

Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
October 7, 2025
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Board Members Present

Andrew Darneille President
Lee Evans Vice President
Lisa Dommes Secretary
Samantha Adams Treasurer
Bill DeHoff
Andrea Menke
Joe Rouse
Shannon Turner

Call to Order

Andrew Darneille called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from the September 8, 2025 meeting as submitted.

New Business

A. Board Membership

1. Grace Moore has resigned her position on the Board of Directors due to personal commitments. She will help as time allows with the Banquet. The seat will remain vacant until the election.
2. Elections are upcoming. Shannon Turner and Lisa Dommes will not be running for reelection. Andrew Darneille is undecided at this time. Joe Rouse will need to run for reelection as he was fulfilling the remainder of Henry Jones' term. Grace Moore's remaining one year on her term will also need to be filled, leaving a total of five open positions for the election. Samantha Adams, Bill DeHoff, Andrea Menke, and Lee Evans each have another year on their terms. The Board members were encouraged to nominate promising candidates. A call for candidates will be sent out on social media.

B. ToY Audits and BBQData

1. BBQData will be making some adjustments to the ToY points calculations to accurately reflect the current rules. There are a few teams who were moved out of Tier 2 who should not have been.
2. Manual audits of the Masters Tier 1 and 2 points will need to be completed to ensure they are correct. Rookie Team of the Year points will need to be audited for accuracy as well.

C. Master Series Tier 2 Rules Changes

To encourage teams to participate in more contests, the Board discussed raising the Tier 2 maximum number of contests threshold. The number of double events in the region has many teams reaching the max quickly. Teams have indicated they would like to cook more but hold back to remain in Tier 2. This also impacts organizers who are losing teams they would otherwise have. The dynamic has changed since these rules were first implemented and they may need to be reexamined. Any change would be implemented for the 2026 season.

D. Banquet Planning

1. Venues: Lisa Dommes presented the final options for a banquet venue and discussed the

associated costs. She will circulate the proposals for a final decision. The venues will allow us to bring our own food, so we will need to arrange for a caterer.

2. Donors and sponsors are needed for the raffles. The online contest raffle will need to be set up in advance for members only, in addition to the banquet raffle for the gift basket items.
3. Friday and Saturday night socials need to be set up.
4. Once the venue is finalized we can finalize the hotel block.

E. **Steak ToY**

1. **Steak ToY:** 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.
2. Stephanie West is almost done entering the data for the contests up to this point and will then maintain the spreadsheet through the end of the year. Once this is updated, the Board will have a better idea of the member participation level.

Committee Reports and Action Item Discussion

- A. Rookie Team of the Year Applications – No applications have been received.
- B. State Cup – The next State Cup is Bel Air in Maryland and finally, Rocky Mount, NC. The check and trophies are prepared. Reminders have been scheduled for social media through the end of the year.
- C. Membership Committee – No report.
- 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 – No report.
- H. Strategic Planning Committee – No report.
- I. Nominations Committee – No report.
- 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 Dommes