

MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

July 31, 2004

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta, at 10:25 AM at Esber's in Canton, Ohio.

The following clubs and officers were represented:

Aurel Ouellette, Fun Center, RMD, Gov.
Bob Kirsch, EOCS,
Chuck Heretta, Buckeye Corvette, RE, Gov.
Mel Pachuta, Mahoning Valley, prxy Gov.
Bill Quine, Tiretown, Gov.
Gail Moore, Points Tracker

Alan Moore, Tiretown Corv., RCD,
Diana Fultz, Competition Corv, Gov
Tim Paul, NEOVC, Gov.
Bob Thomsen, Corvette Cleve, Gov,
Bryce Goodwin , Pioneer Corv. Asso. Gov

Introductions were made of all in the room.

Diana Fultz made a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed, seconded by Mel Pachuta, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read, Mel Pachuta made a motion to accept report seconded by Bill Quine, motion carried.

Hall Of Fame: Bill Quine, Committee is working on the final guidelines for nominations. As soon as these are ready it will be sent to Bob Kirsch to post on East Ohio website. Bill Quine and the committee request that all applications try to be in by September 18, 2004 meeting. If you need a copy of the criteria, contact Bill Quine, Bob Kutty, or Mark Thurin.

Website: Bob Kirsch, All flyers he has presently are on the website. Club overall for Championship series is on the website but not individual because no one as of yet qualifies. The website address is: www.eornccc.org

EAST OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: Bob Kirsch

Handed out results he has up to date, they do not include any speed event results yet. Northeast is leading for Concours after three (3) events. Corvette Cleveland is leading rally after two (2) events. Individual results were also given; See website or contact Bob for a hard copy. The EOCS speed event was not noted so on the flyer, Alan Moore said he would take the responsibility for this, it was missed. If you see anything wrong with points please let Bob Kirsch know. Some flyers and results were late and Bob has notified the respective clubs they must pay a late fee. The region will pay the late fee and fines for speed events and transfer dollars to EOCS fund for those events based on entrants. Discussion was held on whether we should penalize club when they are following the new process and waiting for Alan to review results first before submitting to Bob Kirsch.

To date he had not received any updates or suggestions to Champ Series rules to be discussed or voted on.

Be sure, if you are competing for Champ series event points that you understand the rules when results are turned in. License number, color and year of car are needed for concours and speed.

Per Alan Moore, he is canceling the August 22, 2004 Champ Series concourse for Central West Va, Corvette Club. These are event numbers EO108, EO109 and EO110. This means we only have four (4) champ series concourse for this year. The last concourse will be Kanawha Valley on September 6, 2004.

Question was asked was there any way we could keep the Central West Va. Events, if they get the flyer in, Alan said not at this point because the national VP of competition would have cancelled them by this time.

Charity: Mickey reported there was no national meeting at convention. As of yet there are no raffle tickets available. Aurel added he contacted Patrick Dolan the night before and they are having difficulty getting approval for raffle car to be handled out of Minnesota. If this cannot be ironed out the paperwork will be done in Michigan. Winner of this year's raffle car was Mike Cripes of Capital City Corvette, in Lansing, Michigan.

Chuck asked if someone had applied for a hardship grant from National for Jim Fultz, answer was yes. He had just started a new job and has no insurance.

Mahoning Valley asked if one of their club members could get some help, they gave Mickey the information after the meeting.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Aurel Ouellette

Handed out East Ohio and NCCC membership reports, no updated report for FCOA. Also distributed letters with dues to be paid to East Ohio region from December to July.

East Ohio has 16 clubs with 851 members total, this is short of our NCCC goal of 960 members. TTCC has 127 and Corvette Cleveland has 96.

Aurel took the NCCC display to the CORSA car show in Berea, for Corvette Cleveland, the Vermillion car show for LakeShore, and the Summit car show for Buckeye. He thanked Bob Kutty for taking pictures at these events showing the membership people at work. He will also be at the NEOVC car show at Lake Laurel, Hudson.

At the June 5, NCCC Membership committee meeting, the national membership was at 17,468 with 293 clubs.

Site bids for national meetings in years 2007, 2008 and 2009 are due at the November 2004 meeting.

NCCC officers up for election this year are: President, VP-Membership, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Public Relations Director. As of the knowledge he has right now the President, VP-Membership, and Treasurer the incumbents have indicated they will not be running again.

Scholarship applications are available on the website. For 2005 national is looking at increasing the scholarship from \$750.00 to \$1000.00. Members, Spouses, children and grandchildren may apply for these scholarships.

Blue Bars articles are due to Sylvia by September 1, 2004.

No Duntov award was submitted this year as no applications were submitted.

