

# Mid-Atlantic Chapter ACBS

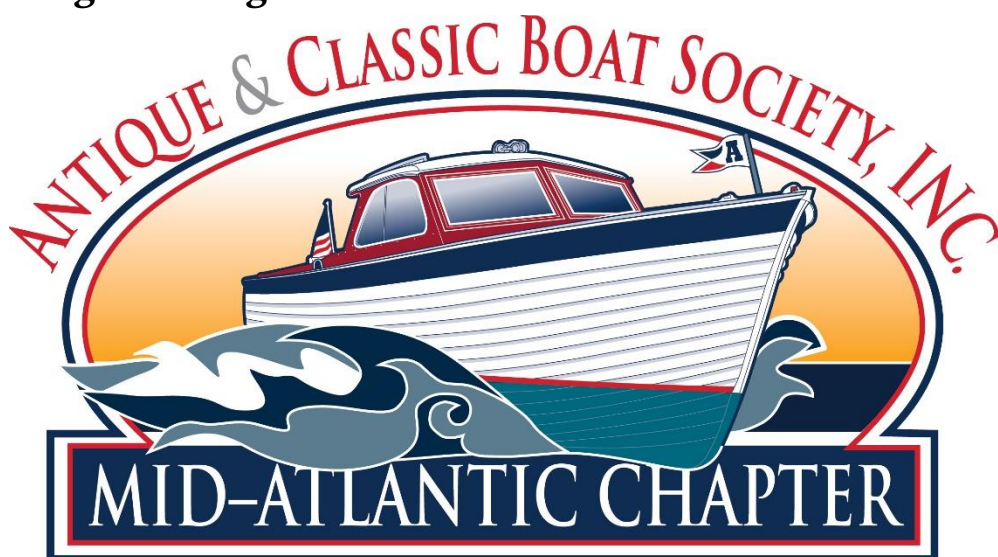
## Chapter Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2023

*Via Zoom*

### Attendance:

<b>Ed Andrews</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Joe Gartner</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Austin Berndlmaier</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Carmen DeLeo</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Brian Gagnon</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Steve Ingraham</b>	<b>Webmaster</b>
<b>Joyce Turner</b>	
<b>Doug Mehring</b>	



## Secretary's Report (Austin):

Brian made the following motion:

“The Secretary of the chapter will complete and distribute the Meeting Minutes to attendees within one week.”

Austin seconded the motion.

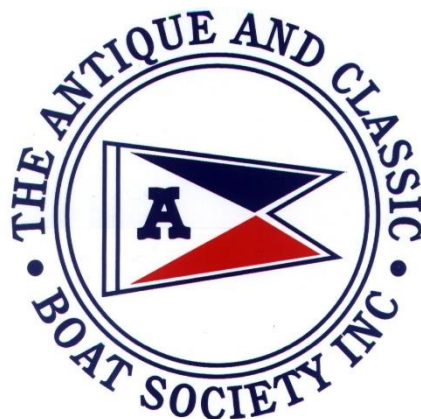
The motion was approved.

This will allow meeting attendees to comment/request edits to the minutes prior to Steve Ingraham posting them on the website. The minutes will then be voted on at the next meeting.

The minutes from July's meeting were discussed. They were not officially voted on, but are recognized on the website.

The minutes from September's meeting were approved.

On December 4, 2023, the chapter bylaws will be discussed pertaining to directorships.



# Treasurer's Report (Joe Gartner):

## Financials: YtD 11/20/2023

<b>Fulton Bank Investment:</b>	<b>\$219,543</b>
<b>Truist Operating Account:</b>	<b>\$11,328</b>
<b>Truist Savings Account:</b>	<b>\$19,707</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$250,579</b>
<b>Income (12/1/2022 - 11/20/2023):</b>	<b>(Total) \$7,853</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$7,308</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$545</b>
<b>Barnegat Bay Show Total Income:</b>	<b>\$2,710</b>
<b>Barnegat Bay Show Net Income:</b>	<b>\$266</b>

Registration fees were reduced from \$45 to \$35 for members of the chapter.

Barnegat Bay Show (2023 only) net income to be split with the museum (~\$133).

A review of the financial expenditures (and future) of the Barnegat Bay Show was requested by Brian.

Splitting of the 2022 BBS revenue was visited (with no conclusion).

## Grant Application:

An application from the Sea Scouts was submitted. They have made a request for \$3,000.

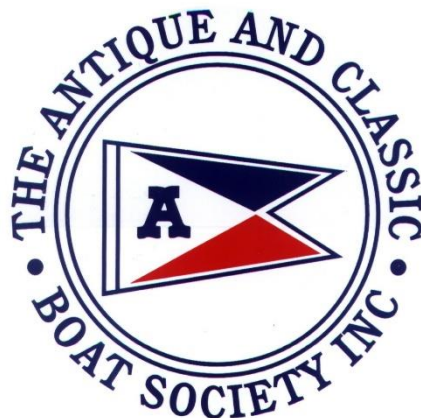
An incentive structure to increase the Sea Scouts' participation with the ACBS was proposed by Joyce. Details included waiving membership fees.

