

**Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 29, 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
Brooke Weiss- 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 7:05PM

III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - (Rich/Jake) motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on June 3, 2026. 6 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries

IV. New Business

- A. Board Priorities/Initiatives - discussed prioritizing areas to focus on for the remainder of this year given resources required and other priority activities.
 - a. Kids Q - Board agrees to keep Kid's Q as a goal. Plan is to reach out to membership through social media and the newsletter to see if we can identify a member to help lead the effort and to solicit ideas on a structure/format. Will also add to upcoming member survey to measure membership support for the program.
 - b. Membership Works Replacement - Difficult to search for members/teams and there are other options available. The technology committee will investigate alternatives and define a path by the end of the year. Will add to comparison for all current technology services to understand overall costs and dependencies.
 - c. Sausage Award - Brooke and Joe to work on a plan to have the award ready to present at

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the Ironman or Twin Valley contests in 2027.

- d. Auto-billing - *Will be tied to decisions on membership works and other technology strategies.*
- B. Election Buddy Update - *Continue to save election results to Google drive. Changes to Election Buddy will have no impact.*
- C. Website Issue - *Had malware issue with site. Restored from a previous version to recover. Mark will investigate and scan. Need a full review of site administrators. Need to update the theme plug-in. Will investigate other site hosting/management options with review of the technology package.*
- D. Banking Update - *Ron had an appointment on Monday, July 27 to complete the filing to have Brooke added to all accounts.*
 - a. *Rich/Jake made a motion to allow Treasurer, Brooke Weiss, to investigate and move all accounts to a regional bank with more friendly terms and better service, adding Joe Rouse, Ron Vasold, and Brooke Weiss as controlling parties. 6 in favor/0 opposed. Motion carries.*
- E. Contest updates- *what are we hearing? General discussion regarding recent and upcoming contests and what members are saying. Smoke on the Rail was well organized and well attended. First State is considering adding a Backyard contest on Sunday. MD State and MoCo are working to attract teams to their events.*

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Annual Calendar
 - a. *9/2- Bylaws 1st Draft*
 - b. *10/7 - Vote on Bylaws*
 - c. *10/7 - Annual Banquet Save the Date - date will be February 6, 2027. The committee will start planning and all teams being recognized will receive an invitation to the event.*
 - 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*
- B. New Contest package for organizers - *Jake is taking notes as he works through the process and will put together best practices/lessons learned after the contest.*
- C. MABA History - *Still reaching out for information from past board members and current members.*
- D. Points/TOY Discussion as it relates to Open Contests - *Tabled for next meeting.*
- E. Trophy Update - *Ron to deliver Rick Manzi's steak trophy and reach out to Weber's to determine the best method to get them their trophy.*
- F. Bylaw Review - *Rich to set up a meeting for review.*

VI. Closed Session

- A. (Rich/Ron) Motion to enter closed session at 7:57PM. 6 in favor/0 opposed. Motion carries.
- B. Discussion of legal strategies.
- C. (Rich/Ron) Motion to return to open session at 8:11PM. 6 in favor/0 opposed. Motion carries.

VII. Committee Reports and Action Item Discussion

- A. Strategic Planning & Sponsorship Committee - *In discussion with Smokin' Dudes.*
- B. Membership Committee - *Currently 173 active members - growth for the year.*
- C. Publications Committee - *Q3 newsletter will be published in September.*

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- a. Luke Darnell (Old Virginia Smoke) will be the team spotlight.*
 - b. Bill DeHoff will be the judge spotlight.*
 - c. Jake will provide the recipe.*
- D. Website/Technology Committee - Jake compiling technology inventory to help guide decisions regarding web site, membership works, etc. Social media engagements continue to climb.*
- E. Finance Committee - Brooke working to reconcile our financial picture in one file. Discovered multiple teams who have not cashed their checks from the banquet. Checks to expire on July 31 (6 months from issue). Brooke contacted teams to reissue checks as needed.*
- F. Banquet Committee - Date is set as February 6, 2027.*
- G. Bylaws Committee - Meeting scheduled for review and final updates.*
- H. Nominations Committee - Planning to meet late summer to make recommendations.*
- I. Social Committee -*
 - a. The social event at Wildwood was well planned and well attended, with positive feedback.*
 - b. Stoney Creek will be a dessert social on Friday evening.*

VIII. Adjournment - *(Ron/Rich) motion to adjourn. 6 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.*

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