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MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

March 12, 2005

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta, at 9:55 AM at Holiday Inn Wadsworth, Wadsworth, Ohio. The following clubs and officers were represented:

Aurel Ouellette, Fun Center, RMD, Gov.
Alan Moore, Tiretown Corv., RCD,
Bob Thomsen, Corvette Clev. EOCS,
Chuck Heretta, Buckeye Corvette, RE, Gov.
Rich Brooks, Medina, , Gov.
Deb Murphy, Tiretown, Gov.
Bob Kirsch, Corvette Clev. Webmaster

Bob Kutty, Mahoning Valley, Gov.
Bob Schneider, Lakeshore Corv. Gov.
Bretton Rebol, Competition Corv. prxy
Chuck Stephens, Pioneer C. A., prxy
Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleve, Gov,
Ken Jecmen, NEOVC, Gov.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Bob Kutty made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, Rich Brooks seconded, motion carried.

Bill Quine asked why we refunded \$40.00 to Kanawha Valley, it was because they donated two (2) events to the region and they had already paid the sanction fee.

It was asked why the region did not pay monies to the Competition fund for regional events, there was some discussion and it was decided the region should pay these fees.

Bob Kutty made a motion that the region pay sanction fees to the Competition fund, for all regional events it puts on, seconded by Deb Murphy, motion carried.

Copies of by-laws were available at the meeting for whoever wanted one.

Mickey checked with the bank on March 1, 2005 and made sure Chuck was still on the account to be able to sign checks if something should happen to Mickey.

Charity Report: Give away car will be Orange metallic, with satellite radio and other options. Charity committee was given 10 certificates for a set of four tires. The committee decided to give one to the FCOA to do with whatever they wanted. Scholarships will go to \$1000.00 starting with this year. Scholarships are eligible for NCCC member, their spouse, child or grandchild. Also East Ohio region was given a certificate to raffle off, with the request that it be given away at an event where the person would be present. And also with the stipulation that at least 100 tickets at \$10.00 were sold. All these dollars would go to the scholarship and grants fund.

Scholarship applications are available on line. Applications must be in John Osbourne's possession prior to May 1, 2005

Hall of Fame: 99% of the ballots were returned. Two people will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Bob Kutty bought a new leather bound book because old one was full. They will begin selling 50/50 at banquet and meetings to replenish the Hall of Fame fund.

Chuck asked the committee if they have formalized the changes they made last year and they have not done this yet. They will try and get it done this year before ballots are needed.

Webmaster: The information has been fairly static during winter. He is waiting on final results to post. As soon as he gets new schedule he will post it also.

EAST OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES DIRECTOR: Bob Thomsen

Bob Kirsch made up a logo for East Ohio Champ series events and it is on the website also. Bob Thomsen is requesting you use this on flyers that are East Ohio Champ Series.

There have been no changes in the rules. Rules and checklist were available, and are on website also.

LakeShore cannot do the rally they were given because it is changed to a funkhana. It was asked if Pioneer could do the September 17, 2005 as a rally event. Chuck will check with his club and let Bob know.

Please get results and money to Bob Thomsen as soon as possible.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Aurel Ouellette

Aurel had handouts for National membership, East Ohio Region membership report and FCOA member report.

Also had NCCC DVD promo to be given out, one for each club.

East Ohio has 16 clubs, and 783 members. The goal for 2005 is 910 members.

Top club in region is Tiretown with 107 members, Corvette Cleveland is only three behind with 104.

National has 16603 members and 286 clubs as of February 26, 2005 meeting. The goal for national for 2005 is 20,000. Bob Kutty asked of the ones they lost how many were spouses? National does not keep track of this. Bob suggested they needed to start keeping track because he thinks that's where our biggest loss comes from.

Meeting site bids were presented for years 2007, 2008, and 2009, for Indianapolis, Nashville, and St. Louis. Hal Bellamy made his report after checking each out. He recommended if Indianapolis was selected we go to the Holiday Inn Select, if Nashville is chosen that it be the Sheraton (Music City), and if St. Louis is chosen we stay at the Sheraton Inn Westport. Information is available on the NCCC website if you would like to see more under site evaluations.

