

MINUTES

EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

HOLIDAY INN, STRONGSVILLE

MARCH 3, 2018

Regional Executive: Terry Muich

Regional Competition Director: Al Flanhofer

Regional Membership Director: Cheryl Getzy

Regional Secretary: Ryki Woods

Regional Treasurer: Peggy Stephens

Attendees:

Governors

Corvette Cleveland Inc. - Al Flanhofer

Buckeye Corvettes: Barb Kukasky

Mid-Ohio Corvettes - Dan Gallagher

Mound City Corvette: David Brennan

Tiretown Corvette - Chuck Heretta (Proxy)

Lake Shore Corvettes - Bob Niznick (Proxy)

North East Ohio Vette: TR Aldrich

Fun Center Corvette - Mickey Ouellette

Kanawha Valley Corv - Charles Stephens

Competition Corvette - Fred Dugach

Guests:

Warren Obert

Sharon Burk

Jeff Kubiak

Ted Vanelli

Dennis Patrick

Carol Engel

Roger Flading

Susan Hamilton

Steven Hamilton

Michael Getzy

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 by RE Terry Muich

Terry asked if everyone had signed the waiver and check in sheets.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Stephens.

We have 10 Governors present, therefore we do have a quorum.

Those members who have passed away since the last meeting are Ed Witherspoon and Alan Selders, both with Buckeye. A moment of silence was observed

The officers introduced themselves and then the Governors introduced themselves.

Terry asked if everyone got the minutes and asked for changes or corrections. Chuck Heretta had a question regarding proxies, a sentence regarding a change did not state what the change was. Terry said he had seen that also, and thought it had to do with the head tax and when it was due. This will be discussed today because it wasn't very clear. It will be straightened out. It had to do with the bidding for sanction dates as far as head tax, and came right after Chuck Heretta saying it is in the SOP, relative to head tax due. It didn't say in the minutes that we voted, so that will be reviewed today under Old Business. Chuck Stephens made a motion that we accept the minutes as received, Dan Gallagher seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer - Peggy Stephens

Peggy asked if everyone had received her report and if not, she has copies. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as received, seconded and passed unanimously. Therefore, the reading of the report was suspended.

As a note, Terry Muich mentioned that Corvette Cleveland ladies are putting on a full lunch in the Hospitality Room for lunch at noon.

RMD - Cheryl Getzy

There are currently 17,389 members in NCCC. The East Ohio Region has 1,162 members total which breaks down as follows: Buckeye 248, Corvette Cleveland 165, Mid Ohio 54, Mahoning Valley 95, Mound City 18, TireTown 70, Lake Shore 122, NEOVC 64, Fun Center 7, Medina 15, Central West Virginia 65, Kanawha 102, Competition 127 and Corvette Canton has 10.

Regarding membership cards, they were discussed at the National meeting and we will be getting plastic cards. They will not have your high speed license on them like they do now. They probably now won't be out until the end of March. There were so many complaints about the electronic cards and they claim it will be working this year for renewal, but we will see. Fred Dugach said if anyone needs or wants to have their card on their phone to keep with them, see him and he will send you the image so you can just keep it.

FCOA - Cheryl has no report from FCOA, there was none at National.

Cheryl mentioned that since renewal will be gone over later, she will not deal with it right now. If anyone has anything they want her to bring up or speak with Amelia, who is the Vice President of Membership about, please let her know. If there is anything that is not being resolved, she needs to report it to National and they will address it. Regarding the new system, if your URL doesn't start with NCCC, that is the old system and nothing on that system is going to work right. We are on Go Daddy now. If you have any problems, please call Cheryl and she will help you out, however, she is still having some problems with it. She has an email into Walt. Fred Dugach said that Terry had the idea to delete all of your favorites and recreate them, like the Governor's screen, for instance. Terry mentioned that you can access your governor screen through the Members Only site on the National Web Site.. Terry needs to talk with Walt because EO Officers is not working. Al sent him the same thing. The EO Governors is working. Fred Dugach is now helping Walt with National. Terry asked if there were any questions for Cheryl. There were none.

RCD - Al Flanhofer

At the RCD meeting he was given the East Ohio rebate check which is for funds given back to each Region based on how many people were in the 200 club. We had 72 people in the 200 club and Al got a check for \$1,412.00 which comes out to \$19.61 per person, so Al is not sure how they calculate this amount. That is to help reimburse the Region to buy awards for the people in the 200 club and we have spent that and much more. What he handed out to the Governors, the top page shows the requirements for the MVP Award for 2018. Right now there are a possible 140 sanctions (14 clubs x 10 sanctions per club). 133 of them are accounted for, we still have 7 sanctions floating out there. But based on what we have scheduled now, if you want to be considered for the MVP Award, you need to attend 65 of the 99 car shows, 3 of the 4 rallies and 20 of the 30 autocrosses. Al asked for questions on MVP. Terry said he knew there were questions before, so he is bringing them up, for an autocross, for instance, does it count if you are a worker, or do you have to actually race? Al said you have to participate and another thing to consider is that you have to either be a chairperson or co-chairperson for one event. Terry reiterated, for an event, does signing up as a worker count as participating and Al said no, because this isn't a worker award, it is a participant award. That is what Terry wanted to clarify, in order to get an MVP Award you actually have to enter in the event. Al then asked if anyone had any ideas for changing the MVP Award since there have been a lot of times where the Number One person in the Region is also the MVP. Do we want to change this, for instance if you come in first you are not eligible for the MVP Award? Al asked for thoughts on that. Terry said to do that, you would have to revisit the criteria for the MVP and how it is written and rewrite what you would change and present it as a change. This could maybe be considered for 2019. Fred Dugach said that when he saw MVP he assumed that it was "Most Valuable Person" as opposed to "Most Valuable Participant" and he thought it was voted on. Chuck Heretta mentioned that we might want to consider what was done in years past, they actually took percentages of each one rather than dividing the total points by the total number of events. If you do it how it is stated currently, you are always going to end up with the top two people. But if you use

percentages, it may change things. If he is not mistaken, that is how we did it in the beginning of the Most Valuable Participant Award. So, Al said, separate it out as three separate percentages and then put them together for a total for the MVP. Terry asked Chuck Heretta if he has the SOP wording in front of him for the MVP. Terry has it and he and Al read through it and that is what Al is saying, if we want to change it, we need to read it and make sure everyone knows how it is right now and change it accordingly. Terry thought when he read it and when Al read it when he first took over as RCD and it is basically numbers, you have to attend a certain percentage of the events to be considered. Chuck Heretta said it has always been that way and that number is now down to 65% and at one time it was 70% or 75% that you had to attend and they just kept lowering the bar and in the beginning he didn't believe it was dividing the total earned points which throws out FTDs, etc, and so, you will probably always end up with the person in first place. Al said that it does say in the SOP that it is "total eligible earned points divided by total eligible events". Terry said that is how it is written now and we can change it because it is a Standing Rule and we have a quorum, if you want to read through it and we want to change it today, fine. It is a Standing Rule and when you have a quorum, you can change a Standing Rule. Now would be the time if we want to change it for this year. Al mentioned that someone might be eligible to win the award, like Jeff Kubiak, he would have won it this year if he had gone to the Concours, but he didn't. There are no Concours shows this year. Fred Dugach asked what the basic purpose of the MVP award is. Terry asked if anyone remembered what the thought process was and Chuck Heretta said it was for someone who wasn't Number One to win. Back when it started, you could manipulate the system so that originally it didn't have percentages in it, you had to attend so many of this event, so many of that event, etc. and you could manipulate it and only go to those events and win. Then the discussion came out, was that really a "valuable participant" or is that someone manipulating the system. So it evolved into what we are seeing now, but somehow that got switched to dividing total number of earned points by total number of eligible events and so, you come back to the Number One people, so in essence you got away from what the "Most Valuable Participant" actually was. Al said that is why he is asking if anyone has any ideas to change the criteria a little bit, so the Number One person isn't always the MVP. Terry suggested that use as a starting point what is there already and put an add-on and make it similar to the RE Award and make it so that the RCD can make sure the award could go to someone who only went to one or two shows and they are a participant but he sees that while they are there they are doing other things, so the criteria can be similar to the RE Award. Or does anyone have any other ideas? Al suggest if anyone has anything, send him an email and we can bring it up at the next Region meeting. He is just looking for ideas in case anyone wants to change the way it is. Peggy Stephens asked when the first event for the Region is and it is April 22. Is that after the Governor's meeting? Terry said that if we wait until the next meeting, it will have to take effect for the next year. However, if we make some slight changes now, since the criteria is just now being put out, we can do it this year. Alan Moore pointed out that in his ten years of being RCD in the earlier years there were many years that people manipulated the system. He was the one who came up with the original idea of percentages to make it more fair. Chuck Stephens asked if it would be acceptable to put in that if you are Number One in the men's or women's, you are not eligible to be considered for the MVP. Terry said that

