted, please email them to [socialmedia@grandstrandbriishcarclub.com](mailto:socialmedia@grandstrandbriishcarclub.com). While **Webmaster Ethan Harris** is motoring up the Eastern Seaboard in his MG, Felicia will be adding pictures to our website. As National Nurses' Week comes to a close, she recognized the nurses within our membership. Also we were asked by member Ann Wilson to remember all moms as tomorrow is Mother's Day.

**Britfest** planning is on-going with a meeting planned for later this week. Warren will be making a formal call for volunteers soon. Bill has sent press releases to car clubs. Ethan will have online registration up and running in mid-June. There is consideration of a Rally planned by Jenn as an additional activity this year. Lisa has secured a reduced rate of \$159 + tax at DoubleTree Resorts thanks to Craig Stechman with 10 rooms being held until September 6th. Our Friday night reception will be held at Tupelo Honey from 4 – 6PM.

As mentioned above, the **next GSBCC Meeting** will be held June 10, 2023 at Greg Norman's Australian Grille in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Please make your meal selection on the website by June 3. And remember, the best resources for information about and links to sign up for events are our GSBCC Website and Facebook page.

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.**

Respectfully Submitted, Susan McLaughlin, GSBCC Secretary