

# NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the ACBS

## Minutes April 29, 2026 via Zoom at 7 PM

### Join Zoom Meeting

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### Board present:

Alan Hills, President

Jeff Martinson, VP

Judy Hills, Secretary

John Dougherty, Treasurer

Jim Dean, Director

Rob Weller, Director

Jim Hartman, Director

John Justice, Director

Jim Alexander, Director

Bill Conley, Director

Absent: Kevin Leiner

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1. Welcome by President Alan Hills

2. Call to Order

3. Established a quorum

4. Approval of Agenda.

**Motion by: Jim A to approve as presented. Seconded by Jim H Motion carried.**

5. Approval of minutes of the last meeting 28 January 2026.

**Motion to accept as presented by Jim A Seconded by Rob. Motion carried**

6. Reports:

a. John D.:

i. First quarter finance report was sent out with bank statements on 4/26. March 31, 2026 bank balance: \$10,818.30. \$750 in sponsorships not reflected. May open separate account for Bill's legacy.

ii. IRS 990N form has been filed for 2025

iii. Documenting the email vote on sponsorships—both approved unanimously:

1. \$500 for the NCMC Boat show in Beaufort on May 2<sup>nd</sup>

2. \$250 for the CFCC show on May 30<sup>th</sup>

b. Membership—Jim Alexander

Nothing new. 54 primary + 14 secondary = 68 total

c. Scholarship—Jim Alexander

We are still processing the portion of Bill Baker's estate that he left to us. We expect this process to continue for the immediate future before we will be in possession of money Bill directed to us. We will manage Bill's money separately from normal Chapter monies. In the meantime, the Bill Baker Estate committee has:

- established contracts with two local colleges to establish Bill Baker Memorial Scholarships. Carteret Community College Foundation and Beaufort Community College Foundation have both agreed to establish scholarships which we intend to fund at \$2,000 annually using funds Bill left us. These contracts specify selecting students enrolled in programs most closely related to the wooden boats we all love. The Board of Directors approved the contract terms prior to final signatures.

**Jim H moves to fund \$2,000 each for the CCCF and BCCCF to fund new Bill Baker Memorial scholarships at each school as soon as funds become available, as discussed. Each school will establish two scholarships at \$1,000 each. Seconded by Rob. Motion carries.**

We continue to fund a \$2,000 annual scholarship from Chapter funds at the Cape Fear Community College.

- Solicited requests for funding to the NC Maritime Museum in Beaufort to provide funding in support of ongoing public programs. Two suggestions for shop equipment for use in public educational programs have been received and are under consideration. No decision yet. This money will come from our coffers.

**Jim A moves that we fund one tool at \$1000 for the NCMM at Beaufort in honor of Bill Baker using funds from the general treasury (not from Bill's designated scholarship monies). Seconded by John J. Motion carried. Agreed to send a check designation the donation in memory of Bill Baker.**

d. ACBS Headquarters—Judy

- i. Judy assisted in developing and presenting an online roundtable PPT on member retention. The session aired on 4/16/26.
- ii. Documenting the email vote on signing the ACBS Affiliation Agreement. Vote was six in favor of signing and two opposed. Chapter President signed and returned the document. It is posted on the chapter website under club documents.

e. Chapter—Judy

- i. Completed and posted the 2025 Annual Report
- ii. Good turnout for the three regional gatherings in February: thanks to the Deans for hosting in Wrightsville Beach, Jim Hartman

for hosting in New Bern, and Rob Weller for setting up a breakfast for those in the Lake Norman area.

- iii. Excellent turnout for the steam bending workshop at Cape Fear Community College on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>. 25 attendees.

## 7. Old Business

- a. Bill Baker's Estate update—John Justice  
Should be paid soon, but do not know how much (possibly \$35,000). Money needs to go for the scholarships, not equipment.
- b. June chapter workshop  
Jim A. workshop at Charlie's place in Lake Gaston—his boat needs bottom work. Jeff Gelm's boat also needs a bottom—identical to Charlie's. Jim will contact Charlie.
- c. July 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter Board meeting and picnic—what body of water?  
Decided to have it at Lake Jordan.
- d. Location of annual meeting—Proposed date Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> (weekend before Thanksgiving) Between Raleigh and New Bern.  
Wedding venue. The Leaning Tree Italian Restaurant in Bailey, NC. Checked it out. The operating hours are 5 to 9 PM. Will need to find a place that is open for lunch.
- e. Christmas party update  
We have secured a nice waterfront location: the new Fairfield Harbour Community Center in New Bern for our chapter Christmas party on December 12, 2026 (12/5 was not available). We have also begun a conversation with a potential caterer. This will be a linner event as we have had in the past two years. Lots is going on in New Bern, so we are encouraging members to make a weekend of it. Judy will provide information on accommodations and events.
- f. Events  
Encouraged members to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NCMM Boat show in Beaufort on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the CFCC show on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Saturday June 6 Great Raft Race New Bern on Trent River.
- g. Sea Scouts  
Several ships were invited to the CFCC workshop, but unfortunately they had a big regional meeting that same weekend. We hope to do more in 2026 with the various ships.

## 8. New Business:

Buddy program for new members—Jim Alexander

A program for consideration by Board members--The Buddy Program concept:

A simple member-to-member connection program for new members

Each new member is assigned a volunteer “Buddy”. That Buddy receives the new member’s name, phone number, and email address and is encouraged to check in periodically over the next two years. The role is informal and flexible — inviting the new member to meetings, boat shows, swap meets, cruises, social events, answering basic questions about the chapter, and generally helping them feel welcome and connected.

Board members agreed to do this. Judy to put item on this on newsletter to explain the new policy to members and to solicit volunteers to fill the role as 'buddies' in the new program.

**9. Comments/announcements**

Talked about Lake Norman.

**10. Adjourn**

**Next Board Meeting July 22, 2026**

**Attached:**

Minutes of 28 January 2026 meeting (attached)

1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial report and bank statement (sent 4/26/26)

Buddy Program information (attached)

NCMM equipment needed information (attached)