actually goes against how the rules are written right now. We would have to rewrite to put changes in there or we are going against what is written down and if we start going against what is written down, that opens up another can of worms. Fred Dugach thought it was a good idea, rather than just having the Number One person get both awards and Terry said realistically that would fall back into what he said because the RE Award is based on similar criteria based on what the RE sees and what contributions the recipient has made to the Region. We could use the same basic criteria to give them a start. So if the RCD decides he wants to give the MVP Award to somebody who went to one show. But you base that on there and if he has other criteria, like maybe they didn't get all the points, they attended everything, the basic minimum requirements, but they are in a one car class in the low speeds, or like that so they don't get the same amount of points as someone else, but for instance at the low speeds, they get done running, they're always on the track helping out, at car shows they are always willing to help, that type of thing. That might give the RCD a little bit of leeway and have him list the reasoning why he chose that particular person, that they meet the basic criteria, but didn't get the same number of points. Chuck Stephens said a member of their club (Sharon Burk) would like to make a comment. Sharon said when Don won it several years ago, she thinks it was done on the percentage thing because he was in sixth or seventh place and he won the MVP Award and she thinks you need to go back to doing the percentages and add those up. Al said he thinks Tim Obert won one year also, and he calculated that he only went to the minimum number of car shows. Sharon said yes, that was when they used the percentages versus just dividing it evenly which gives more people a chance. Al Flanhofer says the way it reads now is "total" and Terry said that is what Chuck Heretta was saying is they just go to the minimum requirements and if you divide the base bare minimum, you had a chance where someone who went to everything was out of it. Terry said that with him going to everything, because as RE he feels obligated to go to everything, he will be Number One again but that takes away from the person who goes to everything versus someone who goes to the bare minimum and they score high, so their numbers on those events are high and just limiting the percentages to that, they get an MVP when they only went to a limited number of events. Terry's thoughts are we are East Ohio Region and NCCC members and going to these events all you can, is supporting the clubs in the Region. Sharon said that maybe we need to reconsider the 65% and we should go back to percentages and Terry said if we increase the percentage, the Number One person will probably be the one to get the award. Fred Dugach asked if other Regions have a similar award. Terry said he does not know. Alan Moore said they do and Terry asked if they do it the same way and Alan said some do it a little different, but probably half the Regions have similar programs. Al Flanhofer said that some Regions don't have much participation. He remembers one RCD at the National meeting when they were discussing the rebate checks who had nobody in the 200 club in the whole Region. Alan Moore said just as a suggestion, that maybe we should suspend it for this year and work on it all year. Terry asked if we want to suspend the MVP Award for this year, because it is in the Standing Rules and since we have a quorum, we could, that is why things are in the Standing Rules. Al Flanhofer said that he knows in year's past we had something called the Championship Series and the Street Series and Al Flanhofer is not familiar with those, but they came and went and Terry said that was the same problem, because of the criteria. Chuck Heretta suggests we suspend it for the 2018

Competition Season to be revisited in December of 2018. Terry thought we should do it earlier since December is busy with the bidding. Chuck Heretta said we have three more meetings to get it sorted out and talk about it and come up with a proposal. Chuck Heretta made a motion to suspend the MVP Award for the 2018 Competition Season, Chuck Stephens seconded. The motion is on the floor, first and second to suspend the MVP Award for the 2018 Competition Season. Vote was taken, 8 were in favor with 2 opposed. So the MVP Award is suspended for the 2018 Competition Season to be revisited. Terry asked the Governors to take it back to their clubs, explain it to them and come up with a good way to determine who will get the award. Al Flanhofer said that if Alan Moore or Chuck Heretta want to send him any ideas, please do so and he will try to put something together for the next Region meeting. Chuck Stephens already has a committee set up. Jeff Kubiak said it seems wrong to him to completely eliminate the award because we want to tweak the criteria, you can still have it because some people might be looking forward to competing for it and then make the changes for the next year. Terry said that the way it is now, because that is how it has been for the last three or four years, Number One will win it because of the way it is presently set up. As a case in point, Jeff didn't know how close he was to MVP until this meeting and that is the way it is going to be, with the present criteria. It will be suspended and revisited. Terry encourages everyone to read the SOP regarding the criteria for MVP and the outline on how it is now and think of slight changes we can make to open it up more, so it is not just a straight "points" award. It won't be easy, but Terry wants everyone to work on it. Chuck Stephens would like everyone to send all comments and suggestions to him and Peggy, don't send them to Al, because he will have to send them to the committee. The MVP Committee consists of David Brennan, Chuck Stephens, Peggy Stephens, Sharon Burk and Don Burk. The committee will review all suggestions and Chuck Stephens will email Terry and he will email the Governors to get it out to their clubs.

On Page Two of Al Flanhofer's handout, it lists some of the Rule Book change proposals discussed over the last year. You can see what Competition has already approved and what they have rejected. There was a really short meeting. The biggest discussion there was a clarification from the Michigan Region, they wanted a clarification on Rule 2.7.1.13 on wheels and basically what that says is 1984 and newer any type wheel available for class and axle plus or minus one inch width, plus or minus one inch diameter, 16" minimum adapters allowed. The reason they brought this up is it says in there "available for class". Al's C6 Grand Sport he runs Class M. Fred with a C7 runs Class M and the base model C7 has 10" wheels on the back. Al has 12" wheels. They are basically saying that Fred can go from 10" to 13" wheels and still be Group 1 because it is based on class. Fred said Group 1 and 1S. They were saying that is covered because there is another rule further in the rule book, 2.8.9H2, "wheels cannot touch tire or frame". So they are saying, oh that covers it as long as they don't touch the tires or frame. Al doesn't think it is right that you can go 3" bigger and still be considered stock. The question was asked if there is another section of the rule book that talks about the tires that cars of each year came with. Al said that if you go on line, on the NCCC site in the Competition Manual, there is a tire chart. Al is going to write up a rule book clarification and submit it to say that the wording should be changed to say that "any type wheel available for class, any type wheel available per original equipment". The question was

asked what the heading of that chart specified and Al feels that the chart is not referenced anywhere in the rule book. Al said they spent an hour on this at the meeting and basically said everything is fine. There was a lot of discussion, but Al feels that nothing got resolved. Fred Dugach said that as he has maintained, he thinks the C7 should be in a class by itself because with the technology of it and how it runs, it is just a whole different animal and it is hard to compete. Al said they did discuss over the years, the Grand Sports, etc. but the feeling is that they don't want to add more classes, so right now, that is how it is. Fred Dugach also said that Dale Samuelson talked about rewriting the rules and having a committee to do so and Fred is all for that because he thinks we are trying to follow SCCA and NCCC "roads". Al said that a couple of other things they talked about at the RCD meeting, but which were all tabled, were that to have an FTD you must have at least two cars in a class and he cited an example of something that happened in Florida. Also, they were talking about having at least 3 cars in a sub-group, now it is 2 cars.

At the last Region meeting, Al mentioned about helmets, with the Region possibly purchasing a few helmets to keep in the trailer and have at all the events, in case we get first-time autocross people who want to try it out. Terry said we would discuss it at the next meeting, which is this meeting. Al has made a proposal for the SOP to add four SA approved helmets to the inventory of the timing trailer. Jeff Kubiak's son Mike has done research and he can get us open face, SA approved helmets for \$125 each. Should we have a discussion and Terry said he had that under Old Business to bring up later. Al asked if this is the same thing with the SOP wording he handed out and Terry said yes it will be discussed under Old Business. Al also said he had mentioned redoing the registration form and is that under Old Business also? Al said all he had changed on the registration form is that there was a line for your email address that said "email me results" and Al never gets email results, so his feeling is that this could be taken out, since results go on line fairly quickly, usually within a week and sometimes in a matter of days, so Al doesn't see a need to have the results emailed. He also took out the part for the engine because that really isn't needed anymore. Terry said, then the question would be, and he hasn't really looked it up, is there in National rules criteria for what has to be on the form? Or is it up to the Region? Alan Moore said that when he was RCD, when he sent results out via email, half of them bounced back because you really can't read what some people put down. Terry feels that in this age of electronics, everyone is getting results almost instantaneously.

Al said that on the second page of what he gave everyone for rule book proposed changes, under approved, they are looking to update the tech sheet and registration forms on the National website. The registration for National is pretty similar to ours, it has all the same information. Updating tech, what they are planning for next year is they will have a yearly tech, if for instance you come out for the first autocross, you can get teched and be good for the entire year. Fred Dugach thought that was approved for this year. Even if it was or was not approved, it is still up to the individual club putting on the event whether or not they want to retech at the event. Peggy pointed out that there is another line that could be taken off the form, "did you travel more than 200 miles", the computer figures that, you don't need it on the form. Al said yes, it does, that when he uploads the

results in the database that that is all automatic. Terry said that what Al is talking about is also going to be given to the Governors, which they have been pounding them with at Membership at the National meetings, to go back and review your database records to make sure that the people who have email addresses in there make sure they are accurate, as well as their addresses. He feels that we are doing pretty good as a Region, but still, we have to keep proactive. Chuck Heretta said the address is very important on the database. On the new Blue Bars which was just mailed, 11 were returned. The problem is that you have to compare what somebody puts down for their address to what the USPS has as the correct address. He then gave an example. The Governors need to check against the USPS records. Terry said they are sending that out constantly as to where to go on the site, etc. and that is part of your duties as Governor. Elaine Heretta sends an email to the Governor of the person whose Blue Bars has been returned for the Governor to check. Terry also pointed out that emails should also be clarified, particularly if some people have more than one email address. Fred Dugach said that if you are getting Dave Heinemann's email on a regular basis, then you are okay. If you have a primary and secondary email address, they will cancel out, so you have to have only valid email address. You can't send an email to the same two addresses, it will kick it back to Walt and he will either have to fix it or talk to someone about it. In fact, Dave Goebel put his email address in for all the people who were not getting their minutes and it kicked all of those out, including his. Therefore, you don't want to use your email more than once. Terry said, bottom line, in the database you can have only one email address, one time. Al brought that up at his club's meetings also, because if you go in the database, he has his email and Cindy's email for her and that way both of them get Dave Heinemann's email. However, it is up to the Governors to get this information. Fred Dugach had one more comment, for each person there is a comment field and what he has been using that for is if there is an invalid email address, to put that in as a comment and then delete it so you know that is what has happened, that is what those comments are for.

