

MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

March 6, 2004

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta, at 9:35 AM at Holiday Inn, New Philadelphia, Ohio. The following clubs and officers were represented:

Aurel Ouellette, Fun Center, RMD, Gov.	Bob Barth, Blennerhasset, Gov
Alan Moore, Tiretown Corv., RCD,	Bob Schneider, Lakeshore Corv. Gov.
Bob Kirsch, , Corvette Clev., EOCS, .	Diana Fultz, Competition Corv, Gov
Chuck Heretta, Buckeye Corvette, RE, Gov.	Bob Kutty, Mahoning Valley, Gov.
Garland Brown, Medina, Gov	Bob Thomsen, Corvette Cleve, Gov,
Bill Quine, Tiretown, Gov.	Bryce Goodwin , Pioneer Corv. Asso. Gov

Chuck had everyone go around and introduce officers and guest in the room.

Bob Kutty made a motion to accept secretary's report as printed, Paul Webb seconded, motion carried.

Mickey read the treasurer's report, Bill Quine made a motion to remove Convention Tours item from budget since it is now zero'd out, seconded by Paul Webb. The treasurer's report was then approved.

Hall of Fame: Bill Quine reported there was 100% response for the ballots being turned in. All the inductees will be present at the banquet. There are no names to be carried over into next year so the Hall of Fame committee needs nominations for next year.

EAST OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES DIRECTOR: Bob Kirsch

As voted on earlier there will be no overall club award presented this year.

Please make sure you mail Bob a copy of flyer if it is for championship series, also indicate on the flyer that it is championship series. If you are covering multiple events on one flyer be sure to indicate which EO number is championship series. Be sure when event is completed to mail results to Bob and also \$1.50 per entrant whether NCCC or not.

2004 EOCS schedule is now available. All this information is now on the website, www.eornccc.org follow the links

Be sure your members are aware of what qualifications need to be met in order to be considered for championship series award.

There was a correction to the year end final standings for championship series. First place stayed the same, 2nd, 3rd and 4th moved around. They are first – Chuck Heretta, second – Don Obert, third – Bob Kutty and fourth – Phil Dobransky.

Garland Brown made the comment that this is a valuable website, especially as he is a new governor, whoever put it together did a commendable job.

Webmaster: Bob Kirsch Everything he has is available on the website. He is going to do the flyers in "PDF" format this year, they will be easier to print. He is looking at moving the website next month and that will help reduce cost. There is a new link out for the C6 information. Please remember to send him any changes your club would like made to the individual club web site.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Aurel Ouellette

Handouts were given for East Ohio membership report, NCCC report and FCOA membership report. East Ohio has about 790 members. Tiretown is largest club in region with 128 members.

Everyone should have received their renewal packet by now if not let Aurel know as quickly as possible. Please check with your club members and make sure they received their packets.

In order to try and increase East Ohio membership Aurel is going to request the traveling membership display from NCCC. If you are going to have events in your area where large number of Corvette owners will attend let him know the date and he will try and get the portable display for the events. He has already reserved one for the LakeShore, Vermillion car show.

As of February 27, 2004 national had 16,200 members.

Meeting site bids are due by the November meeting, forms are available from Aurel. This will be for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009. Some perspective sites mentioned are Indianapolis, In., and Nashville, TN. The final vote will be held in May 2005. Scholarship applications for this year were due March 1, 2004.

During renewal it was discovered Primary and spouse/companion members did not have the same address, national membership decided the Primary and spouse/companion MUST have the same address. National is saying they have no way of tracking, when addresses are different, who is the spouse/companion especially if last names are different. There was much discussion on this and the East Ohio regional governors did not agree with this decision. Per Chuck in 2002 when the companion membership was proposed, nowhere did it say the addresses had to be the same. Reason for companion membership was some members have lost their spouses and now have a companion. For whatever reason they do not live together, these are good members of clubs and chose to have separate addresses. Chuck said he would address this with the Regional Executives. The companion membership was not presented as having same address and was not meant to. The reason membership presented this was to gain members, this will cause the loss of membership. A couple of ways were mentioned how to track these types of members. Since they are going to have to re-do the membership application to raise dues, they need to consider placing a slot for companion member and their address. You cannot make/change rules after they have been voted upon.

National approved a \$5.00 increase for primary member starting in 2005. So any new member you get after August 31, 2004 will pay \$35.00, renewals of primary member will be \$25.00 for membership in November of this year. All clubs will need to check their by-laws and see if changes will be required because of membership dues increase.