Aurel then handed out a sheet that gave a cost comparison for each hotel on cost for travel. St. Louis is the most economical but the difference is not that big between them. The region decided the Indianapolis would probably be the best for our region.

Rich Brooks asked if NCCC wants governors to attend meetings why not do something to encourage them to attend. Similar to what Louisville the Belle of Louisville and time trials in Indy. Chuck said it has also been brought up to move the meetings around during the year, but it is hard to negotiate rates and packages doing this.

Question was asked if the region could campaign with some of the other regions to try and get support for Indianapolis. Chuck volunteered to send out emails to other regions that might support this. The vote will be done by preferential ballot, if you do not fill it out properly your ballot will be discarded.

The winter issue of Blue Bars came in a white envelope, and most of these had a slit. The Blue Bars editor is going to check into this because she was told it happened from the post office machinery. They will do this for the next issue also, this adds an additional \$2000 to mail this way.

There was a nice picture spreadout of East Ohio Region car shows in this issue. Aurel will try to attend car shows and get pictures again this year.

The Duntov committee consists of Patsy Shearer, Cliff Harris, and Aurel Ouellette. Applications are due prior to the May 6, 2005 RMD meeting in a sealed envelope. Rumor has it there may be five (5) applications.

NCCC membership will attend five (5) car shows/events for 2005 – Carlisle, Ecklers, Mid-America, Bloomington and Big Bear.

Cost of shirts, key fobs etc versus benefits was discussed and was felt the exposure was worth it. They did get four (4) new members last year. But we do get exposure and people may join a local club. If you have a large event in your area and national is present it may be a good idea to have local representation from your club.

When Aurel attends an event in any East Ohio local clubs area he requests that the local club try to have someone at the table with him to answer questions on local club level.

If you want Aurel to attend your event it is a good idea to let him know. He doesn't want to just walk in on an event.

He showed a sample of the new NCCC brochure being considered. The cost is about 17 cents a piece for 1000 copies.

The nominating committee is Sue McGee and John Haskell.

There was also discussion on suspension of NCCC members and what does this entail. Are they allowed to still attend NCCC events? It was decided there was nothing stopping them from entering NCCC events because we do not limit events to NCCC members.

FCOA (Future Corvette Owners Association) has 2176 members, 137 are in the East Ohio region, Corvette Cleveland has 44.

The promo DVD given out have a copyright but you can make copies if you want, but you cannot sell them.

REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR: _____ Alan Moore

As most people know the Bryant's were suspended from national council for about 3 years. The same person brought up at this meeting that they should not be allowed to enter any national council events even as general public entrants. The RCD's said "NO" that there is no way you can stop the general public from entering your events if you open to non-NCCC members.

The Z06 will be in Class K, that is for Group I, Group IS, and Group II and Group III.

As far as insurance goes, it boils down to if you have a National Council number you are covered if you do not have a national council number you are not covered. This is only if someone sues you not valid for damages. An example of a national council number is: club number EO 005, and individual number EO 005 xxx. K&K will cover to limits of the liability policy.

2005 helmet will be on the market in October. RCD's discussed a memo sent out by SCCA in which they recommend you do not use a full face helmet, several people have received a broken jaw because of the face guard. NCCC is not going to make this mandatory.

The "95"helmet that was made in 1995 will be obsolete this October, however if you have a "95" helmet with a stamp in it saying it was made in 1999, you helmet is good till 2009. Everyone will need to check their helmets. The understanding is that Bell, Simpson and most major manufacturers will stamp an actual date under the padding in the helmet. If this is true the helmet is good for 10 years from that date. Question was asked about using regional stickers, Alan will try and do again this year.

Clarifications:

Under section 2.7.3.8 sway bars, in group II any Corvette or after market if same size shape and type mounting that came on any Corvette accept no mixing of sway bars between 53 and 82, 84 and 96, 97 and up. Some one asked what is same size? Same size refers to diameter, if aftermarket must be same diameter. If it is a diameter that came on a Corvette in your group and is aftermarket then it is legal.