The only other thing Al is bringing up is getting their events in the database, which Al said most of the Governors are doing a good job of. We have 133 of our 140 sanctions scheduled and 103 of those 133 are on line now. We still need 20 more sanctions added to the database and he is waiting for the flyers to come in for a lot of them. So he asked the Governors to try to get this completed by the end of March.

Al asked if there were any questions. Barb Kukasky asked about the registration, are we supposed to use the new one or the old one? Al said just use what is on line.

Al then said, if it is okay, we had a couple of comments, Peggy said he could take out the "200 mile" line, and she told him at the bottom, on the part for the check, to make it a little bigger and if it is okay, he will make changes and send it to the webmaster and get it put on line. The question was asked if there will be a "revision date" on the bottom so everyone will know when they print them out and Al said yes. Fred Dugach said what would really be nice would be if you had the PDF that you create it with, if you create it so you can fill it in with Adobe, you can fill it in on line and print it out and sign it. Al asked that even if it was a PDF you can do that? Fred said yes, you can, you have to

make it a "fillable PDF", there is a program for that. Al said he usually puts it out as a word PDF so you can edit the word document. Fred Dugach said the problem with sending out a Word document is that not everyone has Word and not everyone has the right version. Al will look into it. Terry told Al that when he gets the form finalized, send it to him and he will send it to Fred and Fred can send it out to the Governors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Region Banquet

The banquet is going great so far. For next year, we have a committee report from Buckeye, Sue Hamilton. They are hosting the banquet for next year. The committee for finding the hotel had two comparisons done and then they came to the current hotel, Holiday Inn Strongsville and they like it, so they are getting information from them and then will present the choices via a spreadsheet for the Governors to vote on. Does she then submit it to the Banquet Committee and let them decide? Terry will review and check, he asked Chuck Heretta how that works and Chuck said the Governors just approve what the Banquet Committee recommends. Terry said we are running behind, since by the rules this was supposed to have been done in December, but no one had stepped up to do the banquet at the December meeting and Terry had said that if no one steps up to do it, there is nothing in the rules that says we have to have a banquet and if he couldn't get any interest, we wouldn't be doing one. After that Barb & Sue went to their club and pushed them to do it. By next meeting for sure we will have some comparisons and be able to decide on a venue. They are trying to stay within budget. This will be the 2018 banquet to be held in 2019, we have nobody yet who has stepped up to do the 2019 banquet to be held in 2020. So Terry repeats, if the clubs aren't interested enough in doing a banquet, we will give awards at the chicken restaurant in Canton and not have a banquet. Terry read through and there is nothing in writing which says we must have an awards banquet. The only thing National says about awards is the only way we get the reimbursement check is to apply towards awards. They don't say you have to have a banquet. The only thing in the Region By-Laws is that there is an RE award and a Hall of Fame award. Terry's thoughts are, therefore, if the clubs aren't interested enough to step up and do it, then why should we "bust our butts" to do one. If it is just a matter of handing out awards, then he (Terry) can hand the awards out at the Governors meeting since the meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The meeting can be scheduled at our regular meeting place in March and after the meeting, the awards can be handed out. The point was made that some of the clubs are smaller and it is hard to get committees, etc. to do it, but there is nothing to say that two or three clubs couldn't combine and put the banquet on. All it takes is just someone stepping up, size doesn't have anything to do with it. Alan did it one year on his own. Two years ago, Terry did it on his own. Others have done it on their own as well. Terry said what gets discouraging, is the turnout, for instance, this year we have about 133 people attending and we have almost 1200 members in the Region. Chuck Heretta said that one thing he wanted to bring up, and somehow it has disappeared in the Regional By-Laws or SOP, it used to say that if no club stepped forward, it was the RE's responsibility to do the banquet. Terry says he does not know how this disappeared, because three years ago he read everything. It can be put back in since we have a quorum right now, but he (Terry)

does know that at this time it is not in. The only thing it says about awards and banquet, it just says Banquet Committee. Sue Hamilton asked who is on the Banquet Committee and Terry said it consists of RE (Terry) and TR Aldrich. Fred Dugach asked if there was a list of those clubs who have hosted the banquet and those who have not. Terry can check, but he feels that it has been mostly individuals in the last few years. Fred Dugach said if we have a club that hasn't done it before or lately, we can follow up on that. Terry said we will get back to that in the future. Terry also pointed out that the Governors need to be sending into Cheryl Getzy if there have been any officer changes in the clubs. Ryki Woods pointed out to Terry that since she is the Historian for Corvette Cleveland now, it is in their records who has hosted the banquets and she will get it to him. Terry says, you can't force someone to host the event. Terry then said since we are on the banquet, do we want to put it back in the SOP about the RE taking over if nobody is hosting the banquet. Chuck Heretta said it is not in there now, but it was in the past. Terry will bring this up again at a later date. Peggy Stephens said that the Banquet Committee is listed as James Drabik, Ron Sommers and TR Aldrich, they are the Banquet Advisory Committee and this is dated 2018 and Ron Sommers is no longer around any more. Therefore that information needs to be updated. The RE is also on the Committee. Also, regarding committees, it is difficult to get people to be on a committee. Reading the By-Laws, the SOP, etc. the RE is on almost every committee. Just like the Hall of Fame, Mickey Ouellette does all the legwork, she emails it and she does such a fine job, she makes it easy. The question was asked why the list of the committee members was carried over and Terry said that since nobody stepped up and it was left to the RE, there was no point in forming a new committee if you couldn't get anyone to do the banquet, why form a new committee. He did not know until January that Buckeye was going to do it. So, we do have a club for next year and still would like to have someone step up to do the 2019 banquet to be held in 2020. The Hall of Fame Committee was also mentioned and Warren Obert is on that committee, but is not listed.

Hall of Fame - Mickey Ouellette

No one will be going into the Hall of Fame tonight. She received 13 ballots and 5 were blank, that is 38%. It is a good thing that they did that, since there have been comments that people are going into the Hall of Fame that shouldn't be in there. She votes for her club, not as the Hall of Fame. The best way to not vote, is to turn in the blank ballot because turning in a blank ballot tells her that they need to look more at the people and the way the nominations are being written up. She thinks we need to look closer at the way the nominations are coming in, just because we get three or four nominees, we don't necessarily have to put them on the ballot, which is the way things have been going in the past few years. You are allowed to put three a year in and what happened this year, the clubs have finally made use of turning in a blank ballot, because when you don't turn in any ballot, that lowers the percentage rate and people get more easily put into the Hall of Fame. She tries to stay neutral and she is giving you her opinion of what she sees happening as Chairman for the last two years. When she is told to put them on the list, she goes ahead and does it, even if she thinks there is not enough information. So in the future when you have somebody to nominate, please make sure that you get her (Mickey) the full details, she doesn't care if it is two or three pages. That doesn't mean they will get voted in, but it gives everyone full information about the nominee in case they don't

know the person. If you want them to go into the Hall of Fame, they need to have done something, not just for your club, but that enhanced the Region in some way or if they are a really great member of your club and the Region doesn't know what they did, you really need to tell the HOF everything they have done, not something that they just did one time and it worked, what do they do that consistently enhances the Region and/or your club. Fred Dugach said he voted blank because they didn't really know who the nominees were. He suggests that the HOF might also add a picture to the ballot to help, many people know others by sight, not necessarily by name. Mickey said she will attempt to do that and will ask for help. Mickey said that as far as a picture, that might help, but keep in mind to send a current picture. She doesn't care if when they go into the book they want a younger picture, but she wants a current picture so everyone can recognize them. If, for example, it is a person who did something a few years ago and you feel they need to go into the Hall of Fame, and they may have been active but they are not active now, that is okay, you can still nominate that person. Just be sure to give enough detail. Now, the three who were on the ballot this year cannot go on next year's because this is their second year. Therefore, they will have to wait two years to be nominated again. They can go back on the ballot in 2021 and you will have to send all new stuff because it would be hard for the committee or the Chair of the committee since they may not have all the previous information. Mickey asked for questions or suggestions. David Brennan asked if they would consider not getting a ballot back the same as a blank ballot. Mickey said no. She said they could do that since the rules used to say 75% of the clubs, actually it started out as 85% and then they said we're not getting enough ballots back, so lets make it 75% of the ballots received. Mickey is willing to do it either way, depending on what the Governors want. It is an SOP change so it can be done today. So if you want to count no ballot as a blank ballot, let Mickey know and she can reword it and put it in the SOP. She thinks the fact that five clubs opted to send back a blank ballot is telling her something. She asked for any other questions or comments.

