

Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2025
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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 7:04 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

New Business

- A. Banquet Planning
 1. Venues: Lisa Dommès is speaking with the manager of Magerks restaurant in Bel Air as well as the events coordinator of the hotel in Morgantown, PA. The Severna Park Elks venue is also available on January 31. Magerks will likely be too small for the banquet and will eliminate the ability to have table sponsors.
 2. Discussion of increasing guest ticket prices and possibly charging members for the cost of food. The target budget is \$4,500 per Samantha Adams' calculations.
 3. The contest raffle tracking sheet and sponsor tracking sheet need to be set up for this year so we can begin to approach donors.
 4. The raffle will be virtual again this year due to the success of last year's online raffle.

- B. Steak ToY
 1. Steak ToY: We still need to get the Steak ToY points fixed and posted. Lisa Dommès will coordinate with Stephanie West and Joe Rouse to work on the tracking sheets. The Steak membership and the number of contests has severely decreased from previous years. The Board may need to consider canceling the Steak program next year because the income and interest level are not justifying the expense of the program.

- C. Board Elections
 1. Elections are approaching and we need to begin recruiting volunteers. The Call for Candidates needs to be posted soon.

- D. Social Events
 1. Blue and Gray is trying to organize a potluck for Delaware.
 2. There may be an informal meetup at Magerks on Friday afternoon at Bel Air.
 3. There may be a potluck on Friday night at Rocky Mount.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from the August 6, 2025 meeting as submitted.

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 and finally, Rocky Mount, NC. The checks and trophies are prepared. Reminders have been scheduled for social media through the end of the year.
- 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 needed for elections and the upcoming banquet.
- E. Finance Committee – No report.
- F. Website/Technology Committee – No report.
- G. Social Committee – Noted above.
- H. Strategic Planning Committee – No report.
- I. Nominations Committee – No report until later in the year.
- J. Banquet Committee – Noted above.
- K. Bylaws Committee – No report.

Unfinished Business

No items were discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Domes