

**MINUTES**  
**EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING**  
**GALAXY RESTAURANT, WADSWORTH OHIO**

**MARCH 5, 2022**

**Regional Executive:** Terry Muich

**Regional Competition Director:** Dan Gallagher

**Regional Membership Director:** Cheryl Getzy

**Regional Secretary:** Karen Santagata

**Regional Treasurer:** Sue Hamilton

<b>Governors:</b>		<b>Guests:</b>		
Buckeye Corvette Club, Inc.	Barb Kukasky	Don	Burk	Competition
Competition Corvette Association	Sharon Burk	Carol	Engel	Fun Center
Corvette Canton, Inc.	Mark Thurin	Fred	DeGordon	Corvette Canton
Corvette Cleveland, Inc.	Al Flanhofer	Michael	Getzy	Mid-Ohio
Fun Center Corvette Club	Mickey Oullette	Steven B.	Hamilton	Buckeye
Kanawha Valley Corvettes	Charles Stephens	Jim	Hartzler	Mid-Ohio
Lake Shore Corvettes	Bob Niznick	Dave	Kukasky	Buckeye
Mahoning Valley Corvettes	Michael Curtis	Paul	Predagovic	Corvette Canton
Medina Corvettes	Rich Brooks/Proxy	Peggy L.	Stephens	Kanawha
Mid-Ohio Corvette Club	Dan Gallagher	Ben	Storrs	Corvette Canton
Mound City Corvette Club	**absent	Ted	Vannelli	Mid-Ohio
North East Ohio Vette Club	TR Aldrich			
Tiretown Corvette Club	Peg Quine			

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Regional Executive Terry Muich. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Stephens

Mound City Corvette Club’s Governor is not in attendance, but there is a quorum with 12 Clubs in attendance.

A moment of silence was observed for the following EOR member(s) who recently passed away:

Robert Miller – Mahoning Valley

Terry Much asked that everyone keep Ray Valentine and Peggy Stephens in their thoughts and prayers.

The Board was introduced. The Governors introduced themselves and then guests introduced themselves.

Terry also announced that the new Webmaster is Gary Zychowski from Corvette Cleveland. Gary's company is also the host of our EOR Website. For now, Gary will not charge EOR for the updates for now. Anything that needs to be changed or added, everything should be emailed to Terry and Karen Santagata will work with Gary.

**Secretary (Karen Santagata)** – Minutes of the December 4, 2021, were emailed to all Governors prior to the meeting. No corrections were made. Chuck Stephens made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and to accept the Minutes as emailed, motion seconded by Mark Thurin. Motion passed. Reminder by Karen to please limit individual conversations during the meeting.

**Regional Membership Director (Cheryl Getzy)** – As of 2/25/2022, the total of NCCC member is 17,111 which is also a moving number. There are 233 clubs (lost 3 Western clubs). The EOR has 996 members, with Cleveland being the largest with 200 members. There are 78 new members in NCCC due to the new car delivery through the NCM. These new members get a free 1-year membership as a Member-at-Large. Cheryl reminded the Governors about how to enter information in the database and to contact her with any problems or questions.

Bob Niznick discussed that Cheryl had helped her with a renewal for a previous member and that he entered a comment in the comment line which helps Cheryl maintain information. New membership cards will take a while for them to get their cards. Mike Curtis also mentioned the transfer of James Patterson and family from Florida to Mahoning.

Terry discussed the presentation by Walt Jenkins at the NCCC Governor's meeting. On the main screen for a member, in the upper right-hand corner a member's number is visible. By clicking on that number, all of their information will be displayed from their entire membership.

Al Flanhofer mentioned that in the database if there are comments made on the database the Governors do not get a message that notes have been added (Blue Bars returned, etc.) Unless a Governor goes into the database, the Governor does not have an idea that something has been added. There appears to be a problem with the notifications that are automatically set via the database. Notify Terry or Cheryl if there are any issues – you can also contact Walt Jenkins directly.

Cheryl reminded everyone to make sure members who sponsor children in FCOA to update the addresses of the children as needed. She also mentioned that Shannon Davis is very ill again, so there may be a delay.

**Regional Competition Director (Dan Gallagher)** – Prior to the meeting, Dan sent out his report which included information about the 2021 Team 200 Awards for the EOR Banquet; the 2/25/2022 RCD Meeting at the NCC Governor's meeting; future NCCC Competition Rule Book changes; together with his notes from the NCCC Governor's meeting at 2/26/2022. Dan briefly reviewed his report which is attached to these Minutes.

