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## MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

March 4, 2006

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta, at 9:50 AM at Holiday Inn, Hudson, Ohio. The following clubs and officers were represented:

Aurel Ouellette, Fun Center, RMD, Gov.  
Alan Moore, Tiretown Corv., RCD,  
Bob Thomsen, EOCS,  
Chuck Heretta, Buckeye Corvette, RE, Gov.  
Deb Murphy, Tiretown, Gov.  
Ken Jecmen, NEOVC, Gov.  
Bill Wood, Kanawha Valley, Gov.

Bob Kutty, Mahoning Valley, Gov  
Don Burk, Competition Corv, Gov  
Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleve, Gov,  
Rich Brooks, Medina, , Gov.  
Chuck Stephens, Pioneer Corv. Asso. Gov

Introduction of officers and guests at the meeting.

Bob Kutty made a motion to accept the secretary's report as distributed, seconded by Rich Brooks, passed

Bob Kutty made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed, Chuck Stephens seconded, motion passed.

Chuck mentioned that the large amount of membership dues you see on the report is club dues for National Council. We are doing a test for the program Deb Murphy wants to implement throughout the nation. East Ohio region did not have any problems with this process. Per Aurel Ouellette the key is making sure all club treasurer's understand the checks for membership are to be made out to East Ohio Region not NCCC. We cannot deposit the checks if made out to NCCC and national is trying to avoid sending the checks all over the country. Thus if check is made out to East Ohio region, the region will deposit the check and then make out a check to National Council when VP membership has approved the control sheet and 51% sheet.

Charity and Grants: Mickey Ouellette - Patrick Dolan will order the car after returning from the February 2006 national meeting. It will be yellow and be ordered from Coggins Chevrolet in Florida. There will be an NKF representative at the convention in Florida. We have had more contact this year with NKF than in the past and this is good. NKF is doing very well selling the raffle car tickets this year. The transplant games this year are in Louisville, Kentucky. The region does continue to fund the Jeanne Kutty memorial scholarship fund. Bob says he allows a variance when no one is applying entering college for an educational degree. Scholarship applications must be to John Osborne prior to May 1, 2006 in order to be considered. The form is on the national website. Per Chuck Stephens be sure to check the qualifications first because if you do not meet the criteria you are wasting your time filling out the forms.

Elaine Heretta made the comment that three academic recommendations are too many, the committee should look at what the applicants do in Corvette events and club participation. Mickey was asked to bring this up in the charity committee meeting in May.

Hall of Fame: Bob Kutty would like to try the idea of voting on line rather than sending out ballots. The governors can then print out and mail in or return via email.

EAST OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES DIRECTOR: Bob Thomsen

The final results are in and published. He spent all the money that was in the fund and then some. The committee will meet right after the regional meeting to start discussing Champ series and its future.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Aurel Ouellette

Regional, national and FCOA membership reports were handed out.

East Ohio has 16 clubs and 793 members this is down about 136 members from what we finished last year at. The East Ohio region goal for this year is 960 members. Buckeye currently is top club in region with 118 members.

Renewals went fairly well, we met the National deadline. Please remember as stated earlier to make out the membership checks to the East Ohio region and not NCCC.

Membership applications need to be submitted using the four part form.

At the February 24, 2006 meeting NCCC had 16417 members and 278 clubs. No goal has been set for NCCC for 2006.

The winter issue of Blue Bars was mailed out last month, please let Aurel know if you did not receive yours.

Membership checks were discussed at the meeting, being a new process there were some glitches and delays.

As of March 1, 2006 any overages sent to national will not be refunded, so please double check your amounts before submitting membership form. East Ohio membership director will check also.

Discussion was brought up concerning regional realignments. Aurel did not feel this was the way to save dollars, he figured this would save about \$2000.00 which is just minimal. What national is looking at is combining East Ohio and West Ohio regions, also Carolina region and Southeast region.

