

**Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 6, 2025**  
**DRAFT**

**Board Members Present**

Andrew Darneille    President  
Lee Evans            Vice President  
Lisa Dommès        Secretary  
Bill DeHoff  
Joe Rouse  
Shannon Turner

**Board Members Absent**

Samantha Adams    Treasurer  
Andrea Menke  
Grace Moore

**Call to Order**

Andrew Darneille called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

**Appointment of Board Member**

It was unanimously agreed to appoint Joe Rouse to the vacant position on the Board of Directors due to the resignation of Henry Jones.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved the minutes from the July 2, 2025 meeting as submitted.

**New Business**

A. BBQData/ToY Points

1. Lee Evans and Lisa Dommès to work on issue with website plugin and investigate possible complete overhaul of website.
2. Discussion of how to assign ToY points for the Grand American open/invitational, as we do for the KCBS Worlds and Royal.

***Shannon Turner moved to treat the Grand Am invitational in the same way as the Royal and KCBS Invitational. ToY points will only be accrued for the Open, and competing in the Open contest when there is an accompanying Invitational contest will not count as a contest in the Tier 2 contest count toward the maximum allowed. Lee Evans seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.***

3. Discussion of how to address Backyard teams being asked to cook Master Series to meet contest team number minimums. How to ensure they are not penalized and how to track whether they intentionally cooked Masters, or only to assist with numbers (impacts RTOY eligibility). KCBS is also tracking this so that BY teams are not forced into Master Series after 4 Master contests. The Board will continue to discuss the issue and implement rules for next year.

4. Discussion of whether to increase the Tier 2 max contest threshold to encourage more teams to cook contests to meet Jack qualifier numbers and help organizers. Many teams are limiting their cooks per season to remain in Tier 2. With fewer teams cooking high number of contests, it may be time to increase the Tier 2 cap. The preliminary thought is to raise the Tier 2 maximum to ten contests and have 11+ contests for Tier 1. The Board will continue to discuss the issue and implement rules for next year.

#### **Committee Reports and Action Item Discussion**

- A. Rookie Team of the Year Applications – No additional applications have been received.
- B. State Cup – The next State Cup is First State in Delaware, then Bel Air in Maryland. The check and trophy are prepared and will be sent with Board members.
- C. Membership Committee – The Board discussed the declining membership numbers as well as the decreasing number of contests in the region. The committee and Andrew Darneille are working on a membership survey.
- D. Publications Committee – Posts will be made for the upcoming State Cups, social events, the appointment of Joe Rouse, and the repair of the Backyard ToY points page.
- E. Finance Committee – No report.
- F. Website/Technology Committee – No report, other than information reported earlier.
- G. Social Committee – Social event options for upcoming contests were discussed.
- H. Strategic Planning Committee – No report.
- I. Nominations Committee – No report until later in the year.
- J. Banquet Committee – The committee continues to discuss potential locations for the banquet and begin to generate a list of possible venues. The Board decided on January 31 for the Banquet since February 21 will be the KCBS banquet.
- K. Bylaws Committee – No report.

#### **Unfinished Business**

No items were discussed.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Domes