Items that Dan discussed that were not included in his report:

- Dan mentioned that he is in the process of reviewing and documenting the process for EOR Awards. Prior to this, there was nothing in writing.
- Bob Niznick about Governors voting on rule changes and the "all or nothing" vote. Dan stated that RCDs are not responsible for the voting – it is responsibility of the Governors and Terry will discuss during his report.
- Safety is a big concern. Use common sense – no need to regulate safety. It should be an ongoing thing for everybody at all times.
- There are rulebook change forms on the Website for all changes. Dan is available to assist and encourage anyone to provide.
- Novice and high-speed licenses are available. It must be completed prior to the beginning of any event. No "word" of the driver is acceptable. The driver must contact Dan to properly issue the license.
- Any issues about competition should be directed to Dan. Tact and common sense should be used –

let's have fun. It's a car club.

- Dan will be reviewing EOR Standing Rules for competition. He encourages all comments from others. We are a team.
- Payment for the 2023 sanctions will be due on or before the last meeting of 2022 prior to bidding. No sanctions paid – no bidding. However, as Al and Chuck mentioned, all sanction fees are to be waived next year. It will be up to the Treasurer to move from the General Fund to the Competition Fund to transfer the funds. No payments will be due from the Clubs.
- Dan further discussed the attendance by EOR Governors at the NCCC meeting. Even though Terry had proxies for the non-attending Governors, Dan encouraged Governors to attend the meetings in St. Louis. It is good to meet others and see things that go on behind the scenes.
- Dan discussed the online registration within the NCCC database. He would like to utilize the tool and details were provided by others who are somewhat familiar. By using the online registration, it would connect to scoring and entering into the NCCC database. All are encouraged to let Dan know if there is interest in having a webinar.
- Blue Bars should be arriving soon.
- National Corvette Museum and the motorsports park were damaged during a recent tornado. The track is open, the Museum is open, but the building at the track was damaged.
- NCCC Treasury is in good shape (approximately \$1million) – the 2021 Convention was a very positive impact and the cancellation of some of the meetings.
- The 2022 Convention is in Atlantic City. Four clubs in EOR are in the top 15 – Corvette Cleveland, Buckeye Corvette, Tiretown and Mid-Ohio. Dan will be at the Convention on Monday for that dinner and can pick up the plaques who are not in attendance.
- Al asked who is putting on the 2023 Convention which will be NCCC. But the issue is that the rules were not followed for bidding – e.g., a bid must be submitted 2 years prior to the convention. Dan discussed possible changes must be made to the rules to bring everything to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – e.g., USPS mail v. email. It's not how we do business or operate today. Governors should review the rules and suggest any changes that could/should be made.
- Chuck Stephens gave food for thought on the approximately \$1 million in the NCCC fund and he felt that NCCC some return some of the money back to the regions. Dan discussed that any ideas for changes should be in writing. Follow the chain of command to get that started – Governor to the Region to NCCC. Rich Brooks was in agreement with Chuck and suggested that the Governors make a motion to direct the RE to make changes that are necessary.
- Bob Niznick asked about teching at car shows, etc. As discussed previously, we will be going bey NCCC Competition Rulebook. There are minimum rules for the Flyers – there are rules for teching. There was discussion of some of the requirements for Flyers, including listing the chairs at the time of posting.

**Treasurer (Sue Hamilton)** – The quarterly report was emailed to the Governors prior to the meeting. Sue answered questions about certain line items, including a refund to Martin Fiala for refund of Claudia's membership refund. This was approved because Claudia passed away prior to the term – Martin paid early. There was a question about the refunds for the 2021 EOR banquet and The Galaxy did refund the \$200.

A motion was made by Sharon Burk and seconded by Barb Kukasky to accept the financial as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Appointments for 2022** –

**Budget/Finance Committee:** RE Terry, Treasurer Sue (Chair), Barb Kukasky and Bob Niznick.

**Bylaws Committee:** RE Terry (Chair), Al Flanhofer, Barb Kukasky, Mickey Oullette, and Chuck Stephens.

**Hall of Fame Committee:** RE Terry, Sharon Burk, Cheryl Getzy, Mickey Oullette and Karen Santagata.

Votes were taken separately, and all Governors were in favor of the 2022 Committees.

**Finance Committee - Budget (Sue Hamilton)** – The Budget stands as approved at the December 2021 meeting. Any changes made after the approval are not made to the actual budget. The timing equipment was approved for purchase (\$5,000) and the increase to the reimbursement for the NCCC travel expenses (\$50 to \$75).