Duntov award requirements have been updated and are out on the national website. The Duntov committee is made up of Cliff Harris, Barb Harris and Aurel Ouellette.

Scholarship applications are available on the website.

The distribution center mailed out 10,289 renewal packets, and between 150-165 were returned as undeliverable. If they cannot get a valid address on these, the packets will be mailed to the governors.

The membership committee also discussed updating vehicle data, if you have a new or different Corvette from when you first gave information please update this. The form is on the website and if you cannot get to the form send the information to Aurel and he will update.

Perks pacs were discussed, one of the suggestions was to mail out only 1 pin and 1 calendar per packet for 2007. There was much discussion about this, if you have strong feeling about this please give feedback to the RMD committee. Chuck said the RMD's needed to be reminded of the chaos that was raised about five years ago when they tried to eliminate perks completely.

There are four major car shows that national membership plans on attending this year, they are Bloomington, Ecklers, Mid-America and Carlisle. If a club volunteers to work one of these shows for the weekend the club will be given \$100.00.

Road Runner region and Rocky Mountain each announced new clubs for their region.

FCOA has 2341 members, East Ohio region has 145 FCOA members. Packets were recently mailed out to members. Some of the items were Hero cards, dash plaques, "58" fold up.

FCOA now has tee shirts available from logo merchandise.

Chuck Stephens asked about getting more information about clubs working car shows, they are interested in working the Carlisle booth.

Ken Jecman asked about discussion that was held in the region last year about setting up car display at Cleveland autorama. This was what Bret Rebol presented last March and he was going to get more information but nothing ever came about. CCA representatives at the meeting were not aware of this idea and said nothing was ever brought up to the club.

Aurel announced he would not be running for Regional Membership Director next year. If anyone is interested in this position and wants a job description, it is on the web site. Or you can contact Aurel for a job description.

Chuck said Pat Kelly contacted him and FCOA has reached their next 100 milestone which was number 3200 and it happens to be someone from the East Ohio region, specifically the Buckeye Corvette club. So there will be a write up about this person in Blue Bars.

Chuck also reminded everyone that if you want to run for an office, according to the new by-laws you must attend two regional meetings in the last twelve months prior to nominations. Nominations will be held in June this year.

Jim Egan from Corvette Cleveland gave handouts to governors about the Cleveland Grand Prix. The region has been contacted by the Grand Prix of Cleveland - they are having their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary race this year. After the success with the Corvette corral with the LeMans series they want to try to get something going also. The Grand Prix dates this year are June 23, 24, and 25, 2006. This conflicts with some of the regions events, 7 car shows on Saturday and a low speed on Sunday. But it was decided since there are about 900 members in the region and not all are car show people and not all are low speed people that we should be able to get representation there. The Corvette Challenge race will be on Saturday. This is a good opportunity for the region to get some good exposure and possibly new members. The event is open to all Corvette owners not just club members. There will be a Corvette corral, which will give you on site parking, they are also trying to get a parade lap set up. They are considering free concerts on Friday and Saturday. It is a three-day event, but you can buy a one, two or three day ticket. As Chuck said you only get an opportunity like this once and if you say no you may never get another opportunity.

Webmaster: Bob Kirsch

Chuck asked if the results forms for events was able to be downloaded from the website. Bob will check to see if forms are on there or if there is a link to national. Bob will make sure the new Gary Kelly form is the one to be used. Also make sure the East Ohio regional registration form is one that can be filled out and be printed off to take to event. Tim Obert will send to Bob Kirsch the form that is needed for registration that can be printed off.

Ken Jecman asked about the flyer for the April 30, 2006 car show, according to schedule flyer was due February 19, 2006. Alan just received the flyer last weekend and he will get to Bob Kirsch to get on the website.

Alan said people are really getting bad about flyers being out on time. Canceling the event hurts the entrants more than the club.

#### REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Alan Moore

Four clubs did not send in their sanction request and Alan had to fill them out. Alan says he will start cracking down on people, he is not going to fill out results this year, and he will not do anymore sanction request.

National results from last year are available he printed only the top 300, Tiretown appears on the list in fourth place and is the highest East Ohio region club nationally.

Drag results have been updated, there are now new standards to go for.

Results this year must be on the official form, it will be available on the website. They must also be typed. NCCC number is four (4) digits long. If it is a number under 100 you will have to put two (2) zero's in front, all women's will have to have an "L" after it.

There will be driver's schools with high-speed event in Mid-west region, the first will be at Brainard, May 25, 2006. The next will be August 22, 2006, the third will be September 13, 2006. There will be another on for Gengerman, Mich. April 14 and 15, 2006.

Currently in discussion is what to do about new C6, Z06 (it has an aluminum frame), presently they are unable to figure out how to do a roll bar or cage in it. Alan has talked to Mallett and they are not sure how they want to do it yet. It is hard to weld on aluminum and if you use a plate on aluminum it gets brittle around the edges.

In the insurance forms there are new forms, especially minor waivers. Be sure to read the packet and the forms, they are fairly well self explanatory. There is one form that can be used all year if the events are held at the same track. Some forms require signature of both parents. One is a spectator form and the other is for participating in events. Throw any old unused forms you have away.

National council has officially had their first competition death. Walt Gazel passed away from injuries received at the Lake Geneva low speed event. His estate is suing NCCC for wrongful death. This is a good reason to consider using full shoulder harness not just stock shoulder harness.

It has been suggested the RCD's look at rules and require ambulance at any speed events that are at a walled track. The RCD's have not made a formal decision on this, they feel it is no different then a highway accident.

A question was asked if the RCD's are looking at facilities where events are being run, some are very dangerous and have had more then one accident. Safety needs to be considered more the speed.

The RCD's had been asked to revisit the issue of separating the IIIH and IIIJ cars, it was discussed again and the rule will stand as it. Z06 will be separated from the standard H car.

Alan was asked about putting a cage in a Group II car, the rule is you cannot cut the dash, you may put a hole through the firewall, but you must seal the hole when done. You cannot take out the inner fender walls or anything there. If you wish to pass through them you can cut a hole but you must reseal the hole again. If anyone is thinking about doing this let Alan know and it will explain to you in more depth.

Clarifications:

In the rulebook it states only an owner or dependent living at the same address may enter a car in a concourse, it goes on to state an unmarried spouse may be asked to prove that they live at the same address. Question was asked what is an un-married spouse? The answer was two men or two women who declare themselves an item can concourse the car.

Group III "spacers may be used under the rear camber (strut rod) bracket". On a C4 can you modify the bracket or use an aftermarket bracket to do the same thing? "NO" 15 to 0 vote.

Group II "May update and/or backdate within a class" may you cross breed parts from any engine within a class? Example if you put an LS6 cam in a "99" C5 LS1 what class does it run? This would be Group IIIH.

Group III "Suspension alignment" says any, Does this mean you can modify the suspension? Example, can you slot the holes in the center rear tow link to raise or lower to correct the bum steer. "NO"

Can Snell "K" helmet be used. RCD's are saying they do not have information on this yet so for time being the answer is "NO". K is a karting helmet.

Rich Brooks asked if it was feasible to penalize clubs who are late with flyers or results? Per Alan there are no good penalties to apply, if he cancels the event that hurts the entrants. Charging a monetary amount does not seem to work.

A group of RCD's are meeting Saturday mornings of NCCC meetings to write a revised rulebook. Looking at a whole new format to make things easier to find.

Denny Murphy asked if the region has any sanctions open. None that Chuck knows of. Tiretown mentioned Tim Allen in their club may be able to get Lakeland College parking lot for speed events if anyone is interested.

