

**Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 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 7:06PM*

III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - *(Rich/Jake) motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on May 5, 2026. 8 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries*

IV. New Business

- A. Board Updates - *Treasurer, Sam Adams, resigned her position from the board effective May 28, 2026.*
- B. July and August Meeting - *Cancelling July 1 meeting and rescheduling August 5 meeting to July 29 (tentative). A new invitation will be sent.*
- C. Annual Calendar - *Look ahead and settle on some deadlines (dates generally agreed and will be finalized following committee meetings)*
 - a. *8/5 - Bylaws 1st Draft*
 - b. *9/2 - Vote on Bylaws*
 - c. *10/7 - Annual Banquet Save the Date*
 - d. *11/4 - Call for Candidates*
 - e. *12/2 - Open Voting*

- f. 1/6/27: New Board Joins Meeting
 - g. 2/6/27: Banquet and New Board Meeting
- D. Annual Meeting - Discussion around when and where. The plan is to have it at the banquet.
- E. State Cup Update - Next cup is Almost Heaven. Sam has the check and Bill Jones has the trophy.
- F. Contest updates- what are we hearing?
 - a. Biglerville is struggling to get teams.
 - b. York is adding teams and posting on social media.
 - c. MoCo Smoke show moved the date to October 17 to accommodate Harrisburg. Still working to finalize a location.
 - d. First State is posting to attract teams - DE State Cup Contest
- G. Closed Session
 - a. (Rich/Lee) Motion to enter closed session at 7:27PM. 8 in favor/0 opposed. Motion carries.
 - b. Discussion of open board seat and Treasurer position.
 - c. (Rich/Steve) Motion to return to open session at 8:14PM. 8 in favor/0 opposed. Motion carries.
- H. (Rich/Lee) Motion made to appoint Brooke Weiss to the MABA board to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Sam Adams. 8 in favor/0 opposed. Motion carries.
- I. (Lee/Jake) Motion made to appoint Brooke Weiss to serve as Treasurer. 8 in favor/0 opposed. Motion carries.

- A. New Contest package for organizers - *Jake will create a lessons learned package from his experience organizing his first contest to start building the contest package.*
- B. MABA History
 - a. *Contact has been made with prior board members and early members to begin collecting information.*
 - b. *(Ron/Lee) Motion made to officially name Stephen Hypes as the MABA Historian. 8 in favor/0 opposed. Motion carries.*
- C. Points/TOY Discussion as it relates to Open Contests - *No update. Move to next meeting.*
- D. Trophy Update - what to do with leftovers
 - a. *Ron has a plan to distribute the remaining trophies in his possession at upcoming contests.*
 - b. *Mad Hatter trophies delivered.*
 - c. *Rich will create a FB post to inform teams they have 30 days to reach out to make arrangements for current year and past year trophies.*
 - d. *The board will re-evaluate trophy awards and distribution for this year.*
- E. Newsletter
 - a. *Reviewed newsletter progress at 80%*
 - b. *Need recipe - plan to have by early next week - Lee*
 - c. *Need current ToY standings to add to newsletter - Rich*
 - d. *Plan to publish and distribute before York contest*
- F. Bylaw Review
 - a. *Request to send all feedback and questions to Rich by the end of June.*
 - b. *Rich to schedule meeting for the committee to review first draft*
 - c. *Plan to finalize bylaws update by September*

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- A. Sponsorship Committee
 - a. *Discussed progress with several potential sponsors for category awards.*
 - b. *Reaching out to additional suppliers to generate new leads.*
 - c. *Planning a discussion with Smokin Dudes.*
 - d. *Need to start adding sponsor tags to social media posts and capitalize on all forms of social media to increase exposure.*
- B. Membership Committee
 - a. *Membership Stats Update - current membership at 179 up from 162 one year ago.*
- C. Publications Committee - *Reviewed under unfinished business.*
- D. Website/Technology Committee
 - a. *Posts and social media interactions continue to increase.*
 - b. *Committee still working to pull together complete technology inventory*
 - c. *Need to cancel June meeting*
- E. Finance Committee - *No update.*
- F. Banquet Committee - *Bill and Joe to take over as co-chairs of the banquet committee.*
- G. Bylaws Committee *Reviewed under unfinished business.*
- H. Strategic Planning - *No update beyond sponsorship update.*
- I. Nominations Committee - *Planning to meet late summer to make recommendations.*
- J. Social Committee -
 - a. *Planning for possible event at Wildwood*
 - b. *Considering an event at Stoney Creek or Frosty Butts.*

VII. Adjournment - *(Lee/Rich) motion to adjourn. 8 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.*

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