

**Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet**

I. Confirmation of Quorum

Board Member	Present	Absent
Joe Rouse - President	X	
Lee Evans - Vice President	X	
Samantha Adams - Treasurer	X	
Ron Vasold- - Secretary	X	
Bill DeHoff	X	
Stephen Hypes	X	
John Shirey	X	
Jacob Artz		X
Richard Rybak		X

II. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:13PM

III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - (Lee/Samantha) motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on February 4, 2026. 7 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries

IV. New Business

- A. Budget Review and Approval
 - a. Samantha reviewed the 2026 operating budget. (Ron/Lee) motion to approve budget as drafted. 7 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries
 - b. Discussed timing of revenue versus expenses with respect to the fiscal year as defined by the by-laws.
- B. Auto-renewing membership
 - a. Samantha reviewed structure and fees associated with establishing automatic renewal for dues payments. Can be set up through Membership Works and Stripe.
 - b. Need to define communication of auto-renewal during the renewal process and establish cancellation policy.
 - c. Stripe fee would add 0.7% on top of existing fees.
 - d. (Lee/Samantha) motion to pursue adding auto-renewal to membership renewals. 7 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries
- C. Sponsorship Review (TOY Chases, etc) - Bill discussed benefits for potential sponsors including additional social media presence, advertising, etc.
 - a. Joe to contact Boost Your BBQ
 - b. Lee to contact Mr. Brisket
- D. Tier I/Tier II Discussion (including eligibility, Grand Am contest count) - Need to provide list of

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teams to Mark (BBQData) for tracking and verify accuracy of standing throughout the year. Invitational contests will not count toward tracking. Open contests will count toward tracking.

- a. Joe will send information to Mark (BBQData)*
 - b. Joe to clarify eligibility verbiage and provide to Ron for update to Web site*
- E. Kids Q/Steak
 - a. Kids Q approved in November 2024 with minimal progress in establishing and communicating the program. Program will be developed and rolled out for the 2027 season.*
 - b. Joe will develop and send a message to communicate the previously approved decision to end the Steak program.*
- F. Welcome to the season message - *Joe to send a Welcome to the Season message to all members and prior members to kick off the season and build engagement. A draft will be distributed to BoD for review.*

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Rookie TOY
 - a. Draft rules previously distributed for review - no objections to the rules.*
 - b. Will clarify to allow inclusion of 2 most recent contests retroactive with sign up.*
- B. Contest Donation Report - *Reviewed revenue from contest raffle broken down per contest.*
- C. State Cup Review - *All previously reviewed State Cup contests have been contacted and have accepted*
- D. Banquet trophy update - *Artwork approved for trophies that were received broken/missing. Expect to receive replacements in approximately 3 weeks.*
- E. ToY points audits - *John to establish process for routine audits*
- F. PA State filing - *Ron submitted on February 13, 2026 COMPLETE*
- G. Banking issue - *Samantha is still not able to sign checks. Lisa has an appointment scheduled to visit the bank and update accounts with new signers. Continue to follow up for resolution.*

VI. Committee Reports and Action Item Discussion

- A. Sponsorship Committee - *no report. Need to establish a Chair at the next BoD meeting.*
- B. Membership Committee - *first committee meeting scheduled. Bonfire ownership will fall under the membership committee. Need to refresh designs.*
- C. Publications Committee - *see Website/Technology*
- D. Website/Technology Committee - *initial meeting held. Committee working to establish structure and links between digital assets/accounts.*
- E. Finance Committee - *Committee to direct funds to interest earning CD*
- F. Banquet Committee - *Recruiting members for banquet planning. Will establish a regular meeting cadence.*
- G. Bylaws Committee - *Review held for March 4, 2026 meeting*
- H. Strategic Planning - *Lee will break down strategic plan and assign to individual committees to help establish goals.*
- I. Nominations Committee - *no report*
- J. Social Committee - *no report*

VII. Adjournment - *(Lee/Ron) motion to adjourn. 7 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:28PM.*

Respectfully submitted by Ron Vasold - Secretary, Mid-Atlantic Barbecue Association