Chuck Heretta said that Fred Dugach made a very good point. The problem of it is, you are sitting in a room of relatively new Governors who have no idea who, for instance, Carol Engel is. She is a member of the East Ohio Region Hall of Fame, but it was a battle to get her in because years ago she was very active, she was on the Board as well as National Boards, and did a lot for the Region, but the Governors had no idea who she was. At that time they kicked around the idea of having a "seniors committee" similar to what the Football Hall of Fame has in which they suggest someone, since those are the people who know what people have done years ago and were very instrumental in making the East Ohio Region what it is. Back when it split in 1970 from one Region to two. So this is part of the reason why the people who were on the ballot this year, Ron Austin, for instance, most people don't know who he is because you don't see him now. Janice Sudia who still comes to some rallies, but who is not as active as she was in the past and you have Tom Guehl who was the past president of TireTown Corvette. People don't know who these people are so consequentially, it boils down to a popularity contest and that is not what it is supposed to be about. If anything, Chuck feels you need to look into updating or upgrading how you present the candidate, not necessarily with three pages of information, you still may not know them. So what he is saying is that you may know the new people who are active, but you might not necessarily know the older

members who may be nominated. Or, for instance, you may have people in Kanawha Valley who were very active years ago and they are no longer. Those are the people who a "seniors committee" could possibly look at and then present it and help everyone to be able to vote. He also would like to see us go back to 75% of the clubs, not necessarily of the ballots because if you have 6 ballots come in and they get 4 votes, they are in and they may not necessarily deserve it. Fred Dugach said it took him almost two years to get Don's picture and information posted after he got voted in. Terry asked if the Governors were the ones who present the persons for the ballot and Mickey said it was the clubs. So any member of any club can nominate someone, and it should be sent to the Governor. Back to what Fred Dugach and Chuck Heretta were saying, is that the onus, because you are getting people from the past, who for whatever reason cannot participate as much, is on the people who nominate to enlighten everyone who might not be familiar with that person. Terry is saying the Governors are the representatives and it is on the Governors to get it back to their clubs to get more information if they deem someone worthy of the Hall of Fame and to put a little bit more effort into your Hall of Fame nomination. Mickey said another thing she can do is back up the date of the nominations, because she sends them out to the Governors that they don't need to have them in until February but she sends the information out in November so everyone has the bios to look at. The other thing she can do is back that up, then the "seniors" can input more information to her, she doesn't have a problem with that. She may have to add a sheet or whatever, but she will work that out. If she backs it up eight or six weeks, she will have to work it out, but if you see something in there that you think this would help, let her know and she will put it back out there. She will then have a final cutoff date and then there won't have to be another separate committee. Fred Dugach asked if it was the same time every year and Mickey said pretty much because she tries to get the biographies out before the December meeting because she hands the ballots out at the December meeting. You don't have to vote then, you still have another generally five weeks to get them back, you have almost seven to eight weeks and she can back it up more if needed. Terry says that what he sees is happening is that historically everybody knew who was going in the Hall of Fame because you were active with them. As Chuck Heretta was saying, now you have new people, even in the last ten years there are a lot of people who haven't been active for a while that are in that aren't active now, so basically it would be a good idea, if at all possible, to get a picture. Terry asked Fred Dugach if he could get it out to the Governors to vote on and Fred said that yes when they do get it posted in the Hall of Fame, you have to have a picture and a blurb on what they have done. Mickey says she sends it to the Webmaster. Mickey said that she also needs a "hard copy" picture to go in the book, so normally she gets both and sends it so it can be downloaded. Fred Dugach said with the phones today it is not that difficult. Alan Moore said that having been a member for 50 years he has proposed many times that this be redone and we are getting so many new people in our clubs who have no idea who the older people are and he suggested at one time that there be a group of "older" members, not just Governors who could review this and give recommendations. Even maybe this committee would choose that person. Now you have people who have no idea who some of the original members are and what they have done and they are not going to vote for them because they don't know anything about them and the word has to be gotten out about why they deserve to be in the Hall of Fame. Terry said that to get the word out, the onus is going to be on the people

nominating them. If you feel someone should be in, basically the onus is going to be on you to get the information out, along with their picture and let everyone know why. As he was saying, historically when everyone knew everybody, you already knew what that particular person has done. Now we have newer people and for whatever reasons, the older people don't participate as much or you don't see them as much, so the onus is going to be on the people nominating to get that bio out there and get that picture. So, there is not anybody here, who once they read it and say okay I didn't realize that, or all that they did, there is nobody who is not going to vote for them once they clearly realize that person's contributions. Mickey said don't say that, because there was a very excellent write-up about one person and even though she knows a lot of people, she did not know this particular person and they had an excellent write-up and the person writing it took a lot of time and went into detail and she was surprised this person was not put in. So, it is not automatic, no matter how much time and effort goes into the write-up. Chuck Heretta said that the nomination process is open now. He suggests that at the September Region meeting call it "Hall of Fame Promotion Day" where you can present or promote your applicant, not necessarily with pictures. At any rate, use the September meeting as a promotional meeting where if you want to promote your applicant, now is your time, the Governors are there, you put it out, you attach it to the September minutes and you go on. If you choose not to okay. Therefore, you will not be taking up December time when Mickey wants to pass out the ballots, you've got October and November to put it out to your club, at the December meeting you make an intelligent vote and you move on. Terry asks if we need to put that in the SOP. Terry says that is a suggestion, the Governors can take it back to their clubs and we can do it and if Chuck Heretta wants to write up an email to that effect to Terry or Mickey or the Hall of Fame and it will be forwarded out that that's what we're going to do, Ryki will put it in the minutes so it is up to the Governors to take it back to their club, that's what they are elected to do. Terry said that falls back on a discussion we have been having to get the people historically who have done it, that us "newbies" don't know exactly what they have been through or what they have done for the Region, National, or their club. As Mickey was saying, no matter how good the write-up is, if people who read it don't feel the person is worthy of it, it still is up to a vote. Mickey then said, since nominations are open now, what she will do is go home and check the calendar, she will tell you what date we should have the nominations in by so they can be sent out and the "seniors" if they see anything else that is of importance, put it on there and then we will have the September "promote your Hall of Fame day" and that way you will have the information to read ahead of time and not have to be reading it at the meeting, you will be able to read all the information ahead of time. Terry says, then just get the bios out ahead of the September meeting and you can just reinforce your bios at the meeting. Mickey will have to change dates from what she normally does. Fred Dugach asked roughly how many Hall of Famers do we have now. Mickey said it started in 1992. Fred Dugach said that all the existing Hall of Fame members should be part of the committee. Mickey said that was not possible, too many of them are deceased. Mickey said there are almost 50 in the Hall of Fame. Terry said there are still people who are still current members who have been around and they can go back and bring up the information. There is nothing keeping Chuck, Alan or Mickey from saying they can't review it and throw out suggestions, such as "we have been overlooking this person, this is what they did" and then you do the extra

legwork and get it out and present it in such a way, selling it, of why they should be in. The reality is that sometimes even the best presentations are going to fail. Mickey said if you look on the website, all of the past inductees are listed, so you will know who is already inducted. In summary, it is on the Governors to push and find out information from your members and don't hesitate to contact anyone, like Chuck Heretta, Warren Obert or Mickey, i.e. the "senior members" for their suggestions as to who they feel has been overlooked and why. It will take some researching. A lot of it is going to take some digging. There is a member of Terry's club, for instance, that has been around for a while and he contends he was in two years before they actually kept records. That goes back to another problem when National was in its infancy and there were a lot of records that just weren't kept because when it got started, it was just a bunch of people with Vettes who just wanted to go out, drink and raise hell and so records weren't always a priority.

Warren pointed out that the only way the Hall of Fame is supported is by the 50/50 at the Regional meetings, therefore, he is selling the 50/50 tickets. Pick yours up before you go to lunch. Terry wanted to point out that so far the Hall of Fame has been supporting and financing itself with the 50/50 proceeds.

Budget/Finance - Peggy Stephens

The budget was passed at the last meeting.

By-Laws

Terry asked if anyone had any By-Law changes they want to submit. There were none. When we get into By-Laws and SOP, Mickey has been very gracious, we have been fighting to get everything straightened out and she has sent some updates, we have had some changes made to the SOP and Mickey is getting it straightened out, but she will need a couple months to get it put together. When that is done, Terry will get it to the Webmaster to get it published.

RE Report

Dave Heinemann's son-in-law who had brain cancer has passed away. Dave was not at the meeting because the funeral was that day. They do have a charity set up for his children, he has three biological children and four adopted children. There was a donations container at the National meeting and they do have a fund set up, Terry thinks it is on the website. He had been ill for quite some time. If you wish to donate to that fund, contact Terry and he will get you the information.

IRS, they have been fighting the charity car issue with the Kidney Foundation. As a quick review, the IRS felt that the winner was an employee, and as of now, two of the three issues have been settled. They are still working on the last one and the IRS is charging an interest penalty and from what he got, it will only be in the \$100's and it should be handled by the next National meeting. Once that is done, National has been holding \$5,000 for the Kidney Foundation that was left and once they see what the penalty is, the penalty money will come out of what is left and they will send the balance to the Kidney Foundation as the final payment for that charity.

NCCC is actually in the black by \$32,559.86 and the reason for that is we only got a 1% increase in insurance and they budgeted 6%. The cost for insurance for 2018 is \$103,777, so that knocked it down 5%. Dave Heinemann worked with the Blue Bars printer and he dropped his price from \$60,000 to \$47,000, so that is a \$13,000 saving. They are working hard to save money and that is why they are actually having an excess rather than being in the red.

