

Board Meeting
December 7, 2025
JW Bonnet Creek
Attendees:

David Bear, Chairman
Matt Sokolowski, Vice Chairman
George Halper, Secretary/Treasurer
Frank Schwiep, Member At Large
Chris Bowler, Member At Large
Gentry Pelham, Member At Large
Jacob Benton, Member At Large
Andrea Saputo, Member At Large
Jared Ross, President, FBWA
Jordan Wheeler, FBWA
Doug Cone
Douglas Cone
Nate Stockman
Tripp Transou IV
Kevin Bowler
James Allred
William Leavitt

Chairman Bear called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

Mr. Halper advised the Board that the minutes had been distributed via website and opened the floor for any questions. Seeing none, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Schwiep and seconded by Mr. Bowler, passing unanimously.

Mr. Halper asked if there were any questions about the audit. Brief discussion was held on the audit, and Mr. Halper then asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Sokolowski made the motion, Mr. Schwiep seconded, and the acceptance of the audit unanimously passed.

Mr. Halper presented the 2025 financials. Mr. Ross explained there was a minor discrepancy in the income because some members had sent PAC money to the operating account and had to be removed as an expense from the operating account. Mr. Ross explained the 2026 proposed budget and stated that we will not raise dues even though expenses will increase, the projected net income will decrease. The group discussed the

percentage historically. A motion was made to approve 2025 YTD and 2026 proposed budget, Ms. Saputo made a motion and Mr. Pelham seconded. They were approved unanimously.

Mr. Ross discussed the meeting's events and then discussed the nominating committee. Mr. Halper has chosen to roll off the board. The rest agreed to continue to serve on the board bringing the board number back to 7. Mr. Bear will continue as Chair, Mr. Sokolowski as Vice Chair, Mr. Schwiep volunteered as Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Bear asked if all accepted nominating committee's suggested board, Mr. Chris Bowler moved, Mr. Halper seconded, unanimously approved.

Mr. Ross presented Constitution and Bylaws recommendations and asked if anyone had any questions. Mr. Chris Bowler suggested we change the term "Approved" to "Reviewed" for the Secretary's role as it relates to the minutes. Mr. Chris Bowler made motion, with the included amendment, Mr. Benton seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Ross presented Legislative update. Discussed three-tier, local bills, hemp, and excise tax deduction for breakage and spoilage.

Mr. Ross discussed upcoming meetings and announced that the next annual event will take place in Toronto on Oct 25 – 27, 2026.

Mr. Bear asked if there was anything else good for the whole. A brief discussion was held reflecting on the year as a combined association.

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01pm.