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## MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

December 3, 2005

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta, at 9:50 AM at Esber's in, Canton Ohio.  
The following clubs and officers were represented:

Aurel Ouellette, Fun Center, RMD, Gov.	Dan Lundblad, Blennerhasset, Gov
Alan Moore, Tiretown Corv., RCD,	Bob Schneider, Lakeshore Corv. Gov.
Bob Thomsen, EOCS,	Diana Fultz, Competition Corv, Gov
Chuck Heretta, Buckeye Corvette, RE, Gov.	Bob Kutty, Mahoning Valley, Gov.
Rich Brooks, Medina, , Gov.	Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleve, Gov,
Deb Murphy, Tiretown, Gov.	Chuck Stephens, Pioneer Corv. Asso. Gov
Ken Jecmen, NEOVC, Gov.	Mark Thurin, Corv. Canton, Gov.
Bill Wood, Kanawha Valley, Gov.	Stan Wolfe, Central W. Va., Gov.
Gary Perkins, Mound City, Gov.	

Chuck explained how to fill out the proxy forms that he needs for the National Council meetings in St. Louis.

We then went over dates not available to use in 2006 because of NCCC meeting and East Ohio region banquet dates: No sanctioned events can be held on these dates.

- February 24, 25 & 26, 2006 NCCC meeting, St. Louis
- March 3, 4 & 5, 2006 East Ohio regional banquet weekend (9:30 AM start)
- May 5, 6 & 7, 2006 NCCC meeting, St. Louis
- August 5 & 6 and 12 & 13, 2006, NCCC Convention
- September 8, 9 and 10, 2006 NCCC meeting, St. Louis
- November 10, 11 and 12, 2006, NCCC meeting, St. Louis.
- December 2, 2006 East Ohio Region bidding meeting.

The rest of East Ohio meeting dates selected later but they were:

- July 1, 2006 10AM start
- October 21, 2006 10AM start

Rich Brooks made a motion to accept the secretary's minutes as posted on internet, seconded by Bob Kutty, motion carried.

Treasurer's report read, Bob Kutty made a motion to accept, Bob Schneider seconded, motion carried.

Charities and Grants report NCCC: Mickey

The committee had their audit and it was approved.

Donation to Jeanne Kutty fund was given from East Ohio Region.

Mickey has a few angels left that say "Don't fly faster than your guardian angel can fly". The proceeds from sale of crafts go to grants and scholarship fund.

Chuck reported he was given a tire certificate to raffle off in the region. This is from NCCC charity. Chuck will accept bids on this for this certificate; bids will start at \$1100.00. The bidding will only be until December 31, 2005. If he does not get bids for this certificate, on January 1, 2006 we will start selling tickets for \$10.00 each, we will

sell a minimum of 100 tickets. If a minimum of 100 tickets is sold by banquet we will give certificate away at regional banquet. The certificate does not expire until December 31, 2006 so that gives you a year to use it.

We also received a gift certificate from Mid America Motor works, in the amount of \$50.00; we will give this away at the banquet.

Hall of Fame: Bob Kutty reported he was trying to get and keep the Hall of Fame book updated. He is missing information on some people such as: John Wadin, Erma Boyadjis, Tom Boyadjis, Dick Starts, Bob Schleuneker. Diana Fultz will try and get the information for Tom and Erma. Deb Murphy will try and get information on Dick Starts and Bob Schleuneker.

There is one carry over from Hall of Fame nominations last year, Dick Downs. There is still time to turn in additional nominees for this year Hall of Fame.

Webmaster: Bob Kirsch asked who had the original source on PDF version of the Hall of Fame book. Some of this information was given to him a few years back and he would like to get it updated.

Alan needs to get the official club standings to Bob to update website.

He will flush out all "for sale" items that are currently in the system.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Aurel Ouellette

Handed out reports for East Ohio region membership, NCCC membership and FCOA membership.

East Ohio membership has 16 clubs and 929 members. This is 15 members ahead of last year. This is also +19 of our goal for 2005. Top club is Corvette Cleveland with 125 members.