Club applications for Duntov award are available from Aurel.

FCOA (Future Corvette Owners Association) membership is at 1900, 129 are in the East Ohio Region. Corvette Cleveland has 36 FCOA members. Remember anytime that an FCOA member has an address change it needs to be turned into Pat Kelly separately. National does not share the address change with FCOA, this can be done on line also at FCOAKIDS@aol.com.

Charity report given by Mickey: Windy City announced they were short selling 86 tickets at \$175.00 each in order to get their Charity in First Charity registration. Their dealership came up with \$14,000.00 and made up the difference, so Windy City donated \$45,000.00 and got their charity (Spina Bifida) into the registration.

Patrick Dolan cautioned be careful what you ask for, when NCCC was in Nashville they asked GM about getting some of the banners that were hanging around the town. Patrick received a 645 pound package at his jewelry shop, it measures 4' x 4' x 3' folded, he will open it after he gets help to move it and the weather gets better.

One other thing Patrick Dolan wanted to cover was his daughter would be graduating this year and wanted the E-Board and charity committee to know his daughter would be applying for a scholarship. He wanted to make sure there would be no problems or concerns with this. Patrick does not have any part in the selection of the recipients.

REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR –Alan Moore

All things from Alan will be emailed this year, flyers, notices, If you want a hard copy let Alan know. Also all information can be found on the East Ohio web site, www.eornccc.org, you can also go to national web site www.corvettenccc.org. Other regions will be printing information on the national website and will be linked to ours.

Results for this year if any way possible please email and send in Excel if you have ability. If sent in Excel then can be sent to Mike Gottfried and he can just download. If you do not have email just send hard copy to Alan.

Waivers will still need to be mailed to Alan, because he needs the original.

The drag teardown equipment has been ordered and should be available this year.

National wants to know what local clubs think about separating out national championship, today there is on championship for men and one for women. National is considering dividing out into speed and nonspeed and making four champions. Numerous comments coming back is that if a person does not compete in speed events they do not stand a chance at being national champion.

Tiretown is the national club winner for 2003, they had 30788 points, and this is an all time record. Second place club had 13,918 points. For year 2003 the men's first place in nation is Don Parks and for ladies is Betty Parks.

The East Ohio region schedule for 2004 is on the website and contact Alan if you would like a hard copy.

Rulebook corrections were handed out by Alan, please place in proper place in the rulebook. Also refer to clarification in handouts. If you have any questions contact Alan Moore. Most are minor corrections, page numbers and etc.

On your flyers this year please be sure to place what time tech opens and closes, this can cause problems if you do not do this. Cars can keep changing tires and keep asking to be re-teched. If you put when tech closes on flyer only way they could be re-teched is if they broke.

This year helmets must be Snell rated, they can be Snell and DOT rated but not just DOT rated.

Permanent numbers were discussed, please go back to your clubs and ask what numbers they would like to have. If there is a duplicate request, tiebreaker will be determined on how competitor finished last season. None of the numbers can start with zero "0", or have an alphabetical letter in it, timer will not take this. Also please indicate if people would be interested in purchasing static cling letters for their vehicle. These would be six inch (6"), also indicate what class would be running in. All this information is needed by the end of March to get timing system ready. There is a four (4) digit limit on the numbers. These numbers are only good for our region, other regions may already have assigned numbers in their region. Let know a choice of colors also, please pick a generic color that will stand out on your car.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE – Chuck Heretta

There is a tentative bid for convention 2006, in Orlando, Florida for August 5 – 12. Bidding for 2006 is still open, final bids should be ready for presentation in May.

Convention 2005 will be in St. Cloud, Minn. in July. They are looking at additional track time at Brainard for an additional \$100.00, this may not happen though because there may not be enough interest.

The 2004 convention is in Las Vegas, in order to get lowest rate your form must be postmarked March 15, 2004. If you have a child between 5 and 15 years of age, you can get a \$70.00 week long pass. This entitles the child to entrance to hospitality room, events and any non-adult party.

Be sure to put your class on your application form. The West Coast region has challenged the Midwest and East Coast region for the Las Vegas convention. They claim they are going to win all the events.

The steering committee is looking for a treasurer for 2005 convention.

Sponsorship is doing well at getting dollars for convention this year.

A form called "The Spoiler" was handed out, it had a breakdown of Insurance coverage and types of events. This came out of Florida region, this is basic coverage for mainly car shows, basically what it comes down to is if the wheels are moving there is no coverage.

