

# NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the ACBS

## Minutes January 28, 2026 via Zoom at 7 PM

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### Board Present:

Alan Hills, President

Jeff Martinson, VP

Judy Hills, Secretary

John Dougherty, Treasurer

Rob Weller, Director

John Justice, Director

Jim Alexander, Director

Bill Conley, Director

Absent: Jim Hartman, Jim Dean, and Kevin Leiner

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1. Welcome by President Alan Hills
  2. Call to Order
  3. Established a quorum (8).
  4. Motion to approve the agenda by Jim Alexander, seconded by Rob Weller. Motion carried.
  5. Approval of minutes of the last meeting 15 November 2025 with minor changes by Rob. Motion by John Dougherty, seconded John Justice. Unanimously approved.
  6. Reports:
    - a. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025 Financial report and bank statements submitted by Treasurer John Dougherty—These were sent via email. Also, the IRS 990N form is due soon. John Dougherty will handle. John D. reviewed highlights. Discussion on what income belongs on the Bill Baker estate donations. John D to make some small adjustments.
    - b. Membership—Jim Alexander. Steady state. Discussed ACBS payment for renewals. John D did not get any in December. We will watch for payments.
    - c. Scholarship—Jim Alexander. Nothing new to report.
    - d. ACBS Headquarters—Judy
      - i. We had an AI-generated image published in the WWW on 1/3.
      - ii. The Fall Rudder included pictures of Jim Hartman’s boat, Loon; Alan receiving our Broken Gunwale trophy; and a picture of John Coffman’s boat that won a gold award.

iii. We have received the 2025 ACBS annual status of the chapter report, and we completed it.

e. Chapter—Judy

i. Working on the 2025 Annual Report.

ii. Updated the awards section of our website to include those issued in December.

7. Old Business

a. Bill Baker's Estate update—John Justice

In January 2025, we established an ad hoc committee to determine how to handle the funds and items bequeathed to our Chapter by Bill Baker. Volunteers: John J., Jim A., Alan, and Bill Conley. Alan to set day and time next week at 7 PM. Judy to set up a Zoom meeting. Jim Alexander sold some pieces of Bill Baker's boat—will send a check to John D.

John J says it is in the court system. The items sold from the shop are unrestricted funds, according to John. There is money due from the estate for scholarships.

b. Events

i. Annual meeting at Duplin Winery. Overall, we were pleased with the turnout, and those who attended were glad that they did. We might want to consider a similar annual meeting in 2026. We passed the bylaw change and elected officers for 2026 that include all our prior officers and directors, with the addition of two additional directors: Jim Dean and Rob Weller.

ii. December 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas party at Leiners in Wake Forest. This event was also well attended, and everyone had a wonderful evening. The awards given were reported in the January newsletter. Again, we thank the Leiners for hosting us at their lovely home.

c. Sea Scouts

Neal Keeter has been unsuccessful in establishing a contact with the Dawn Treader Sea Scout Ship in Cary. Alan personally knows one of the leaders, and he will reach out. Has not done it yet.

8. **New Business:**

a. Hope everyone who is able, will attend one of the regional events scheduled in February.

b. 2026 Budget. Motion to approve by Jim A, seconded by John J. Motion carried.

c. 2026 Events--We need to set a tentative calendar of events. Discussed

options. Liked having the Annual meeting at a restaurant. Italian restaurant in Bailey, NC was mentioned. <https://www.theleaningtree.com/> Judy to explore a possible boat dinner cruise for December Christmas party. Talked about supporting one or more shows—encouraging our members to go.

**9. Comments/announcements**

No comments

**10. Adjourn**

**Next Board Meeting April 22, 2026**

**Attached:**

Minutes of 15 November 2025 meeting

Draft of 2026 Calendar of events

Proposed 2026 Budget

To be sent by John D: 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report +4<sup>th</sup> quarter monthly bank statements (Oct, Nov, Dec).