Renewals went quite well, by end of meeting today he had all clubs turned into him. Memberships are due to national by 15 December 2005. If you have any stragglers who decide they want to rejoin Aurel must have no later than December 10, 2005 in order to get to national by deadline and not be considered new members. The first club to send their renewals in was Medina and they had membership information in by November 7, 2005. Checks should be made out to the East Ohio Region, not the NCCC or National Council. This is the process decided on at the last meeting. Application forms that are on the NCCC website cannot be used for new members, you must use the 4-part application form that national council hands out.

At the meeting in St. Louis on November 11, 2005 there were 18920 members and 287 clubs.

The convention Blue Bars issue will be out this week and contains 84 pages.

Executive board members elected at last meeting were: VP of Competition – Mike Godfrey, Business manager – Hal Bellamy, Secretary – Carolyn Montgomery, and Sgt-at-Arms Judy Yanko. (Judy Yanko passed away from the complications of cancer on October 31, 2005).

Bob Kutty brought up that the 51% sheet needs to be changed because on the form it says to make check out to National council, not to your region. Also the form for NCCC is on xcel and people who do not have xcel cannot download the form.

The membership committee also discussed the Duntov award and are in the process of reviewing and clarifying requirements. It will then be placed on the website.

Scholarship application forms will be due to national review committee by June 1, 2006.

The Future Corvette Owners of America (FCOA) has 2255 members, 139 are in East Ohio region, Corvette Cleveland has 47 FCOA members. If you have an FCOA member who has moved you need to contact Pat Kelly at

REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Alan Moore

Alan asked all governors to give him a list of all members who live more than fifty (50) miles from club home address. The reason for this is if a person lives more than 50 miles from club home address then travel points will be calculated from that person's home. This is needed before the NCCC February meeting.

The first thing discussed at meeting was the 80 miles per hour speed limit at low speed events, it was determined this must be maintained. The next thing discussed was tents at events. This year K&K paid out a total of \$5000.00 for seven (7) different events because of personal tent damage to property. This is because the tents were not secured. From now on Alan stated that on the flyer it must state, "Entrant is responsible for securing his/her own tent and/or umbrella."

K&K insurance for next year will be \$76,000.00 plus it was \$73,000.00 last year.

The \$1000.00 deductible of support vehicles at events, that are within fifty feet of racing surface, cannot be waived per K&K insurance. K&K felt this was quite reasonable and would keep vehicles at fifty feet or more away.

Originally it had been decided by the RCD's that timing boards were the official time. It has now been decided you can correct timing board during the event. The time must be corrected before the event is over and at the end of the event that would be the official time on the timing board. Thus all time should be corrected and posted before you leave for home.

For 2006 all results must be on the official result sheet, this can be found on the NCCC website. This will be the only acceptable form. It must be on the electronic form because it makes it easier for VP of Competition to do his results. No handwritten results will be accepted. You will have to go to the NCCC website to get this, because the NCCC webmaster is getting kind of sticky about clubs linking to the NCCC website.

So far this year the first place club is North Florida Corvette Asso. (24997 points), first place men's is Mark Pearson and Howard Curtis (each have 1774 points), first place women is Maxine Pearson (1712 points).

Class changes effective January 1, 2006 are:

- Non Z06 C5's group II will be IIIH,
- Z06 C5's will be group II will be IIIJ
- Non Z06 C6's will be group K, (ISK, IK, IIK and IIIK)
- Z06's will be M class (ISM, IM, IIM and group 3 will be IIIK)

It was felt there was no reason to have the Z06 and standard C6 running in IIIK, because of modification build-ups.

CLARIFICATIONS; Under what circumstances can a Corvette running group III on DOT tires not having a roll bar run a high speed event, a high speed driving school or a high speed lapping session? Answer: Under NO circumstances can this happen.

In what class can the support that holds the front control arms on a C4 be bent to get more negative camber? Answer: Race Prepared Altered Frame.