For Convention, as of last weekend, there are 358 people signed up for Convention and they are saying they still have rooms at the Convention hotel available and all the information is on the website for that, so if you are thinking of going there is still space available.

We have \$31,000 in the Charities and Scholarships program. Scholarships are now open, so get the information in, that is on line. If you have any questions, our Membership will take care of that or email Terry. All the information is on line, but if you are not sure, contact Terry and he will help you.

Debbie Lindsey was trying to get out of being our Director of Sponsorship and she is still working at it and she has an extra \$15,000 from donations over what she had in last year at this time. They are also putting the squeeze on Hagerty Insurance to try to work on something on all the Corvette people they have insured to get some type of flyer out to get them into NCCC,

As previously stated, Scholarships are open now, they are on line, the deadline to apply is June 1st. The criteria is on line.

With regard to Membership, we have lost 225 National members from last year. They are working on new members. You will always lose people every year. Cheryl Getzy said we lost seven clubs Nationally. They are working on a new membership application. Historically they have had the Member at Large and Club Membership application as two separate forms and they are working on a new application to have them both on the same form. You will just check a box if you are going with a club affiliation or at large. As Cheryl mentioned, the plastic cards will be sent out because they received so much static about the cards. No one in Terry's club received one, no information. They got with Dan and Cheryl and Fred and figured it out and Terry had everything printed out and he sent it to all his members. The reason they opted to go electronic, to send out all the plastic cards will cost \$18,000. Terry has a copy of the Treasurer's Report from National if anyone would like to look at it. The biggest thing they said for Governors is when you put a new member in, always punch in their name first to see if they have been a member before, so we don't get doubles and mess up the system. It is easy to do and will actually make your life easier too. If you find them and you open that screen and the information is the same, you just click on that screen and push the button that says reactivate.

National is looking for three people to be on the Steering Committee for 2019. If anyone is interested.

Waivers

With regard to waivers, they decided for all waivers, you only need to keep them three years. Fred Dugach said that as far as he remembers, their comment was "let me verify that" and it has been three years on adults and the verification deals with minors. It started out on the minor's waiver, it used to be until they were no longer a minor, that is how long you were supposed to keep it. Then the last Terry heard, it was seven years. At the last meeting he was told they were checking on it, so that will have to be clarified. Fred said he had also asked if they could be saved electronically and everybody says no, but signed faxes were not accepted five years ago, now that is a legal document. Fred believes that will be changed. Terry said that waivers and things like that are at the total mercies of the insurance companies and their lawyers. Every time you decide how it is going to be done, you are going to find someone who has figured out how to beat that and a situation comes up and the insurance company will dispute it. Fred Dugach said that, having worked at an insurance company, he can assure you that what they do when they have signed documents, they scan them and store them electronically. Terry said that we need clarification on that, just like the waivers. When Terry first joined, you signed a waiver for everything. Then it got down to well, if you posted a flyer or something publicly you didn't have to sign a waiver. Now we are back to signing waivers for everything. There are a lot of questions on that. Anytime you have a group and they had a lot of examples, such as where a lot of people meet at the local coffee shop and caravan, they say okay, if you are all in a group and you are going to an event, whether it be sanctioned or not, there should be a waiver signed there, because you are going to an event. At the last National meeting, they didn't sign waivers, but Terry is guessing that at the next National meeting there will be waivers to be signed. Al Flanhofer said he thinks the clarification of that was that if it is open to all members, like sending out an email to everyone, a waiver must be signed. If a small group gets together (like six or eight people) and they say we're going to meet, then you don't need a waiver because it is not open to everyone. Fred Dugach said he was bringing up Dave Heinemann's golf cart incident. There was a social at someone's house and it was big enough social that they hired an outside contractor that had golf carts with cars you pull behind them and the guy had his 16 year old son driving to take people from the parking area to the social. The son thought it would be a great idea to "crack the whip" with the cart and there were a lot of injuries that resulted from that with a lot of finger pointing and it starts with whoever put on the event and their homeowner's insurance and a waiver was signed by everyone, and since it is liability insurance, they are there to help you. The bottom line is if we are having a function and we do not sign a waiver and something happens, the first thing they are going to look at and ask you is, "how do we know you were there?" "How do we know you didn't hurt yourself, being in a club and just happened to be driving by and joined in". So everyone is worried that it is waiving your right and it is not. If you don't sign and something happens, you won't have the NCCC liability insurance to at least look at it and deem if they are going to cover anything. If you don't sign it, and something comes up, you are on your own. Like Track X, if you are not a member and don't have this coverage and don't sign it, say Fred has his car and lets his neighbor drive and the neighbor is not a member, if he has an accident, even if you are covered with NCCC insurance, you are paying for your car. NCCC is not paying anything for your car. They only pay for the guardrail for instance. However, if they find out that a non-member was

driving Fred's car when that happened, they are not liable. Jeff Kubiak asked the question if NCCC would cover him if he hits the guardrail at the track. Terry said they will cover for the damage you cause to the guardrail. Terry said to clarify, it is still an insurance company and they are going to do their due diligence. If they find and decide that they have records and pictures on facebook that maybe you were out drinking the night before, etc. or they have videos where you were just plain reckless, they are not going to cover it. It is still an insurance company, they still review it. Any accident they are going to review, just like any other insurance company and any other accident. Bottom line is if your name is not on the waiver, they are not even going to consider it. You weren't there according to them. When you go on any of the tracks, you sign their waiver. That's why everyone had to sign a waiver this weekend and we assume right now that one waiver should be good for a two-day event.

Charities and Scholarships

Next topic was the car raffles for St. Jude. They did not sell enough tickets at all to cover the cost of the car. It was voted and we are no longer doing the car raffle. We may revisit it at a later date, but for now, it has been dropped. They will get back to the people who have already bought tickets to see if they want the option to donate that money or get a refund. Right now National is out of the car raffling business. Terry then talked that increasing the Region dues by \$5.00 and charities. One club had his Region donate \$3,500 to St. Jude's at that meeting. If we go back, everyone talked about seeing how our finances are, if we want to reinstitute the scholarship fund or some type of charity fund. Terry's thoughts are, and it is up to the Governors to decide, if we do a scholarship fund we are locked into an amount. Or, do we want to just donate "x" amount of dollars to National for St. Judes. That doesn't have to be done today, Terry asked the Governors to take it back to their clubs and determine what you want to do. It was in the minutes that we would revisit it at this meeting. Do we want to do a scholarship, do we want to go back to the Jeanne Kutty Scholarship (it was suggested we could change the name), or do we just want to decide and donate to a charity. Terry said please take it to your clubs and let us know at the next meeting. Peggy Stephens said to keep in mind when you look at the Treasurer's Report and you are talking about starting a charity, just keep in mind that the Track X money is in the Treasury along with the Banquet money, so the bottom line looks very big, but it is not as big as it looks due to those two items. That is why Terry is suggesting that we maybe see what the realty is and do it on a per charity basis. That is what his club does, they are focused more on the Children's Home because that is their charity, but they see what they have at the end of the year and if there is a surplus, they have in the past donated \$1,000 for Toys for Tots and \$500 to a couple different charities. So Terry asked the Governors to please get with their clubs and bring back at the next meeting how that should be handled. Do we want to institute a scholarship again, or do we just want to let it ride.

Track X II

The contract for Track X II is \$15,500. We had a Region credit of \$5,275 which means to do it, we had a balance of \$10,225 and we need to pay that balance in September sometime. Right now, and we decided to have a 50 car minimum at \$205 per car and we have 63 cars right now, so we actually have at this time \$12,710 for Track X II, so we are

\$2,485 to the good right now and we did put a 75 car limit on the event. Terry looked at the minutes and we did opt to keep it limited to East Ohio Region members and there was a discussion about if we didn't get the 50 cars to open it or give people a chance to put in the difference and this is now a moot point, we have 63 cars and there are other people who have contacted Terry and would like to get in. What Terry has been doing, and a lot of people have contacted him about what about a member for instance who would like his dad to drive. He can't drive if he is not an East Ohio Region member, he can be a passenger, but if he is a passenger, he is not under any kind of liability insurance and he can't drive. If you are not a member, you are not covered under NCCC. If he wants to drive, become a member. Case in point, in Terry's club there are no requirements for joining, just pay your money. So, if you want to do it, their membership dues are \$45 and then you can drive someone else's car. Once you are a member, you are covered under the liability insurance. There is no question, you are a member. That seems to be the simplest way to do it. It is still extremely cheap to do that. Fred Dugach asked if someone could join as an Enthusiast. The answer is yes. For National, you can be an Enthusiast and you are still a member, but you don't get any points. The membership fee for Enthusiast and Associate is the same. You just don't get any points, but you still get the benefits. You are still covered. You don't have a Corvette, but you are still covered. The difference is, an Associate member with National is if you were an ex-member and you had a Corvette at one time and you rejoin, but no longer have a Corvette you rejoin as an Associate. If you have never had a Corvette and you want to join, that is an Enthusiast membership. The cost is the same and basically what they said is you get the same coverage and benefits, nobody gets any points (for you, your Region, etc.). You show up, have a good time, it's a way to get you in there and you have a good time and you are covered. It was agreed, after discussion, that if there was extra money on Track X II, it would go back into the General Fund and at the end of the year, we put it to a vote and if we want to use that extra money from this year's Track X II as seed money, if there is enough interest, to do it again the following year. This is because we are using the Region's credit and the Region is on the hook for it. Fred Dugach said he applauded Terry's efforts towards getting Track X II done.