Membership dues are going up effective September 1, 2004, new members will be \$35.00 and renewals \$25.00. Question was asked about members joining between now and September 1, 2004. If you turn in a membership before September 1 and want Aurel to submit it now, it will go in at the current rate, but that person will have to pay dues again before end of year because they will not be considered automatic renewal. However if you tell Aurel to hold until after September 1, or you hold till then, they person(s) will be automatically renewed for next year. If you send membership to Aurel unless you tell him specifically to mail in early he will hold till September. Aurel needs renewals as soon as possible so he can verify, get corrections done and get postmarked by December 15, 2004. If he mails in late they will take the money but put in treasurer's report a late fee due and let Aurel know he has to collect from the club(s) involved.

Question was asked about Pennsylvania Corvette clubs and getting them to join National Council. They have been approached but are not interested.

Bob Thomsen asked when were the East Ohio regional dues for this year expected to be in by. After some discussion the date of December 1, 2004 was agreed upon. It was suggested that as a courtesy to Aurel to mail in renewals as soon as possible.

There is a by-laws proposal on the floor at national council to change the membership dues to being paid by November 15 instead of December 15. If this passes it will go into effect in 2005. The membership year will stay the same from January 1 to December 31, and we will still have September 1 as cutoff date for members to be automatically renewed.

The 51% sheets will come around middle to end of October. It is being redesigned on EXCEL to help make it easier to fill out.

Everyone was reminded that when you move or if your grandchildren/nieces/nephews move you need to let FCOA, Pat Kelly know separately. National does not share member change of address with FCOA.

REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Alan Moore

Alan apologized for the July 18, 2004 third event not being on flyer and not having Championship series event noted on it.

He canceled the CWVCC events for August 22, 2004. This concerned one concourse and two car shows.

Another change made to schedule September 6, Corvette Cleveland two high speeds now has two matching times to go with these events. These were originally two Mound City drags, but could not get the track because of price. The new schedule will show no drags or matching times for October 9. Also the three rallies on October 3, Corvette Cleveland, Buckeye and Medina are moving to Sunday October 10, 2004. These will probably start somewhere in Lorain County. The Corvette Cleveland one is for Champ Series.

Everyone was given a copy of regional events. Number one in men's is Chuck Heretta, number one in women's is Elaine Heretta. Overall for club is Corvette Cleveland.

Gave a handout to everyone on what is required on results and flyers. The VP Competition says he will no longer accept handwritten results. They must be typed. If name is mis-spelled or wrong EO number on sheet the VP has no way of knowing what is correct. If you do not have micro-soft word or EXCEL when mailing flyers or results and are just mailing into Alan then please send three (3) copies. Do not do extensive art work or color when sending flyers via email these are too hard to copy. If you really want to have all this detail and color then please mail fifty (50) copies to Alan instead of three (3).

There is a NEW new procedure for submitting results. The way they were discussed at the last regional meeting is not working out. Everything is being bogged down by this process. The way it will be done now is: The Host club will send results within fifteen (15) days, Alan will correct the results. Alan will then send a corrected set of results back to the host club, as quickly as he can. The host club will then be responsible to see the entrants get the corrected results. This will have to be done within thirty (30) days of an event. Alan will still send onto RCD's from any other regions involved. Alan said he did not have a problem with sending results to the governor of each club and let the governor hand out to participants of the event from their club. The comment was made this is against national council procedures. The East Ohio region governors did not like this idea and decided the host club should keep the responsibility.

Discussion was held how will championship series be handled. Alan (RCD) will see that the Championship series director is notified when he (Alan) gets championship series results. We are not going to change the championship series rules, club send money to Championship series director as have done in past. Adjustments will be made from there. If Alan does not get results within 15 days then championship series did not come within 15 days and the involved club will owe a penalty. He will then provide the Championship series director with a corrected copy.

Flyers are going to "pot" this year. Some are going out with no maps, others have map but don't mean anything if you are not from the area. If possible a full address on the flyer would help then those who wanted to could print out a set of directions.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Chuck Heretta

At the September meeting for NCCC they will have nominations of officers. The week of the East Ohio regional meeting the governors received an email stating that Roger Mitchell will not run for NCCC president again. There was no reason given.

NCCC has tightened their budget quite a bit. Under financial matters they are looking at changing the word "off-budget" to "unbudgeted" There will be standing rules and by-laws changes read at the September meeting requesting an increase in primary member dues. Last year the standing rules passed concerning this but the by-laws did not, so they had to revert back to the way it presently is. This is because you cannot have a standing rule in violation of a by-laws. What they are doing is taking out the specific date and refers back to by-laws now. They are trying to eliminate the problem as they had last year. The date (November 15) is under the by-laws changes now. They are taking out of standing rules wording of spouse and dependent about having same address, it is now handled under by-laws. This is to help eliminate the redundancy issue. Chuck handed out sheet with all changes on it, if you have any questions let him know. Voting will be done by ballot, after read at September meeting, before the November meeting. This way whatever by-laws changes are made your club has a year to change the clubs by-laws if affected.