**Hall of Fame Committee Report (Mickey Oullette)** – Mickey stated that nominations open as of 3/5.

**CORRECTION: This was in err – nominations open effective as of the second meeting of the year.**

**Nominations are open as of May 21, 2022 and close at the third meeting December 3, 2022.** For 2021, all 12 ballots were received; however, the percentage of “yes” votes for any nomination(s) was not reached. Therefore, no one is inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2021. There was a discussion about the SOPs for the Hall of Fame nominations and the history of the link in the SOP. The Committee will discuss the possibility of any changes to the Hall of Fame requirements/applications, including possibly making the bio submitted anonymous. Therefore, the votes would be for the qualifications not for the person. A vote was taken to change the current percentage (80%) of the clubs to get into the Hall of Fame. 6 were in favor, 5 not in favor (Rich Brooks left the room/Dave Brennan in attendance). Al Flanhofer moved that decision as to the amount of the percentage change be tabled so that Governors can review with their Clubs. TR Aldrich seconded the motion. The Hall of Fall Committee will discuss and make a recommendation at the next meeting. The motion passed.

Mickey Oullette made a motion when an application is turned in the name and club of the nomination should be included. But when sent to the Governors, the name and club will be removed. The Hall of Fall Committee will review and make a suggestion about a nominee to be anonymous.

**By-Laws Committee Report (Mickey Oullette)** – There is a pending Bylaw change that was submitted by Bob Niznick that will be voted on at a later meeting. There was a discussion about the process according to Robert’s Rules of Order and any changes to the Bylaws. The changes are to be submitted to the Bylaw Committee. The Bylaw Committee will review on the merits then present the suggested change with the Committee’s recommendations/opinion/reasoning to the Governors. The Bylaw Committee will meet to discuss the pending Bylaw changes that were submitted.

**2021 Banquet Advisory Committee Report** – RE Terry discussed the cancellation of the 2021 Banquet which was to be held on March 5, 2022. It was cancelled due to lack of participation – a total of 54 people registered. It was not fiscally responsible to hold the banquet. The rental of the rooms for the 3/5 meeting and the hospitality room would have cost \$300 each because there were not enough reservations at the Comfort Inn. Out of 13 clubs, the top four clubs had 13, 12, 8 and 7 members sign up – 2 clubs with 4 members, 1 club with 2 members, 2 clubs with 1 member and 2 MALs who signed up. Four clubs had no one sign up for the banquet. Per the SOP, the banquet is to be based on 100 – 150 attendees. There is nothing in the SOPs that we have to have a banquet or that it has to be put on by the Region or individual. RE Terry asked for any volunteer club to agree to hosting the 2023 banquet for the 2022 season. No one stepped up. Per the SOP, interest should have been received no later than the December 2021 meeting. There is not going to be a banquet in 2022. Discussion was had about the reason – Covid? Age? Not receiving an award? Discussion pursued about the availability of awards and the supply chain issues. RE Terry asked the Governors to go back to their Clubs and find out the reason or what a suggestion might be.

RE Terry also discussed the lack of guidance on the awards that the Region awards. EOR suspended the MVP award and the only other award is the RE Award. Competition awards are to be given according to the NCCC Competition. But there is nothing in writing about the awards that have been given out in the past by our Region, including the RMD awards and the RCD awards. Everything is going to be put in writing in the SOP.

Because there will not be a banquet in March 2023, there is no need for a Banquet Advisory Committee. Sue H. is going to check with Buckeye Club and what they want to do with the \$500 donation that they gave to EOR for the 2022 Banquet – possibly refund. Al mentioned that he suggested to Jeff Kubiak that he do the banquet

for 2022 Banquet because he organized his “Dinner with Friends.” Jeff said that he was going to think about it. But the SOP states that the banquet is to be put on by a “Host Club” – not an individual. And it was discussed that in the past that Sue Hamilton, Alan Moore and others may have put on the banquet. But it was not per the SOPs – we are just trying to follow the rules. Rich Brooks “volunteered” that Medina Club and possibly Corvette Cleveland can work together to organize a breakfast buffet – not consider it a banquet. Typically, a banquet is to be held in March, but if a breakfast is considered, it does not have to follow the banquet rules. Bottom line, the Clubs needs to be approached about participation. What is it that the Clubs want to do? We have to go on the assumption that the Governors are presenting it to their members. Communication is key.

There was confirmation made that Jeff Kubiak’s “Dinner with Friends” is not an EOR event. Jeff decided to host a dinner and there is no connection between the cancelled banquet or the EOR.