Chuck asked what about the clarifications that were sent in too late for September meeting and were to be brought up at November meeting? One of these related to car shows and concourse, stating that the vehicle must be owned by the person showing it. Question was raised about family members living at another address and showing the same car. Was anything done with this? Alan said "No" because it would require a rules change. Chuck then asked what did the rulebook say about this? The rule for concouring "all Corvettes entered in a judged concourse must be owned by the entrant or his or her immediate family. A non-married spouse may be required to show a drivers license along with NCCC card to prove that both entrants live at same address." (Question was asked what is a non-married spouse. This should read companion and needs to be changed with rulebook change. ) "these cars are considered owned; daily rentals are not considered owned". It is still ambiguous, they could not do anything as far

as answering the question because would require a rulebook change. So following the letter of the rulebook unless you can prove you live at same address you cannot show the car "officially".

Bob Kutty asked what about associate members living at same address. Chuck said this was a membership question and membership decided to look the other way to avoid certain complications. As of today it stays the same, you put down that person's address as your address.

In October there was a very serious accident at Lake Geneva, the gentlemen went off the track and hit a concrete wall sideways. The shoulder harness did not hold his upper body into place and he is not totally paralyzed.

One of the things the RCD's are saying is in the new rulebook Group II and up cars will have to have aftermarket safety harnesses. The shoulder harness is not holding too well in the later cars. They are recommending anyone running a low speed event consider aftermarket belts and harnesses.

Diana Fultz asked if a person was going out to buy a new helmet what should they buy, Alan said the 2005 helmets are out now and that is what they should buy. Check for the manufacturer date and if made in 2005 it will last until 2015, also make sure it is a Snell. If you have a Snell with a manufacture date of "96" it is good through 2006.

Check the date on your High Speed license many are coming up on the expiration date. Alan has new ones he can issue and he will also have them at events. If you need a new one let Alan know.

EAST OHIO REGION CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES DIRECTOR:      Bob Thomsen

Bob handed out results as of November 20, 2005, it contained all the events for the year. Corvette Cleveland has a clean sweep for concours, rally and speed for club. Men overall first place is Tim Obert, Women's overall first place Elaine Heretta.

January 7, 2006 will be the final date for any corrections/questions/changes to EOCS. If there are no questions or changes the official one will be done on January 7, 2006.

Per Alan regional points will be out next week, their hard-drive went down and has just been replaced.

Competition bidding started at this point.

East Ohio Region meeting dates for next year are:	March 4, 2006	9:30AM
	July 1, 2006	10AM
	October 21, 2006	10AM
	December 2, 2006	9:30AM

Chuck asked if governors wanted to move meeting site or stay at Esber's, it was decided to stay at Esber's.

OLD BUSINESS:

First thing discussed was Championship series and decide whether we were going to adjust present system, put it on moratorium for a year or delete the series. Bill Wood said it was a good idea and he always liked it. The main complaint he has heard in meetings is the trophy aspect. Much discussion followed to keep and to do away with. Bob Kutty proposed that we do Championship series for one more year, but also set up a committee of Bill Wood, Chuck Stephens, Bob Thomsen, Chuck Heretta and Bob Kutty and look at setting up the championship series events for the future. Elaine proposed that the region place a one year moratorium on Championship series and set up a committee to investigate continuing the series. Neither proposal was seconded so it was placed on table as which suggestion would be preferred. Elaine asked about the original intent of the Championship series and if it still applied. Chuck said he was part of the original committee and the original intent no longer applies. Mainly because years ago when series was put together a big event day was two (2) events now a big event day is 5 to 7. Also you would have had to make a choice between a speed event, rally or concours. After much more discussion Mickey Ouellette called for the question the choices came down to:

1. Keep championship series program as is for 2006, set up a committee to see if a better or more acceptable program can be set up for 2007.
2. Eliminate championship series completely for 2006 but still set up a committee to look at and see if we want to restart championship series in 2007.

First choice received 4 votes, second choice received 6 votes, THERE WILL BE NO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES IN 2006.

A committee will be set up to look into East Ohio Championship Series, consisting of Bill Wood, Chuck Stephens, Bob Thomsen, Chuck Heretta and Bob Kutty.

By-laws proposed changes from the last meeting were voted on next: First proposal change voted on was to change Article VI, Officers, Section 2, change paragraph to stop after second sentence "each club shall have one vote". Today after that sentence we state how many days you have to add your name to the ballot and how many days you have to remove your name from the ballot. Discussion followed, vote was taken it was voted to keep as is now, there were zero votes to amend.