Region Dues

We had the discussion last December of what was due when and what constitutes "in good standing" before you bid. Realistically, as Terry has looked at it, having reviewed it and Chuck Heretta brought up the fact that it has always been and it is in the SOP that you have to have your Region dues paid to bid by the bid date and the bid date is determined by, he thinks, the RCD per the rules. Confusion came in when historically we kind of put on that you wanted the sanctioned fees done and membership done and they kind of used that you can't bid as a lever to get you off center so you keep moving. You can't force it because, the sanctions, as we already went through it, are given to the clubs by National. The fee is given to Competition. We don't have to give it to National, but National does award the sanctions, so we can't use that as an onus not to be able to bid. Just like Membership fees, historically it has been an earlier date so the RMD had time to get it entered, because she has a date and if everyone waited till the last minute, then the RMD would have a difficult time. What Terry foresees happening because it has always been dragging, a little bit later, a little bit later, it gets to the point if something happens,

say for instance a computer issue, illness, it is submitted and it gets lost, National does not care, so we could have whole clubs which could get nailed for extra late fees. That is what Cheryl wanted to talk about, but she is losing her voice so Terry is helping her out. Cheryl said that this year for renewal they all have to be to her by **November 1st** and that is it. After that, they can't be renewed until January when the system goes back on line and they are a late member and they will then pay \$10 more. Therefore, the Governors are going to have to stress this to their clubs. Cheryl suggested they start in August collecting them, put your checks in your treasury so that you are not holding checks on peoples' accounts and on September 1st when renewal opens, put them in and tell your people you have **two months** to get them to Cheryl or they will pay the late fee. That is why she suggests you start in August. Chuck Heretta questioned this procedure, simply because the rule book says December 15th. It has to be in by December 15th. You cannot charge anybody late fees until after December 15th. Chuck says he understands the predicament about what Cheryl has to enter and doesn't have to enter, he doesn't actually know her personal procedure of what she has to do, but with everything being electronic he would think it is not the problem it used to be when it was entered by hand. Terry said this is more of a request. He asked what is National's date that she has to have them in by and the answer is December 15th. The reason Cheryl is saying that is that the dues don't have to be in until the 15th and we have our bids on the 2nd, 3rd or 4th of December, she has clubs that haven't closed yet, so they are not allowed to bid. Peggy said that it is not only that, but if everyone waits until the 15th of December to get them to Cheryl and she has to have them in by December 15th, because guess what, that computer goes down December 15th and she then has no chance to get them in. Terry said that Fred can back this up, if the National database has so many hits a day, it cuts you off for so many hours and you can't get into it. Terry doesn't know the exact time frame. Chuck Heretta asked how much of a problem it was in the East Ohio Region. Of the 14 clubs, how many clubs wait until, let's say December 1st to email her their memberships. Cheryl said at least three or four. So, Chuck Heretta says you are penalizing 11 other clubs for the action of 3 clubs. Cheryl is asking them to do it early. Terry says he realizes Cheryl can't enforce it, this is strictly a request. What we can enforce and per the minutes, it is in the SOP that the Region dues, the \$5.00 head tax, doesn't have anything to do with National, it is in there that if you don't have that paid, you cannot bid on sanction dates. That is there. What Cheryl is requesting is to set an earlier date to try to get you off center, because if she doesn't have the information in there by midnight of the 15th, the computer goes down and everything is late. Terry said bottom line to the Governors is as a courtesy, get them in ASAP, do a little bit of advance work, because what is going to happen is that if you don't get the information in and something beyond Cheryl's control happens, i.e. a storm knocks out the power and she can't get them in. Al Flanhofer said that they try to get them in early, but even in his club he got some late renewals after he had submitted his to Cheryl and she had processed them all. What Corvette Cleveland is talking about doing is in September they will send everyone a bill with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and say this is your fee for rejoining the club. We are hoping everyone gets that in the mail and sends it back. Mike Getzy pointed out that East Tennessee does that. Fred Dugach said you could actually send out a mass email with the whole form, and Al said yes, but they email them and people don't answer. Cheryl said she had a couple of people say to her that they didn't get

a bill. Terry said this is on the Governors to try to get their members to get their renewals in. There was a discussion about that at the RE meeting about why penalize a whole Region or a whole club because of a few or because the Governor or the RMD didn't get the stuff in on time. It's not just us, basically we do a good job, but it is a courtesy to Cheryl, a "CYA" move, the sooner you get it in, the more time she has to do it. Peggy said that Cheryl does put them in the way they come in in the mail. Therefore, Terry said make sure all your information is correct.

Helmets

Dave Brennan made a motion we purchase the helmets for the Region. Terry asked if there should be some discussion. Al Flanhofer said he would like to purchase four helmets for the Region to be kept in the timing trailer and Dave Brennan has made a motion. Terry asked for clarification if this would be coming out of the General Fund or Competition. Al thought that would be up to the Treasurer. Peggy Stephens said, no, it was not her call, but she would think it would come out of Competition, since they are going in the timing trailer. Terry asked what Al is projecting the cost of the four helmets to be and Al said roughly \$500, \$125 per helmet. Chuck Stephens said that just as a comment, most people do have extra helmets and he doesn't think we should spend the money and Fred Dugach said he agreed with that. Al brought it up because Corvette Cleveland had purchased four in the past and they are expiring. He has carried them to the events for the last several years and all four get loaned out and people keep asking for them. Jeff Kubiak said we want to encourage new people to try autocrossing and it makes it more inviting to them to have the helmets available to them. Al said a lot of people won't come out for the first time because they don't have a helmet and they don't want to buy a helmet if they find they don't like it. Jeff felt it was money well spent to try to grow the sport. Peggy Stephens asked if it was the same people all the time that are borrowing the helmets and Al said not always. Chuck Stephens said there is a couple who knew he and Peggy had extra helmets and asked to borrow them. He said if you come all the time, you get to know who has extra helmets and who you can borrow them from. Dave Brennan has made the proposal to spend \$500 maximum to come out of the Competition fund for four loaner helmets, Al seconded, a vote was taken. The vote was 6 approved, 4 opposed. Terry reminded everyone that the vote is for Governors and proxy Governors only. A second vote was taken, 7 approved with 3 opposed. The motion passed. Discussion was called for. Fred Dugach said his point was that he has a serious issue about using a Snell helmet. It seems to him that our functions are miniscule compared to the requirements for Snell helmets. Al pointed out that since we are an NCCC club, we have to follow NCCC rules and they require Snell helmets. Terry suggested that if Fred would like this changed, he can write up a rule book clarification and submit it to Al and Al can take it to the RCD meeting. Fred said he had sent Al an email, but had not completed a form and Al said he would get with Fred and do that. Terry stressed again, the helmets we have to buy have to be compliant with current NCCC Competition rules. Terry heard that Jeff Kubiak's son can get helmets for individuals as well at the same price. The price is \$125 per helmet, and Terry asked who do we contact to get the helmets. Jeff does not have the name of the shop with him, but it is a family run shop, they have samples so you can try them on to see what size you need. The ones we are getting for the Region are open face, but you can get full face helmets

for \$165. Alan Moore said that in the past Tim Obert came up with a good buy on helmets. Al has the information which he can forward to all the Governors and let them know that they can purchase individual helmets for the same price. They are located just south of Akron. He will order them, they will be new helmets, but they have a variety on the shelf for you to try for sizing. Terry asked Jeff to get the information to Al and Al will get it out to the Governors and any particulars, the name and address of the place, etc. Fred Dugaach said that by the same token, the people who put on the Zanesville cruise sell helmets too, but they have found that it is more expensive to get the Snell helmets. They are not as readily available.

Break for lunch at 11:55 am

Resume at 12:30 pm

Committee Reports - Committee Members

As a clarification, the Hall of Fame is the only committee you don't have to be a Governor in order to be a member.

Hall of Fame

Mickey Ouellette (Chair), Chuck Heretta, Warren Obert and RE (Terry Muich)

Budget & Finance

Peggy Stephens (Chair), Dave Brennan, RE (Terry Muich) and Mickey Ouellette

Banquet Advisory

Barb Kukasky (Chair), TR Aldrich, and the RE (Terry Muich)

SOP/By-Laws

Mickey Ouellette (Chair), Dan Gallagher and the RE (Terry Muich)

These committees will get written up and gotten out to the Governors. What we do with committees, historically one person does the bulk of the work and it is reviewed and approved by the other members.

New Business

RCD, RMD and Secretary positions are up for election this year. The nominations will be open at the May 19, 2018 Governors meeting and they will run until September 7, 2018 which is 15 days before the September 22, 2018 Governors meeting. If anyone has anyone to nominate they will be nominated at the May meeting.