The Regional Executive meeting at convention was very short. There is no update on Bryant situation yet, the committee will meet at the September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Timing & Communications: Bob Thomsen brought everyone up to date on timing equipment. As far as what happened to the readout display. It is not compatible with the computer program. The company has one that is compatible with the program and they are going to trade with us. This is an LED readout. You will not see the seconds ticking off but you will get the final time. The region was OK with this.

There are some glitches in the system that are trying to be worked out. One was people changing classes from one event to the next, another was re-run and previous time printing out.

Bob asked about getting another set of timing lights for a backup, the cost would be about \$1000.00. We have a backup computer and backup printer. If we have to send the timers in for adjustment, as we have done already, and they don't get back in time, we would have a problem. We do have other timers available to us. After some discussion, Diana Fultz made a motion to buy a set of back up lights, seconded by Mel Pachuta, motion carried.

Question was asked about protecting the timers somehow, from being hit by cars. Bill Quine told how Hal Bellamy protected theirs with PVC pipe. Alan Moore was aware of this and stated he can do this.

We now have a total of six (6) radios for the region. For now this seems to be working.

2005 proposed budget: This was passed out at the last meeting. There were no questions or discussion, Bill Quine made a motion to accept, Bob Thomsen seconded, motion carried.

Banquet 2005: Chuck gave a copy of the contract for Galaxy Restaurant, to the banquet committee to review. They will review and provide information back to Chuck. It will be second Saturday in March and hosted by Medina Corvette Club.

Chuck will also be looking for banquet bid presentations at the December meeting. Please bring ideas and places.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations of officers was conducted. If you are nominated you have up to 30 days before preceding election to withdraw that date would be August 19, 2004. If you want your name added to list of nominees you have until 15 days prior to election to add your name to list, that date would be September 3, 2004.

Nominations requested for Regional Membership Director (RMD): Bill Quine nominated Aurel Ouellette, Aurel accepted. There were no other nominations at this time.

Nominations requested for Regional Competition Director (RCD): Diana Fultz nominated Alan Moore, Alan accepted. There were no other nominations at this time.

Nominations requested for East Ohio Championship Series Director (EOCS): Aurel nominated Bob Kirsch, Bob tentatively accepted and would confirm his intentions prior to the deadline to be removed from the list of candidates. There were no other nominations at this time.

Nominations requested for Regional Executive (RE): Mel Pachuta nominated Chuck Heretta, Chuck accepted. There were no other nominations at this time.

Remember you have till September 3, 2004 to run for office if you want, you have till August 19, 2004 to remove your name.

The last two (2) meetings of the year for East Ohio region will be moved to Georgio's in Bolivar, at the 93 mile marker. These dates are September 18, 2004 and December 4, 2004. Chuck will provide map and directions to Mickey to place in minutes. The September 18, 2004 meeting will start at 10AM, the December 4, 2004 meeting will start at 9:30AM.

The National meeting site proposals for years 2007, 2008 and 2009 are needed by the November national meeting. They will be voted on in May 2005, for years 2007, 2008 and 2009. Chuck asked if the regions was interested in placing a site bid, for maybe Columbus, Cleveland or Cincinnati, Ohio. Hotels, Airlines, transportation are just a few things that need considered. After some discussion it was decided it would be rushing us to much to do a proper job of preparing a bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mickey asked everyone to take back to their clubs and ask what charity the East Ohio region could donate to that would cover all the clubs in East Ohio region. Two brought up were Hospice and Ronald MacDonald House, but it is not known if all areas have this. What we are looking for is a way to write one or two checks to a charity and it cover all states involved with East Ohio region.

Round Table: Diana Fultz thanked East Ohio and NCCC for support given to Jim Fultz, their son.

Tim Paul asked if there were anyway we could get the events at CWCC put on, Alan said that at this point National would have cancelled them.

Bob Thomsen asked the status of Firestone for next year. It is still not known, it needs to be verified. Per Bob Nelson Ledges will be doing a few improvements next year.

Friday night August 20, 2004 is a regional party at Firestone parking lot in Akron. Bring lawn mowers, weed whackers, etc. This will prepare for the Saturday speed event.

Please give Mickey any bills that need paid as soon as possible, especially if they go to a business. She has received two (2) dunning notices this year.

Reminder: Next meeting at Georgio's in Bolivar, Ohio, at mile marker 93.

There are regional events August 15, 2004 and August 21, 2004.

Motion to adjourn made by Mel Pachuta, seconded by Bill Quine, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:50PM.

Respectively submitted

Mickey Ouellette
Secretary/Treasurer

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