Any corrections or additions you would like to see to the by-laws or Standing Rule changes need to be in by the May meeting.

Many clubs publish a letter and or a newsletter, this information must be published in hard copy and sent to someone, not emailed, to be covered by NCCC, K&K insurance. The reason they will not accept a soft copy is that these are too easily changed, this refers to non-sanctioned events. Any club that does not publish a newsletter should send a copy of monthly calendar of events to Chuck or Alan. This will get you covered under K&K insurance as it must be mailed to someone.

National Council has stated we cannot have a Sanctioned event on July 5, 2004, it is not a national holiday, July 4, is the holiday.

The charity committee reported there are already two 100% clubs for ticket sales. Chuck challenged all clubs to become a 100% club for NKF national charity. This will cost you or your club \$10.00 for each member of your club that is an NCCC member.

Due to Nevada Gaming Commission laws there can be no ticket sales or raffle held in Las Vegas. So the charity committee will not be selling tickets for the raffle car or for the dollar raffle for prizes. The ticket will have to be drawn somewhere else. All tickets will have to be at the address by May 21, 2004 so you will want to mail before that date. The only way we could possibly do a raffle and drawing in Las Vegas is if we left all the money there and we cannot do that.

Be sure if you are going to use your green sheets to mail them in, they must get there before May 21, 2004 also. There will be no accepting of any green sheets, tickets or money at the convention.

As previously discussed NCCC dues were raised by \$5.00 for new and renewal primary members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Thomsen gave an update on regional timing equipment. We have a laptop computer, printer, and backup computer all donated. A demonstration of the program was given after the meeting. The timing stickers will be twice as large as last year's sticker so your posting boards will need to be larger. We need more people to learn how to operate the timers. Chuck thanked Bob for working on this over the winter and getting it up and working.

We have sixteen events (16) donated to the region this year and they vary between speed events, rallies, and car shows. The first \$500.00 will go toward the Jeanne Kutty scholarship, and the remaining will be used for regional expenses and competition expenses. The budget committee will come up with a percentage breakdown.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck asked if there were any bids for the 2005 banquet covering the 2004 season. No one had a bid at this time, Alan Moore stated Tiretown may have an interest.

If you need banquet bidding guidelines contact Mickey Ouellette, 419-529-2423, or mickey157@earthline.net.

Bob Kirsch asked for clubs to come up with ideas they would like to see incorporated for East Ohio Championship Series. Bring the ideas to meeting to send to him. Chuck said we need input for this so that different people may get a chance to win trophies.

Mickey requested anyone needing dollars for 2005 budget to please get this to her by April 16, 2004.

Round Table:

There are eight (8) new 25 year members in the East Ohio region this year.

Al Etzel reminded everyone that Corvette Cleveland will be holding a National Council approved high-speed driver's school. Cost is \$250.00 until May 1, 2004 then will go to \$300.00. There will be a sixty (60) person limit for this event. The host hotel is the Best Western in Warren, see flyer for additional information.

Per the rulebook K&K does not exactly cover drivers school so Alan requested a clarification on this. He does not think there will be any problems in this area.

Question was asked what the cost for East Ohio Champion series was exactly, it is \$1.50 per entrant NCCC member or not.

Bob Schneider announced that the Vermillion car show will have sanctioned and non-sanctioned events. He also stated we really need to work with Bob Kirsch about changing how we do Championship series events.

Bill Quine announced that Tiretown will be doing their annual drivers school for beginners and brush up for refresher for regular drivers. There will also be Novice drivers in the region this year.

Garland Brown new governor of Medina announced they have re-designed their membership packet in order to try and recruit new members.

There will be 122 attendees at the banquet this evening.

Alan Moore said the C4 gas pedal bracket is plastic and breaks easily, naturally this can cause problems. A clarification was asked to allow aluminum bracket for this car it was OK'd. The cost is about \$56.00.

Reminders:

Get any budget request to Mickey by April 16, 2004.

There are still reimbursement dollars in the account for governors wanting to go to St. Louis. The region will pay up to \$150.00 after you make the trip. Bring or send flight and hotel bill to Mickey, this will be paid for one (1) time.

Respectively submitted

Mickey Ouellette
Secretary/Treasurer

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES: Inductees to Hall of Fame were: Elaine Gruhn-Heretta, Denny Murphy and John Taube.