In Group I person asked if they could change to chambered exhaust system? "No" because are advertised as muffler eliminators.

The rulebook for Group II says: may run any Chevrolet block as long as all the dimensions and components are correct for class. Chevrolet just introduced an all aluminum LT-1 block, this is what they wanted to use in Group I street car. RCD" said "NO" because aluminum never came with street Corvettes.

Michigan region asking about having a high speed driving school. They would like to give High certification instead of the 10 low speed events. RCD's OK to this.

They will have to turn in a proposal of everything they intend to do to qualify for this. The RCD's will use the high speed information that Corvette Cleveland set up for their driving school as a basis for any further clubs or regions that would like to do this.

The VP of Competition decided he was going to make the decisions about certain clarifications not being discussed. This made some RCD'S upset and the results showed up at the national council meeting on Saturday.

Handed out flyers available at the March meeting date and also handed out East Ohio Region schedule.

Chuck asked about during the conversation at NCCC meeting on Saturday that clarifications were determined to be "null and void" how can you take a clarification and make it "null and void" after you have approved it as a board of RCD's. What this referred to was the two clarifications that never got heard. This goes all the way back to Vegas convention and a car that was not legal. Gary Kelly said what they voted on was not a clarification but a rulebook change. After trying twice to get it fixed he brought it up to the governors meeting.

Final points for national council standing were available: First in nation for men was Don Parks, Tiretown is first place club.

The RCD's started to look at the new rule book, some discussions were to take the auto cross section and break it down by Group I, Group II and Group III, and have a tire, helmet etc. even if it means repeating in each section. Tentatively what they are looking at right now Group I Street would be strictly stock, the only thing you could change would be with OEM equipment. Group I would be the same as street except would allow tire, cat back exhaust system and polyurthane bushings. Group II looking at bringing into more street legal with just bolt on changes. Group III Mod, will look at bigger brakes for these cars. They will do an entire section just for drags. The RCD's are looking at combining classes in the groups some suggested ideas follow: Group I and Group IS they are looking 53 to 62, 63 to 82, 84 to 91, 92 to 96, 97 to 2004, 2005 and up. In Group II 53 to 62, 63 to 82, 84 to 96, 97 to 2004, 2005 and up. Group III would be identical to Group II.

Looking at eliminating 11 points for overall FTD 10 would be the highest.

For national championship looking at having overall for Rally, Speed, and concourse going 10 deep for points. The reason being out of 18,000 NCCC members only 2000 are racers. NCCC wants to get some of the other people involved.

Question was asked was there any discussion as to what to do when have to cancel an event due to natural disaster. Alan said yes it was discussed and NCCC realizes they need to do something. They just don't want events cancelled because of rain. Nothing is set up yet, it will probably be left up to the RCD to decide.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Chuck Heretta

There was a long discussion at the NCCC Saturday meeting about the V.P. of Competition and his actions.

On Friday night they discussed club newsletter and the contest, if your club is in the contest the first two entries should already have been into the committee by now.

The Regional Executive's elected the parliamentarian as their representative.

All regional executives will look at the by-laws this year not just a three-member committee. There are no by-law proposals at this time.

National announced that George Gallant decided not to accept the treasurer's post due to his health. Roger Mitchell will appoint someone to this position. He is looking for resumes. They would like all resumes in by April 15, 2005 so an announcement can be made at the May meeting.

You will be receiving a ballot within the next month as to the next national meeting sites, there are three places on the ballot. Your ballot must be postmarked by April 15, 2005.

Sylvia Hoaldrige wanted a clean and reproducible copy of the East Ohio logo that she can place in Blue Bars. Bob Kirsch said he could take care of this.

OLD BUSINESS

Banquet 2005 everything going forward fine. Rich thanked Corvette Cleveland for taking charge of the Hospitality room.

