

Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet

I. Confirmation of Quorum

- A. Officers Present – Andrew Darneille, Lee Evans, Lisa Dommies, Samantha Adams
- B. Board Members Present – Joe Rouse, Bill DeHoff
- C. Incoming Board Present – Richard Rybak, Ron Vasold, Stephen Hypes, John Shirey II, Jacob Artz

II. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM

III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (January 2026) -so approved

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. BBQData
 - Audit identified issue with Poor Boys BBQ. Will need full review of Poor Boys placement in Tier II category and overall standings. Stephen to reach out to Poor Boys to explain findings and corrective actions. Will need to order additional trophies, update standings, and provide checks as appropriate.
- B. Banquet:
 - Committee was recognized for planning and executing a successful banquet.
 - Recap of banquet finances with Samantha providing a summary of expenses and income.
 - Need to follow up on all contest entry donations to make sure they are recognized on social media – Richard to post updates.
 - Reviewed plan for returning broken trophies for replacement and adding new trophies for Poor Boys BBQ – Ron to contact A-1 Awards for:
 - Replacement trophies for (15) broken in shipping
 - Quotation for new trophies for Poor Boys BBQ.
 - Remaining trophies will be delivered to Urbanna and distributed by Ron and Joe.
 - Awards for 2027 – recommendation was made to search for trophy options before going back to A-1 Awards. Incoming banquet committee will add to their plan.
 - Discussed lessons learned for 2027 banquet planning.
- C. Rookie ToY Applications –Need to establish and announce new RToY program rules and post to website, socials, and send via email. Joe Rouse has submitted program proposal.
- D. MABA Cup at BBQ Gives Back is upcoming. Sam confirmed check has been issued.
- E. Discontinuing Steak program next year – announced at banquet. Will need to update social media and Web site.
- F. Establish Kids Que ToY – actions carried over from last meeting
 - Establish Kids Que ToY points structure – model on BY ToY? Do we have a single points chase or divide by age group? For contests that divide by age group, we could assign points within each of those groups, essentially treating them as separate contests and not concern ourselves with age group in the MABA Kids ToY. OR we can establish age groups within Kids Que ToY, but that will likely not align with the age groups at various contests.
 - Establish Kids Que awards structure – trophies/payout amounts, how far down do we give awards/payouts.
 - Decide on membership requirements for Kids Que. Do they need their own membership, or run it like steak and they can be included in a family membership? How does this work

Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet

if a family has multiple kids cooking? Bylaws have a minimum age to be MABA member, but the Board has waived this requirement in the past for young cooks. Can do the same for Kids Que and address in next Bylaws update. – announce discontinuation of steak, and coming kids Q – ask for member help to build program at banquet

- G. Annual Planning Calendar – confirmed distribution to incoming board members.
- H. Discussed PA State filing – Samantha to submit.

V. New Business

- A. Election of Officers for incoming Board of Directors
 - Treasurer
 - Samantha Adams nominated by Joe Rouse, second by Lee Evans – nomination accepted.
 - Samantha Adams unanimously elected as Treasurer.
 - President
 - Joe Rouse nominated by Richard Rybak, second by Stephen Hypes – nomination accepted.
 - Joe Rouse unanimously elected as President.
 - Vice-President
 - Lee Evans nominated by Ron Vasold, second by Richard Rybak – nomination accepted.
 - Lee Evans unanimously elected as Vice-President.
 - Secretary
 - Ron Vasold nominated by Richard Ryback, second by Joe Rouse – nomination accepted.
 - Ron Vasold unanimously elected as Secretary.
- B. Incoming Board of Directors recognized Drew Darneille and Lisa Dommes for their leadership and service to the organization.
- C. Incoming BoD established committee leadership and participation for the upcoming year.
 - Membership Committee
 - Chair – Joe Rouse
 - Members – Jacob Artz, Bill DeHoff, Ron Vasold
 - Publications Committee
 - Chair – Jacob Artz
 - Members – Ron Vasold, Richard Rybak, Stephan Hypes, Joe Rouse
 - Website Committee
 - Chair – Jacob Artz
 - Members – Ron Vasold, Richard Rybak, Stephen Hypes, Joe Rouse
 - Social Committee
 - Chair – John Shirey II
 - Members – Jacob Artz, Stephen Hypes, Lee Evans
 - Nominations Committee
 - Chair – Stephen Hypes
 - Member – Ron Vasold
 - Banquet Committee
 - Chair – Samantha Adams
 - Members – Bill DeHoff, Lee Evans
 - Strategic Planning Committee
 - Chair – Lee Evans
 - Member – Ron Vasold

Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet

- Bylaws Committee
 - Chair – Richard Rybak
 - Members – Joe Rouse, Lee Evans, Ron Vasold, Samantha Adams, Bill DeHoff, Jacob Artz, Stephen Hypes, John Shirey II
- D. Update of Bank Accounts
 - Richard Ryback moved to take the following actions with respect to the Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association Business Checking and Savings accounts with Wells Fargo Bank: remove Lisa A. Domes as the Key Executive on the accounts, add Joseph A. Rouse Jr., Samantha C. Adams, and Ronald A. Vasold as the new Key Executive(s) on the accounts with full authority to manage the accounts, and add Samantha C. Adams, Joseph A. Rouse Jr., and Ronald A. Vasold as signer(s) on the accounts.
 - Lee Evans seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- E. Board established MABA State Cup contests for 2026
 - Contest listing by state
 - New York – Grand Am (open - Sunday)
 - West Virginia – Almost Heaven
 - Virginia – Stoney Creek
 - Pennsylvania – Keystone Classic
 - New Jersey – Red, White, and Q (Saturday)
 - North Carolina – Bear-B-Q
 - Maryland – MD State BBQ Bash
 - Delaware – First State
 - Contest organizers will be contacted to confirm.

VI. Committee Reports and Action Item Discussion

- A. New committee leadership and base membership established under New Business - Committees will reach out to membership to build committee support
- B. Sponsorship Committee - 2026 Sponsorship Outreach (no report)
- C. Membership Committee (no report)
- D. Publications Committee (no report)
- E. Website/Technology Committee
 - Website and social media need updates
 - Will establish follow up meeting with new committee
- F. Finance Committee
 - Provided summary of banquet financials under Unfinished Business
 - 2026 Budget Overview
- G. Banquet Committee - Provided summary of banquet with lessons learned under Unfinished Business
- H. Bylaws Committee
 - Will establish follow up meeting to discuss Bylaw updates
 - Maintaining a running list of items to address in next update and then file with State of Pennsylvania.
 - Removal of DC as member state in 2017 update never enacted, handle when new Board members are seated after election – carried forward
 - Member minimum age limit may need to change in light of Kids Que, etc.
- I. Strategic Planning – Strategic Plan distributed to incoming board

**Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet**

J. Nominations Committee – start discussions late summer about potential candidates.

VII. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Vasold – Secretary

Mid-Atlantic Barbecue Association