Alan will be sending out high-speed licenses from the list that has been provided to him by the club governors. If you have not turned in a list to Alan please do so.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Chuck Heretta

The RE's are getting copies of the budgets and comparisons, the governors will receive a summary copy with the minutes. It will have the adjustment of the timing difference of information requested.

RE's look at the ballot question, concerning last year where there were no contested offices but ballots were sent out. There was a question of why mailed the ballots out. As far as the officers yes it was no selection but as far as the convention it is a "Yes" or "No" vote. When we go to meeting site votes if there is more than one we need a ballot. They are going to look at this in the future in case it ever happens again.

During 2006 the RE's will be looking at Standing Rules and what rules no longer applicable because of how they are written. If they have time they will look at by-laws also.

Be sure to use current waiver form that came in insurance packet, throw all the rest away.

There is a website contest for clubs, the rules are on the national website.

Transplant games are in Louisville, Kentucky.

Scholarships are \$1000.00.

At 2006 convention, Friday, August 4 is a practice day at Sebring, it will be \$100.00 a person to run. If you are tech'd that day at Sebring, your tech will be good for all of the speed events at convention. On Friday there will also be a parade lap for any convention attendee that is there to watch the practice runs, it does not have to be a Corvette. On Monday the concours will be indoors, limited to 100 entrants.

The Saturday welcome party will be at Old Town, pizza will be provided. Monday night will be the all American, hot dogs and hamburgers. Tuesday night is free, Wednesday is Mexican, Wednesday is Italian and Friday is the banquet.

One of the contests they are having is oldest convention shirt and there will be a special award if you can still wear the shirt in the manner it was meant to be worn.

Some future convention sites are: 2007 Nashville, Tenn., June, 2008 Southwest region, Oklahoma late June, 2009 Michigan and also Rocky Mountain region.

Deb Lindsey reported on sponsorship, in the past year \$16675.00 went to regions in the form of rebates from Ecklers.

Remember to update FCOA address separately.

The new sergeant-at-arms was announced, he is Gary Foster.

Chuck has FCOA raffle tickets available for tire certificate. Only 2000 tickets will be sold \$1.00 apiece or 6 for \$5.00.

The tire certificate East Ohio region had went in the silent auction for \$1200.00.

Bob Thomsen is trying to get tire certificates, but if not he asked if anyone would be interested in a blimp ride. There was much interest in this so he will pursue this to raffle off.

Timing could use help during speed events this year.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Nancy updated on the banquet for this evening, everything is ready and going fine.

Elaine asked Chuck to explain the governors subsidy. Any governor can make use of this fund one time up to \$150.00. It was set up to encourage governors to attend national meetings and help those who don't get subsidy from their clubs.

The MVP and EOCS committee will meet after the meeting today, they had nothing to report yet. If anyone has any history on these programs please contact Bill Wood or Bob Thomsen.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Banquet 2007, Chuck said Fun Center is looking into doing this they will get more information. Chuck asked if anyone else was interested, no one responded.

Please continue to support our sponsors on a regional and national level especially those on the website. When you use them mention you are an NCCC member.

Bill Quine asked about the NCCC logo people and inviting them to banquet and bring their merchandise for others to see. They were invited to the banquet this year but Dennis was out of the country.

Tim Obert asked that if once the regional patches run out can we consider getting regional decals. Alan said he is already looking into this, he has all the material and they will probably be waterslide decals.

Make sure Alan gets a list of who needs new high speed license. Alan will also be doing helmet decals this year.

If you club is looking to purchase awards keep NCCC logo people in mind.

Chuck announced that Jay Lampka, one of the early editors of Blue Bars passed away February 8, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectively submitted

Mickey Ouellette  
Secretay/Treasurer

#### ADDENDUM to MINUTES:

At the banquet Chuck appointed Tim Obert points keeper for 2006, Bob Kirsch as webmaster and Mickey Ouellette as secretary/treasurer.

Inducted to the Hall of Fame were: Mickey Downs, Dick Downs and Fred Kubiak.