

BRITISH CAR CLUB SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Meeting Minutes March 8, 2022

Meeting minutes taken and written by Isabel Mack

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm, with 38 members in attendance.

President Hermann Schaller welcomed everyone. He noted that membership and meeting attendance has been ramping up in recent months. The club is planning to have a driving event every month.

1. Club Officer Change

- Mary Newman, BCCSWF Secretary, has had to step down effective immediately due to family needs. The club's current Bylaws do not provide a mechanism for appointing a replacement or staging an election out of cycle.
- President Schaller appointed Isabel Mack to take the meeting notes until such time as the Bylaws are amended and a new Secretary is confirmed.
- President Schaller proposed two options for an amendment to the Bylaws and the members voted to accept the change allowing the President to appoint an officer when needed to fill a seat between elections. An email will be sent out to all members to note the change and a final vote on the new Bylaws will be taken at the April meeting.

2. Membership

- The club stands at 56 "household" members. It was proposed that membership numbers reflect all members who have a name tag, which is 104+.
- Tom Shaw has been appointed Membership Director until 12/2023. He will partner with the Treasurer and will be pursuing lapsed members as well as recruiting new.
- There is the potential for reducing annual dues as the roster grows.
- New Members that joined at the meeting
 - Bob Begani (returning member); British car: Austin Healey BJ8 (modern)
 - Sheldon Arpad; British car: 1935 Bentley (Best of Show at CHYC event)
 - Dan Tiedge; British cars: '56 Healey 100; '62 TR4; '95 Defender 90

3. Birthdays/Anniversaries noted and celebrated

4. Treasurer's Report

- \$3842 balance
- \$150 received at 3/8/22 meeting
- The club needs insurance for events and there are other potential expenses.
- A budget will be proposed at the May member meeting.

5. Past Events of Note

2/12 - Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club Car Show (101 vehicles, 23 BCCSWF, 17 awards; numerous BCCSWF volunteers)

2/13 - Club Treasurer Larry McCartt's 90th birthday celebration - great turnout (14 members), lively event

2/24 - TSWF Tech Session covering: Installing a Color Tune glass sparkplug to review the fuel mix

2/26 - Chili Cook-off hosted by Hermann and Jeri Schaller (25 attendees, 8 chilis)

3/6 - B.I.G. Show (130 cars, 16 BCCSWF, 6 awards)

6. Upcoming Club Events

3/23 - Photo Drive, Lunch at Tarpon Lodge and guided tour of Randell Research Center on Pine Island.

4/12 - BCCSWF Member Meeting

4/30 - Murder Mystery Drive and Dinner Party - hosted by Hermann and Jeri Schaller

5/10 - BCCSWF Member Meeting

Events of interest from other organizations were also noted.

7. Calendar/Photo Guidance

- The club would like to print a 2023 calendar featuring member vehicles.

President Schaller is acquainted with noted vehicle photographer Blake Discher. He shared a list of pointers for taking pictures of cars:

- Don't "shoot from the hip"
- Show all 4 tires
- Tilt to lift the front of the car in the photo
- Fill the screen with the car; you lose resolution when you crop a larger photo
- Take quarter views
- Use zoom to show the real shape of the car
- Watch for reflections in the shiny finish/paint
- Plan for the best light
 - 1st/last hour of the day
 - deep blue sky
 - have the sun at your back

8. Other Items

- name tags are \$12 and can be ordered from the Treasurer
 - other tech sessions are planned; watch for emails. Please propose topics/vehicles
 - Sale or Trade announcement
 - as attendance increases, should the club consider other dinner/meeting venues?
- Suggestions are welcomed

- Before lockdown, the club held an annual spring picnic at Franklin Locks. VP Cecil Carter will contact ACOE to see if any pavilion reservations are still open for this year. Plan now for 2023 event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.