Second proposal voted on was to add, "person must attend at least two (2) regional meetings before putting name on ballot for an office". There was some discussion, the proposal was amended to add time period of attending regional meetings. Proposal was amended to read: "Person must attend at least two (2) regional meetings within the last year before putting name on the ballot for an office." (example your name would go on ballot in June 2005 so between June 2004 and June 2005 you would have to attend two (2) regional meetings.) Proposal Passed with the revision of time period to attend.

Third proposal: The person being nominated must be at the nomination meeting. Comment was made that there could be a good/valid reason what person could not attend. Due to the previous proposal of have to attend two (2) meeting in a year should be valid reason to run. Instead of making a by-laws change, it was changed to add wording to by-laws "It is suggested that person being nominated must be at nomination meeting". Mark Thurin made the comment that we already have a date set when you can withdraw by. After more discussion it was decided the third proposal was a moot point and not needed at all so on the third proposal no changes need be made to the by-laws.

MVP proposed changes were next on the agenda, they were

1. In lieu of sixteen (16) events, you would participate in a minimum of 50% of all the qualifying events in the region.
2. Add to the 16 minimum events (2 of each type, speed, concourse, rallys) and also must earn 200 points in the region.

Cars shows presently do not qualify, 50% of events would be about 21 events because we have 42 qualifying events for next year. You would still need to do 2 of each type of event in either of the above proposals.

It was felt a person going to a speed event and selecting a one car class could load up on points and do two rallys and two concourse, they would win. Tim Obert said the first proposal was his and the original intent was to get a person out there and competing, he did not intend for the word "qualifying" in be in the proposal. This being stated it would mean a person would have to attend 56 events to qualify for MVP.

The comment was made that the originator of the MVP award and rules was against any changes to it.

The governors felt there was little difference between the two proposals. There was much more discussion. It was finally decided that the committee set up to look at the Championship series should look at the MVP award qualifications.

The final vote came down to do we tweak for this year (2006) or leave alone for committee to look at to improve for 2007. Decision was to not tweak the MVP award for 2006, leave as it is now and have the committee look at it to see if needs changed and implement for 2007 if needs changed.

Regional Banquet: Elaine Heretta and Warren Obert reported for Corvette Cleveland. Warren reported that Megan should have the flyer out in about two (2) weeks and Bob Kirsch will get it on the website. Saturday afternoon there will be a hospitality suite, and there will be indoor competition of a rally, road racing and a car show. All this should be explained in the flyer. There will be a pool party on Friday night. The cost will be about \$30.00 per person to attend the banquet, plus hotel room cost will be on flyer.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Chuck Heretta

National elections were held in St. Louis everyone was re-elected to their positions. Someone will be appointed to replace Judy Yanko. The by-laws committee is working on proposals to tweak the voting procedures. We had a mailing of ballots for election which was almost meaningless because everyone was running un-opposed.

They will be looking at changes the membership committee wants to put through as far as wording in membership requirements, and also time that renewals will be coming through.

Convention in Orlando was brought up and the cost, the cost is now down to \$225.00 per person, and everyone will be provided with three (3) meals. One of the meals is "all American night" another is "Mexican night".

The problem the steering committee has and has had for years is they can look at the contracts and prices but they have no power to stop what chairperson of convention wants to do. The only ones with this power is the executive board and the executive board chooses not to do this because they do not want to put convention on. One of the concerns Chuck has is if the conventions keep making more and more money the sponsors will wonder what they are needed for. An example was Deb Lindsey brought in \$50,000.00 worth of sponsors last year and the convention made around \$18,000.00. Bill Quine made the comment that sponsorship dollars are not always reliable income.

Be sure to get your proxy forms back to Chuck.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bob Thomsen will go down to second place in the East Ohio Championship Series events since we are not going to have this event next year. The awards will also be special awards as this will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the East Ohio Championship series events and may be the last.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Respectively submitted

Mickey Ouellette  
Secretary/Treasurer