Al has a proposal regarding the timing trailer on the third page of his handout. Everyone should be familiar with when Bob Thompson hauled the trailer, did the timing, etc. Well, for a lot of events for last year, Al was hauling the trailer and for a couple of events, such as Lorain, he would take it out in the morning, he was there all day and would take it back. For the Competition event, they had someone in their club who was going to haul

it out and he didn't and so Al took it and he was just going to bring it out Saturday morning, be there all day and leave his truck there and drive the Vette home. They said they wanted it the day before. So Al told Fred if he is making two trips, he wanted to be paid for both ways and they did, but he would like to put it in writing and that is what he is referring about "deadheading". The other thing is if we have somebody come out to do timing who works in the trailer all day and they don't do anything else, they just drive to an event, work with the timing trailer all day, then leave and don't participate in the event, we ought to pay them something also. If it is overnight, we should cover their lodging. So that is what he put in there in the blue. He gave it out to everyone, but for those who might not have it, he read the existing wording and the addition which he is proposing is **"If the event requires delivery of the trailer a day early and pick up of the trailer one or two days later, deadhead mileage will also be paid. If timing trailer workers are employed who do not participate in the event other than setting up and running the timing equipment, mileage and lodging will also apply to them."** Fred Dugach asked why it mattered if you participate or not and Al said if you are participating you are part of the event, but he is referencing someone who comes down just to help out and not participate, however the wording can be changed. The question was raised, for the first part you are a participant as well as hauling the trailer. Al said then that means he has to bring two vehicles. Terry said that was brought in when Bob Thompson was basically doing timing and hauling the trailer. What his bill was, they opted to go one way using the IRS mileage rate. The idea is the club that is putting on the speed event is responsible for getting the trailer there. However, in the past because Bob always had it, we paid him. What Al was getting at refers to the event we had last year at Bowling Green, his boys went down and helped out, but they couldn't bring the trailer, so the way it worked out, Jim Hartzler transported the trailer. He got paid to transport it one way and he also got paid his lodging for the night. Fred Dugach pointed out that he also ran. Terry feels that if we start paying everyone who works in the trailer, do we pay the corner workers, the people doing the posting, the starter, etc. Dan Gallagher said he had a question about payment. It says Club/Region and if he were to read it, his assumption would be that the entity putting on the event is going to pay out of the proceeds from the event to cover these things. It is not going to be Mid Ohio for example putting on an event and then having the Region paying someone for bringing the trailer and working the trailer, it would be Mid Ohio reimbursing from the proceeds from the event or however that club chooses to do it. It would be that club's responsibility. Terry said the reason it says Club/Region is for the times when the Region used to get sanctions back and they would put on low speeds, so that is why it is worded that way. Dan Gallagher said that is why he wanted to make clear if a club is putting on an event, the club is responsible and if the Region is putting on the event and collecting money for that event, they are going to pay. If the person who hauls the trailer doesn't get paid by the club, the Region is not responsible for paying them, the club has to take care of that since it was a club event. However, if there is an issue, and Terry remembers Bob having an issue when he was turning in receipts, getting his expenses reimbursed. People were saying that they felt they were too high, so it was determined they would be paid for one way per the IRS and one night's lodging if it is an overnight event. Al is saying he just wants to revisit it.

Peggy Stephens said, the thing is, if we start paying everybody for going there and

working in the timing trailer and standing outside, or whatever, first of all, this is supposed to be a volunteer organization and second of all, you will be killing Kanawha. She knows it is their choice to live down there, they will not be able to afford to bring the timing trailer down there. Terry said that in the past what Mid Ohio has done at events, Terry hauls the trailer and nobody is charged anything. Peggy said they have done that too. Terry asked for discussion. Roger said we get worker points for coming down and working. Terry understands and he asked Al, do we want to change it, is there a proposal to change it, do we want to let it stand as is? Does Al want to make an SOP change or proposal or just have discussion and talk about it later to see what comes up. Dave Brennan said we could put it in the SOP as at the option of the club and the person moving the trailer. Terry said it is already an option, that ruling is a basis guideline on what it is. For instance, if Mid Ohio uses the trailer, Terry hauls it and he doesn't charge the club because it is his option not to. What this covers and if Chuck Stephens wants someone to haul it down, it is that person's option to charge or not charge them. The money for these payments is supposed to come out of the proceeds from the event. And, once again, the reason for the Region being in on that is that the Region used to put on events, or as pointed out Regional events like Track X. That also falls under the inventory of the trailer and any supplies you use from the trailer are supposed to be replaced. The wording is either "reimbursed" or "replaced. If you start out with 1,000 labels, at the end of the day when your club is done with the event, there should be 1,000 labels left for the next one.

So, basically Terry asked if Al wants to put in a proposal, or if you just want to discuss it and write up a regular proposal for next meeting. The reason Al brought this up, like Terry said at Track X, that was a long way to haul the trailer and he didn't have any problem paying someone to haul it down there which was \$500 to \$600 mileage, but then we paid his room too and he participated in the event. Fred Dugach said he had a problem with that, especially in view of the fact that he ran the trailer. That is what Al is getting at. Chuck Stephens had a question, does Fred feel he should be reimbursed for his time in the trailer when he is running it? Fred said yes. Chuck then asked Al if he felt his two boys should be reimbursed for their work in the timing trailer whether they run or not, Al said he thinks they would be happy to get something like a gift card. What Chuck Stephens is getting at is he proposed this because in the case of Bob Thompson, that is all he did, he handled everything and Chuck Stephens said he felt it was only right for him to get something. He did not participate. Now we have branched out where we need to put guidelines on this thing, because it has completely gotten out of hand. As far as going to Track X, Chuck Stephens would have been happy to come up and get the trailer and taken it down with his truck because he was taking a bunch of stuff for the car show. It wouldn't have cost anyone anything if it had been set up that way. Chuck feels we are getting out of hand and like Peggy says it is not just Kanawha, it will be other clubs too. We know now that places to run are getting more expensive, \$200, \$250, etc. and harder to find. On their event they are going to put on it is going to cost them, with trying to figure everything in, the sanction events what they cost you, what you are going to pay for your timing labels and all that stuff, the security guards they have to have to use the lot, rental for the lot, etc., they are talking almost \$800 to \$900. Chuck Stephens feels we have to keep costs down so that we can continue to put on low speed events. He says,

lets go back to the basics. Terry said before it expands out, an option would be just to put it back that it is up to the Region/Club that is putting on the event's responsibility to get the timing trailer there and arrange for timing personnel. Now, if Fred wants paid that will be up to the Club/Region. Chuck Stephens says there is compensation there, pay him for a little bit of mileage, pay him for an event or two to run, something should be done. He thinks we are getting this completely out of hand if we are paying people to do things when everyone else years ago did it for nothing. Terry says he understands because Bob was storing it, maintaining it, the whole nine yards. Now, it is just sitting at Terry's because he has the room. Fred Dugach said so basically I'm doing most of what Bob just did. Terry said yes, but you do have help, other than hauling it. You do have help in the trailer. Fred said yes he does need the help. Terry said that what he thinks Al is saying is similar to what he brought up about scholarships, do we want to lock ourselves into paying a certain amount, or do we want to drop out the payment and put it in there that it is up to the club putting on the event using the equipment, it is their responsibility to get it there. If you decide, you can negotiate. Fred Dugach said what Dale Samuelson does is that he does charge for the equipment, but it is his equipment. What Fred is suggesting (and it shouldn't cost much) is for instance, waive the fee for his or her entry for that event. Terry said that is kind of what he way saying, they did it that way in the past because it was Bob doing it and he ran the whole show. Now there are a lot more people helping. Realistically, it is up to the option of the club putting on the event and if they don't have anyone within their club that will haul the trailer for them, they still have the option to pay someone else to do it. Basically, what Al is saying is take the financing out and negotiate it to make it easier. Fred said if you don't charge that person who is helping out or doing the trailer for the event they are going to be at, then that is payment alone. Terry said, he is not saying don't pay them, what he is saying is take it out of the rules and then pay them so it is up to the Club/Region, so this takes out the "locked in" thing. If you change the wording to the fact that the trailer and equipment are there for any club in the Region to use and it is their responsibility to get it there, make sure that it is taken care of and pay for timing. Al asked Terry if what he is saying is instead of adding what he (Al) did, take out the part about the IRS reimbursement and making it negotiable, it then being up to the club putting on the event. If you put in there that the Club/Region that is putting on the event is responsible to get the trailer there and back and arrange for timing personnel and it will be up to them and they can negotiate payment of the timing personnel. Roger Flading pointed out that once you start paying people to do a job you will have to create 1099 forms with self-employment and they will have to pay their own Social Security and taxes. Terry asked Chuck Heretta if he had any thoughts on this. Chuck Heretta asked if there was a base amount for the 1099 form before you have to pay taxes and Roger said \$400 for a year. Chuck Heretta said he didn't think there would be a problem getting the equipment to the event. The problem would be running the equipment correctly. Chuck also doesn't like the word "negotiate" he would rather see a set fee so that the club who is putting on the event knows what it is going to cost them. Terry said you would not have to put the word negotiate, all he is saying is that it is the club's responsibility who is putting on the event to get the equipment, the trailer transportation and the supplies therein. If we do it that way, you can deal with it ahead of time. Tim Obert never used it, he had his own equipment. He didn't use the trailer, when he put on an event, he had his own equipment. And you can

