

**Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 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 7:16PM

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

IV. New Business

- A. Membership referral program - Members who refer a new member will get two free raffle tickets at the banquet. Need to develop a tracking process and make an announcement.
- B. New Contest - Biglersville - Father's Day Weekend contest in PA. Discussed how we can support new contests - potentially creating a package of helpful information for new contests organized by MABA members.
- C. State Cups
 - a. New Bern - Ron has the check and Bill Jones has the trophy. Ron to contact the organizer to get a list of all NC teams competing to send them a message about the State Cup and being a MABA member.
 - b. Grand Am - Sam has the trophy and check.
- D. Jim Glatfelter Memorial Sausage Award - Previously awarded at New Holland. We need to

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identify a new contest for the award. Joe to reach out to former team mates to solicit ideas.

- E. *KCBS Banquet Dates - Announced for next 3 years. The banquet committee will begin meeting to establish a date for the 2027 banquet.*

V. Unfinished Business

- A. *Trophy Update - All teams competing in Urbanna received their trophies on site. Ron and Joe will take trophies to Blairstown for competing teams. Ron will deliver Mad Hatter trophies to Joe at the Blairstown contest.*
- B. *Newsletter - Ron reviewed the newsletter template file for feedback. Need to continue to develop a list of questions for organizers, teams, judges, and reps. Ron will post the question document on Google drive for board members to edit. The goal is to complete the first edition and distribute it in June.*
- C. *New Committees - Records - What records do we have and where are they located? How do we get them organized and stored in a secure, central location? We will put records responsibility under the publications committee and Stephen will begin searching and compiling as the MABA historian.*
- D. *Bylaw Review - Need By Law clarifications/edits/updates from all board members sent to Rich by the board meeting in June to prepare for review. We will discuss feedback at the next BoD meeting. Discussed potential 501(c)3 status and the effect on the organization. Rich will do more research and present to the board for further consideration.*

VI. Committee Reports and Action Item Discussion

- A. *Sponsorship Committee - No update*
- B. *Membership Committee*
 - a. *Membership Stats Update - Membership is beginning to trend upward after several periods of decline.*
 - b. *Members who miss their renewal are getting a personal message from Joe.*
 - c. *Discussed making contact with backyard teams to increase membership.*
 - d. *Currently 4 teams competing in RToY - make contact with other newer teams to let them know about RToY benefits as a member.*
- C. *Publications Committee - Discussed under Unfinished Business*
- D. *Website/Technology Committee -*
 - a. *Discussed BBQData and aggregated data to track contest results. Need to consider long term technology planning.*
 - b. *Joe updated the plug-in for Word Press so we do not need to deactivate it before editing. The site is performing better.*
 - c. *Views, comments, reactions, and shares are up across social media platforms.*
 - d. *The new Top 10 contest results posts are being shared by teams.*
 - e. *Need to look at how we make the web site mobile friendly.*
- E. *Finance Committee - Sam now has account access. Lisa has been removed from all accounts. Still investigating a change to our bank. Sam will follow up but the need is not as urgent since she has access.*
- F. *Banquet Committee - Will start the planning process in May.*
- G. *Bylaws Committee - See update under Unfinished Business.*
- H. *Strategic Planning - Lee is breaking the plan into smaller goals to be addressed by the responsible committees. Discussed potential swag for new members as a benefit to joining.*

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- I. Nominations Committee - *Discussed the number of open positions needed to fill in the next election and the overall timing of the elections. Will be addressed as part of the By Law reviews.*
- J. Social Committee - *No report*
- VII. **Adjournment** - *(Rich/Jake) motion to adjourn. 7 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:49PM.*

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