**Regional Executive Report (Terry Muich)** – RE Terry is on the NCCC Bylaw Committee and he reviewed some of the SOPs, including any changes made to the Competition Rulebook will be voted on by line item – not all or nothing. There is also a committee looking at the amount of money in the NCCC account. The major expenses for NCCC are insurance and Blue Bars. Because there is a pending lawsuit filed with the insurance, Legacy, the quote is much higher than expected.

RE Terry talked about the 2023 Convention bid and the fact that no bid was received. But a vote was taken to allow NCCC to host the 2023 Convention. It was discussed that the rules need to be reviewed and changed to current times. Terry shared how he voted the 11 proxies he had for the Clubs not attending – he abstained all 11 votes. He did not base it on his personal decisions, but how he felt the EOR Clubs would vote.

Hagerty Insurance presented to the Governors at the NCCC meeting in St. Louis.

There was a SOP vote to match the Bylaws from the year before.

### **Old Business** –

Terry did present the check for the \$1,000 scholarship, which will be \$1,500 for the EOR NCCC Scholarship.

Track X IV will not be held in 2022 – too costly and lack of interest.

Terry discussed that the new timing equipment has been ordered – it will be wireless and should be received in about 4 weeks. There was a small charge for Sue to ACH the funds to the vendor (\$45) – the cost of the equipment is \$4,234. We will need to purchase updated Axware software which will be approximately \$275. Also, a new laptop will be purchased. The package includes lights + spare, stands, cables, antenna, extra battery and storage boxes from Race America. They are 99% sure that it will be compatible with our current display.

Discussion was had about the charge to Lou Carr for replacing the light + tripod that were damaged last year. It was agreed that he would be responsible for paying for a replacement light + \$25 for a tripod. Terry will work with Lou.

There was a limited discussion about the timing trailer and the fact that it needed to be cleaned, cleaned, organized. Volunteers should email to Terry their preference for date.

The positions of RCD, RMD and Secretary are open for election. Nominations will begin at the May 2021 and voting will take place at the September 24, 2022 at which time the newly elected officers will take over preliminary duties.

There was discussion about the need to find a new location for our Governor’s meeting as we have outgrown the Cellar Rom at The Galaxy. After today’s meeting, we are going to look at the Blue Tip BBQ & Grill which is approx. 1.9 miles from our current location. Wadsworth is centrally located for all Clubs. We may have to

change the start time depending on the location decided.

The Chili Cook-off was then discussed. The venue at the Amish Inn is not available for the week in October 2022. It was discussed that we could possibly change it to a Fall Regional Social – not limited to chili. The Governors should review with the clubs on what they want. Sue Hamilton will research a location and timing.

Mark Thurin had questions about sanctions and the process awards. Terry explained in great detail about how the awards are to be issued via the NCCC Competition Rulebook. There are no specifications about what the award must be – it could be a meal/lunch. It was suggested that the first and second place be nicer awards and then the remaining be ribbons/wooden nickels. Terry and Dan will work closely with Corvette Canton for their car show on May 1, 2022.

The 2021 awards were then presented, including the Regional Executive awards (Barb Kukasky and Karen Santagata); the plaques were presented to those who ordered plaques for competition, and the Club membership awards were also given, including many 50-year membership awards. The RCD will notify the Governors when the shirts and jackets have been received. HOF Pins were presented to Peggy and Chuck Stephens and Sue Hamilton – plaques to be ordered.

The dates for the upcoming EOR Governors' meeting are May 21, 2022, September 24, 2022, and December 3, 2022.

### **Round Table –**

Lake Shore Corvettes – Looking forward to 2022 Competition season.

Corvette Canton - May 1, 2022 – Progressive Chevrolet, Massillon

Kanawha Valley – Chuck stated that this meeting was very good with great discussions and inquiries. He also asked for an update on Ray Valentine and Chuck gave an update on Peggy. Karen also gave a brief update on Gus.

Competition – Memorial Day weekend - 21 event low speed autocross at Lorain Raceway Park.

NEOVC – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show at Lally Chevrolet.

Corvette Cleveland – April 1, 2022 – IX Piston Power Show.

Buckeye – Barb discussed the communication that has to be had with workers at each event and what is expected of the workers in order for the worker to receive worker points. Hoping for more participation.

Fun Center – Mickey stated Hall of Fame nominations open today. **CORRECTION – Nominations open next meeting May 21, 2022.**

Mahoning – New Governor is doing a great job!!

