Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 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
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 7:03PM*

III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - *(Rich/Stephen) motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on September 2, 2026 - 7 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries*

IV. New Business

A. Bylaw Revision - *Ron to post ByLaws on Website.*
B. Points/TOY Discussion as it relates to Open Contests - Vote Results
   a. *Question 1 has 42 answers - " For MABA Masters TOY purposes, which results should MABA use?"*
      i. *Use the original overall results as called at the contest, with Masters and Backyard teams competing together. 30 (71.4%)*
      ii. *Use the final official KCBS Masters results after the Backyard teams have been removed and the Masters teams reordered. 12 (28.6%)*
   b. *Question 2 has 42 answers - "How should a MABA Backyard team competing in an Open Format contest earn MABA TOY points?"*
      i. *The team earns points in the MABA Masters TOY chase based on its finish in the Open Format contest and the result methodology selected in Question #1. 18 (42.9%)*
      ii. *The team earns points in the MABA Backyard TOY chase based on its overall finish in the combined Open Format field. For example, if a Backyard team finishes 7th overall, it receives Backyard TOY points equivalent to a 7th-place overall finish. 17 (40.5%)*
      iii. *Participation in an Open Format contest does not earn the Backyard team points*

in either the MABA Masters or Backyard TOY chase. 7 (16.7%)

C. Points Review Deadline - *Set a deadline of 12/1. Communicate on social media and by email.*
D. Banking Update - *No update. Banking currently with Wells Fargo.*
E. Financial Update - *Reviewed expenses due in November and December. A budget for social events is available.*
F. Banquet Update- *First planning meeting held with great attendance. Finalized date as January 30, 2027. Discussing locations along the I-95 corridor and rotating locations between regions year over year. Looking at options for trophy suppliers before committing to A-1.*
G. Contest updates- what are we hearing? On to 2027? - *Bel Air is this week with 27 Master and 41 Backyard teams. MoCo Smoke Show has 11 Master and 15 Backyard teams.*
    a. Would it behoove us to announce state cups earlier? On a rolling basis? - *MABA Cup selection will take place before the banquet so we can announce at the banquet.*
    b. State cups remaining -*MD State BBQ Bash and Red, White, & Que remaining. Trophies and checks are ready.*
H. MABA Cup - *Urbanna discussed as the possible location. Ron to discuss with Mary Jones.*

V. Unfinished Business

A. Annual Calendar
    a. 10/7 - Annual Banquet Save the Date
    b. 11/4 - Call for Candidates
    c. 12/2 - Open Voting
    d. 1/6/27: New Board Joins Meeting
    e. 1/30/27: Banquet and New Board Meeting
    f. 2/3/2027: New board meets
B. Board Priorities/Initiatives
    a. Kids Q - *Jake working on a proposal.*
    b. Membership Works Replacement - *Looking for options with membership and web site all in one.*
C. Sausage Award - *Ironman 2027. Need to figure out who the trophy vendor was and place an order.*
D. Memphis is May Partnership - *Joe continuing to follow up for clarification before finalizing.*

VI. Closed Session

A. *(Rich/Ron) Motion to enter closed session at 7:33PM. 7 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carries.*
B. *Review and discussion of scoring and auditing ToY points.*
C. *(Rich/Jake) Motion to return to open session at 7:40PM. 7 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carries.*

VII. Committee Reports and Action Item Discussion

A. Strategic Planning & Sponsorship Committee - *No report.*
B. Membership Committee - *Up to 180 members versus 168 last year at this time.*
C. Publications Committee - *Discussed potential organizer and team to spotlight in the next issue. Joe to get a recipe to feature.*
D. Website/Technology Committee - *No update.*
E. Finance Committee - *see New Business.*
F. Banquet Committee - *see Unfinished Business.*
G. Bylaws Committee - *Revisions complete and approved.*
H. Nominations Committee -*Returning members finalized. Seeking nominations.*

I. Social Committee - *Potential events at Red, White, & Que and Frosty Butts.*
J. Historian - *Stephen is searching for information and reaching out with little response.*

VIII. Adjournment - *(Ron/Jake) motion to adjourn. 7 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.*

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