certainly have that option Terry said they originally bought the trailer because they had the cones, the timing lights and other equipment and it was voted to buy the trailer and improvements have been made to it. It then got the point where conveniently Bob Thompson was hauling it and he would just turn in the receipts. Then, people were taking exception to that, thinking the costs were high, so they came up with the transportation and one night lodging wording and Terry said he remembers Bob telling him, after he got the first deal like that, he said "I love this because I get more money than I ever did". He was making more than he did when he was turning in his receipts for expenses. Here again you get into, we pay Fred, we pay the Flanhofer boys for working, we pay Roger, do we have to pay the people who do the cones because they are working? That is the can of worms you are opening up. Terry told the Governors it is their decision, it can be simplified by taking out the payment thing and saying the onus is on the Club/Region putting on the event. Fred Dugach said, just for Roger's benefit, he would rather have a free entry fee to the event as opposed to getting paid for that reason. Terry used the example, MOCC has an event, Fred will you come down and run it, what would you like to have to help us out and Fred could say he would rather not have to pay to run the event and the club has the option to agree to that. Al pointed out that nobody is getting "paid" it is just a reimbursement. Fred Dugach said again, if you get reimbursed at how many events per year and you get that many reimbursements. Terry said, we'll go back in on what you said, at the last minute Jim Hartzler hauled the trailer down there and per the rules, he got his hotel room. Then the Flanhofer boys came down and did it and Fred Dugach was also there. Fred paid for his entry fee and he paid for his hotel fee. The Flanhofer boys paid for their room. Jim got paid to haul it. Chuck Stephens said, that is in the past. He thinks that the clubs are responsible enough to make fair compensation. What is fair? He feels we are competent people for the most part, and what's fair and does it really need to be in writing. Fred is needed for timing, the trailer is needed. Terry said it was put in because of the previous situation and now it is a more fluid operation and there is more than one person, Fred Dugach and the Flanhofer boys stepped up to help. Terry is thinking that all we have to do is take out the requirements and just put in that if you need to use the trailer, it is whoever is using the trailer's responsibility to get it there and make arrangements for timing. Chuck Stephens then said the thing is if we rotate three guys or three people in there, then we will compensate accordingly. We are not going to give someone seven events free. We will sit down and have a meeting and come to some kind of conclusion. Fred Dugach asked for additional people to listen and learn how to run the timing system. It is a lot easier now and anyone can learn, so it would be very helpful because you never know what he is going to be doing, i.e. if something comes up. What Fred is saying is more people need to be trained on this equipment so it isn't the same people over and over. Fred did say the Flanhofer boys are fantastic and they do a great job and he wouldn't be able to do what he does without them, but on the other hand, there need to be some other people who learn and know how to do the timing. Fred said that if he got four or five people trained on this, then the burden on each one of them would not be that great. Roger Flading said the clubs that want and use the trailer should be told that you have to have one or two people who can run the equipment, either that or don't do the event. Terry said they already know that and Roger said, then someone has to enforce it. Terry said the issue here is the fee that is in writing in the SOP was created for Bob Thompson because he did everything and now

he is gone. That situation has now changed. So, all we do is we leave in there that it is the club/Region's responsibility and take out the fees. If they don't want to pay you for your seven events and you say you are not going to do it, what are you going to do? Fred Dugach suggested we charge them if there are no volunteers to help out. Terry said, again, that is still on the club using it. The comment was made that more people will probably be willing to help out with the trailer as the misunderstanding was that everyone is basically told to stay away from the timing trailer. Fred said he would more than happy to train someone to use it, however it is very busy and chaotic in the trailer when the event is running. Terry said we are getting carried away with discussion, Al's biggest thing was how things are paid out. Al wants to make a proposal to change it. So a proper SOP procedure change would have to be submitted. Al said there is a SOP committee and Terry said yes, they would have a committee meeting and get back with Al and get a proper proposal at the next meeting. Chuck Stephens said that sounds good, but be sure to send it out to all the Governors first. Therefore, for the record, Al's proposal on the trailer fee will be sent to committee and will be presented at the next Governors meeting and sent to the Governors before the meeting.

Mickey said that since she is on the SOP/By-Law Committee she is still confused as to whether, we were discussing whether Governors wanted to pay a fee or not and that didn't get decided. Terry said that actually it is being referred to the Committee to review the rule as it stands. Mickey said Al should have sent it to the Committee before he sent it out to anyone else. Terry asked Al to write it up and send it to the Committee and they will go over it.

Moving on, Terry has \$50 certificates he got from Mid America Motorworks and he thinks we agreed to raffle them off at the Banquet and he will give them to the people in charge of the Banquet. They are two \$50 gift certificates for merchandise only and they are good until August 20, 2018. So they can be bid on.

RE Award

Terry is changing things just a little regarding the RE award. Traditionally it is given out at the Banquet to people who the RE deems helped the Region. What he decided, there are two people getting it and one recipient is not going to be here tonight at the Banquet so Terry is presenting it now. He read the inscription and gave it to Mickey Ouellette. Terry thanked Mickey for all she has done to help him, the Region and everyone else.

Round Table

Al Flanhofer - Nothing to report right now

Dave Brennan - Nothing in particular at this time. Something that he has learned traveling to other Regions to their events, a club in Indiana has a plan where when they travel to hotels for different things, they collect the soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc. and they donate them to a retired veterans' home. So this is something to keep in mind. Peggy said that Chuck belongs to the American Legion and they take theirs to them because that is what they do also.

Chuck Stephens - Chuck said they will not be doing any events at the Homestead at Longaberger, the car show has been transferred to Dresden the city, in other words, the city is actually sponsoring it, Longaberger is just a participating merchant, they are not really involved, it is the city of Dresden. It is tentatively scheduled to go to Ohio University Zanesville Campus which is 18 miles south to do the speed event. They were down there and it looked promising, the lady there said it looked really good to her and Peggy will call next week to find out if they got it. The parking lot would be equal to the smaller lot at Lakeland. The car show is June 30th and the low speed is July 1st. Chuck will keep everyone posted as to the outcome. Longaberger will be supplying the awards, however. Chuck will advise regarding motels. It is only about 2 miles away from I-70. The car show will still probably go on, but the speed event is still pending. He hasn't gotten the final okay yet. Peggy said if they get it the motels will be right there in Zanesville where the low speeds will be.

TR Aldrich - Nothing at this time

Chuck Heretta (Proxy) - Nothing at this time

Mickey Ouellette - Nothing at this time

Fred Dugach - They have been planning on having a seminar for their events in Eastlake. There are two events, Mid Ohio and NEOVC. He turned things over to Ted Vanelli. Ted said he was asked to do another seminar on autocross. He did one four or five years ago. What they will do is at their speed events which are August 4th and 5th, on the Saturday morning which is August 4th, they will have a seminar which will go from 8 till noon, with a limit of 20 people. There will be a charge of \$20 per person and if you participate in the five sanctioned events that afternoon, then the classes are free and it is mostly for beginners or someone who has not done a lot of autocross events. They will spend about the first 45 minutes going through some information which he has put together from stuff accumulated over the years from the East Ohio Region. They will go through all that and explain the fundamentals, walk the course and then they will drive it like a parade lap and they have experienced drivers that will ride with you to help you get the feel. Most autocross people want to try it, but they are afraid they will get laughed at or they will get lost or whatever, so this is taking them by the hand, showing them how to do it. The last time they did it, they had 16 people and about a dozen of them ran in the afternoon and they will run their seven events on Sunday. Barb Kukasky asked if the instructor rode with them or do they ride with the instructor, and the answer is the instructor drives. Terry said to keep things above board, the course will have to be changed before hand. Outside of that, there is one more thing that Fred sent to Terry, which had to do with Track X, on the following day after Track X Saturday, there is 10/10ths Motorsports and it is \$345 just for the one day, if you want to stay for one more day. Terry replied to him that it sounded like a good idea and run with it. It is the following Saturday after Track X, so the Governors can present it to their clubs. Fred found it when he went to the NCM Track calendar and saw it. Fred will send the information to the Governors.

Terry reported that Ted Vanelli said they did pave Nelson's Ledges and he is going to look into maybe being able to run there at a reasonable rate for high speed again. Terry asked the Governors to put it out to their clubs to see how much interest there is and he will do more research on it, so we may be able to revisit Nelson's Ledges again. One idea is to possibly do a joint venture with a Porsche club, however we want to do it, so we are looking for venues. Any venue, a good parking lot anyone can find, let someone know. Fred Dugach mentioned that there was a huge empty parking lot next to the Cleveland Clinic in Lorain and Fred asked if anyone knew anything about that. Fred also said that he updated, he thinks it was Chuck Stephens, who put together something to the effect of "here is what we do for an autocross" so he has that document, it is on our website and if anyone wants to use that to present to some property owner for an event, it is not called "racing", it is an autocross or an "event" or a "timed event". Terry said you could almost present it as a defensive drive course. Fred said they had one more that he hasn't verified yet in Lohman's Plaza which is pretty big but the owner hasn't gotten back to him yet and that is a pretty nice parking lot and the owner wants someone there to attract people. Dave Brennan said he ran a speed event in West Ohio, over near Toledo at some academy for emergency preparedness and it was a nice parking lot and they didn't charge for the lot. Terry said yes, but that was Toledo and we are having enough trouble getting people to go down to Longaberger. Terry said what surprised him was talking to Dave Goebel and East Tennessee Region races, they get 20 cars to their speed events.

Barb Kukasky - Their first event is coming up on April 22nd at Progressive Chevrolet. The flyer should be out, it is on National.

Dan Gallagher - Nothing to report.

Bob Niznick (Proxy) - Their flyers should be coming out.

Terry is encouraging all Governors to attend the National Governors meetings. You actually learn a lot more information outside the actual meetings. You get better insight and better information outside the meetings.

The 50/50 has \$54. The winner must be present to win.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryki Woods, Secretary
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