No concrete plan was formed, but the discussion of integrating the Sea Scouts into our chapter will be continued during the 2024 Budget allotment.

## 2024 Budget Discussion:

A committee to establish a 2024 budget was formed with the following members:

Brian Gagnon  
Steve Ingraham  
Joe Gartner  
Mark Marsilio



## **President's Report (Ed Andrews):**

### **Sea Scout Initiative (Steve):**

No new updates from Bill Murphy (not present).

Brian referred to the meeting minutes from March and September 2023 in discussion of the proposed Grant Application Committee.

Steve recalled Jack Brooks' promise to give the Sea Scouts money.

More calls for the formation of a grant committee were made.

Ed reiterated that funds approved via the grant committee are to be included in the following year's budget (not issued within the same year as the application)

An Example Timeline:

Step 1) Bill Murphy applies for a grant on behalf of the Sea Scouts in March of 2024.

Step 2) The Grant Application Committee determines this to be a complete request.

Step 3) The 2025 Budget Committee chooses to approve or deny funds for the Sea Scouts.

Step 4) The Mid-Atlantic Treasurer disperses the funds in January 2025 or another appropriate/agreed upon time.

## **\*\*NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY:**

[Grant Applications received AFTER the September deadline will automatically be deferred to the following year's Committee Agenda unless otherwise decided upon.]

Steve made a motion to merge the upcoming Grant Application Committee with the Budget Committee.

Austin seconded this motion.

The motion was NOT voted on, but it is expected that the merge will still happen. The validity of future Grant/Budget Super-Committees can be ratified at next year's first meeting in January.

Steve explained that no further money has been promised to the Sea Scouts and they are not expecting anything at this time.

## **Nomination Committee:**

Confusion surrounding the Nominating Committee was resolved. Ed will remain on for another year and the Slate of Officers will remain the same for 2024.

Ed proposed filling vacancies on the Board of Directors.

Joe read the existing officer positions from the chapter constitution:

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

He then followed up with a direct quote from the chapter constitution:

“The Board of Directors shall be comprised of all officers plus at least one, but not more than six directors of whom shall be elected by the membership.”

Ed will create a ballot for the officers and directorship for 2024.

Steve explained the need to stagger elections so as to prevent total staff vacancies.

The ballot will be emailed to the membership.



## **Vice President's Report**

**(Dave Bernard):** not present

### **Bristol Historic Day (Carmen):**

Poor weather early in the day hampered the attendance of both boats and cars. Five boats attended and forty-nine cars participated. The weather eventually cleared up.

There will be a video on the website soon.

Carmen is working on the 2024 Mid-Atlantic Cruise & Event Calendar. This will be completed and submitted for approval prior to January's meeting.

### **Holiday Party:**

The 2023 Holiday party will be in Bristol this year. A menu will be emailed to all members attached to an invitation.

Location: King George II Inn

Date & Time: 12/08/2023 @ 6:30 pm

Expenses: \$45 per person + gratuity, cash bar

### **\*\*NOTE FROM THE SHOW CHAIRMAN:**

The Bristol Boro has confirmed next year's (2024) annual Mahogany & Steel show on Saturday, July 13th. There will be a rain date on Sunday, July 14th if necessary. The car club will be participating again.



Joe requested that Carmen and Joyce each supply their respective projected event budgets for consideration at the upcoming committee meeting.

Joyce proposed discounting her registration fees to attract more attendees. She would also like to commission merchandise to commemorate the 40th annual show.

## **Membership Report (Brian Gagnon):**

There are currently ninety-four members. There has also been a lot of churn in regards to new members and renewals.

Brian will contact ACBS about a duplicate membership and a reestablishment of the end of the month reports.

## **Nautical Mile (Brian Gagnon):**

The Nautical Mile is prepared to mail out.

## **Advertising (George Hulse):**

George has resigned his role as the Nautical Mile Advertising Chair. Another member will have to step up and take the reins.

## **Old Business:**

### **Website (Steve Ingraham):**

The website crashed, but with some help, Steve was able to restore it to full functionality.

### **Social Media (Joe Gartner):**

A memo promoting the chapter's website and social media presence will be sent out to the general membership soon. This will potentially be paired with the invitation to the holiday party.

### **Apparel:**

Brian requested an overhaul on the merchandise development and acquisition process (specifically hats).

Steve explained that there has been extreme difficulty with Land's End regarding the hats.

Following some debate, Brian is now responsible for acquiring the hats.

## **New Business:**

Next Meeting 01/09/2024

**Meeting Adjourned.**