Bob Thomsen- timing: Bob is trying to get more people interested in working with timing. They would like for you to train one day and work another day. The region will purchase polo shirts for them if they stay on and help throughout the year, the shirt would have East Ohio Timing team logo on it. You will not be expected to do all the events. They would like to have more than the same two or three people doing it all year.

Bob has a certificate for a set of free tires to be given away in August. He will be selling the tickets now till the August 21, 2005 event. The sale of these tickets will help offset the cost of getting the polo shirts for timing. Also some of the dollars could go to the East Ohio Charity.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck asked if anyone wanted to present a bid for the 2006 regional banquet. Corvette Cleveland was the only one to present a bid. They presented the Holiday Inn in Hudson, March 3, 4 and 5, 2006, room rate of \$65.00 a night, plus tax, plus bed tax. There will be three meat choices for the meal, it will be a sit down dinner.

Pat Mitchell asked did the banquet have to be in March, especially due to the type of weather we were having that day. It was explained that it used to be in February and we changed to March. We did not want to go much further in the year due to national and regional meeting plus the event schedule.

2006 proposed regional budget discussed, will vote on or discuss further in June. This budget needs to be adjusted to earlier discussion that region should pay \$20.00 for each event also.

Peg Quine asked why the top five men and women in team 200 told they have to pay twenty dollars for a shirt when it is already in the budget? Chuck explained it was a guesstimate two years out. The jackets were considered an upgrade from the shirt. Discussion was they earned the shirt and national does reimburse for part of awards. This reimbursement is already figured into the competition budget. It was probably never looked at in the past. It was decided that maybe they should get both and start with the year 2005.. Suggestions such as 50 cents per entrant per

event or \$1.00 per entrant per event will be considered. It was also suggested to raise the sanction fee to \$25.00. Some thought the charge per entrant was going to be too much for entrants and also a nightmare to keep accounting of. The finance committee was asked to look into this and see if money could be collected and redistributed into the competition fund

The finance committee consists of Bob Schneider, Bill Quine, Mickey Ouellette and Chuck Heretta.

Bill Quine said America's Corvette Club is going to handle the Corvette Museum part of the Mid Ohio event. He had no update yet on the Akron corral.

In regards to the Corvette corral Ken Jecman stated that there was a newsletter published by Mid-Ohio that there are numerous annual subscribers and yet other people are getting preferential parking.

Competition schedule is running into problems on where to have speed events this year. People brought up several ideas. Bill Quine says there is one they can get for all speed events but site only available on Sundays. Deb Murphy spoke with Jack and he can get Medina fairgrounds for \$250.00 a day. Jack was going to go ahead and reserve the Medina fairgrounds for Saturday April 30, 2005. But he did not know if region wanted to reserve Sunday at \$250.00. Aaron Quine can secure Lorain County speedway on Sunday's only for \$300.00 a day. Monday July 4 is also available. Midvale speedway is available Sunday's only. Chuck Stephens is going to Wood County airport and see if they would be receptive to have speed events at their site. John Taube is checking into Beaver Run.

Rich Brooks made a motion "that the region expend the \$250.00 necessary to hold a speed event on May 1, 2005, if the region does not come up with the necessary funds from the event, he put Medina Corvette Club on the line and they will cover up to \$125.00 of region share. Kutu seconded, motion passed. Bill Quine said to amend to approximately \$250.00, all agreed.

Haven't heard anything about Bedford Mall, but noise is a problem there. Several calls were received during the last events. National is looking at a base noise level and regions will not be allowed to go below this limit.

Aurel is looking for a display for the region similar to the national display but smaller and geared more toward the East Ohio region. He is asking for approximately \$250.00 to proceed with this. Elaine made a motion to let Aurel proceed with this, Rich Brooks seconded, motion carried. Bill Quine suggested he also look into getting used equipment first.

We should know within the next couple of weeks what the situation is on track sites.

Motion to adjourn at 1:05 pm.

Respectively submitted

Mickey Ouellette
Secretary/Treasurer

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES:

Bob Kirsch and Gail Moore were inducted into the East Ohio Region Hall of Fame.

As of now banquet cost for 2006 will be about \$35.00 per person.