Tiretown – June 5, 2022 – Beef O Brady's car show

Mid-Ohio – July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend - 21 low speed autocross at Lorain Raceway Park.

Hall of Fame 50/50 winner is Carol Engel.

A motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Santagata  
Secretary

[Attachment – RCD Report]

## **RCD Report for 3/5/2022 EOR Governors' Meeting**

### **2021 Team 200 Awards for 3/5/2022 EOR Banquet**

Shirts and Jackets for 3/5/2022 Banquet will not be in on time for 3/5/2022

Shirts and Jackets for the 2021 Competition Season will not be ready and will not be provided at the March 5 EOR Governors' Meeting.

There are several reasons for the delay on the shirts and jackets and cannot be contributed to just one person or issue. Issues involve our first, second and third choices of items not being available (supply chain), two clubs responding after the deadline for requested information and my choice to wait for all clubs to respond, as well as the Regional Banquet being cancelled (lack of participation & interest). We do have the awards ordered but they will not be ready on March 5. Shirts and Jackets will be distributed to Governors when available. The plaques for the 2021 Competition Season will be ready and will be distributed at the 3/5 meeting.

### **2/25/2022 RCD Meeting at NCCC Governors' Meeting**

Bill Daugherty – 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Competition lead the meeting

Bill talked about the Competition Rule Book changes for 2022 and why they did not pass. His major concerns were how the RCD's did not work with Governors and Governors did not work with club members to bring awareness to the positive proposed changes. He recommended improving communications - the RCD's need to improve communication with their region's Governors and the Governors need to improve communication with their club members.

Four Competition rule changes have been submitted to the RCD's to discuss for 2022 – details will be provided after the RCD's decide to move forward with any of the proposed changes.

Several of the proposed rule changes from the past two years will be reviewed and may be on the next ballot, pending RCD consensus.

Safety is a concern for all – we need to be safe in our personal, NCCC, EOR and all other activities.

### **Future Competition Rule Book Changes**

If a club member or Governor of EOR would like to propose one or more Competition Rule changes, please download the NCCC form found here:

[https://www.corvettesnccc.org/Handbook/NCCCRulebook\\_2022-2023.html](https://www.corvettesnccc.org/Handbook/NCCCRulebook_2022-2023.html)

Complete the form and email it to me at [dang@dagaintech.com](mailto:dang@dagaintech.com) I will be able to assist with content as well as presenting the request prior to the next RCD meeting for consideration.

Remember that rules should have merit and not duplicate existing rules

### **Miscellaneous RCD Comments**

Governors are to contact me with requests for Novice and/or High Speed Licenses

Governors are to contact me with issues with the NCCC database, rulebook

questions/clarifications/changes, issues at events, etc... Use tact and common sense – remember this is a car club

EO Region Competition standing rules will be reviewed. Proposed Competition Standing Rule changes may be submitted in the same manner as any EOR standing rule change.

Payment for 2023 Competition Sanctions are due at the last EOR meeting in 2022, prior to bidding.

### **2/26/2022 NCCC Governors' meeting Comments**

Only one Governor and one proxy Governor were present from the 13 clubs in EOR at the Feb 2022 NCCC Governors' Meeting. Participation by the Governors at the national meetings is strongly encouraged and will help with communication to our region's club members.

Officers and appointed position members gave reports.

Highlights of reports and the guest speaker were:

Hagerty Insurance is teaming up with State Farm to enhance available insurance coverage for collector vehicles, autocross riders and possible discounts. More information will be available after June 1, 2022.

Governors should be using the competition database as a tool – online registration is available. Those wishing to learn more about online registration should contact me to set up a webinar to gain more knowledge.

Blue Bars should be arriving in our mailboxes or email soon.



NCM and NCM Motorsports Park sustained substantial damage in a recent hurricane. Repairs are forthcoming.

NCCC Treasury is in good shape. 2021 Convention added \$20,000 to the bottom line. Cancelled NCCC meetings in 2021 reduced spending in 2021.

2022 Convention is in Atlantic City, NJ – 6/12-22/2022, information and registration is at:

<https://www.corvettesnccc.org/2022Convention/Convention2022.php>

Proposed 2023 Convention bid was presented and approved for Bowling Green, KY – 6/25-30/2023

Proposed 2024 Convention bid was presented for Joplin, MO – more information to follow

NCCC positions for election later this year are President, VP of Membership, Parliamentarian and Director of Public Relations. Nominations are being accepted.

Respectfully,

Dan Gallagher  
Regional Competition Director, East Ohio Region and  
Governor, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club