## **MINUTES**

## EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

# BELGRADE GARDENS, AKRON, OHIO

# **MAY 19, 2018**

Regional Executive: Terry Muich

Regional Competition Director: Al Flanhofer

**Regional Membership Director:** Cheryl Getzy (not present)

Barb Kukasky proxy for Cheryl

Regional Secretary: Ryki Woods

**Regional Treasurer:** Peggy Stephens

**Attendees:** 

Governors

Corvette Cleveland - Al Flanhofer Buckeye Corvettes - Barb Kukasky

Mid-Ohio Corvettes - Dan Gallagher Mound City Corvette - David Brennan

Tiretown Corvette - Peggy Quine Lake Shore Corvette - Bob Niznick

North East Ohio Vette - TR Aldrich Fun City Corvette - Mickey Ouellette

Medina Corvette - Rich Brooks Kanawha Valley Corv - Chuck Stephens

Competition Corvette - Fred Dugach Corvette Canton, Inc - Mark Thurin

**Guests:** 

Susan Hamilton Steven Hamilton John Ciach Joyce Ciach Jackie Stoutenburgh Carol Engel Charles Heretta Warren Obert Linda Vanelli

Ted Vanelli

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by RE Terry Muich

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

The following member has passed away since our last meeting, Paul Deptowicz from Buckeye. A moment of silence was observed.

Terry Muich then brought up Pat Kelly from National who runs FCOA and she is stepping down this year due to the fact that she found out she had a stroke. Terry said if anyone is interested in taking over that position, she will help as she will be there until the end of the year.

The Board members introduced themselves. Terry then brought up the minutes from the last meeting and asked if everybody had received them. Chuck Stephens made a motion that we waive the reading of the minutes, Al Flanhofer seconded the motion, the motion unanimously passed. Terry had a correction, that we mistakenly put in the password for members only as this is not to be posted on line. That will be taken out of the minutes. This is the procedure to follow in the future. Terry did that on the copy that Ryki sent to him, so it is all taken care of. Al Flanhofer made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Dave Brennan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

# Treasurer - Peggy Stephens

Peggy has extra copies of the Treasurer's Report for anyone who needs them. Peggy asked if she needs to read the Treasurer's Report. A request was made for Peggy read the report and she did so. Terry Muich asked if everyone had received the report.

At this point, Terry remembered he had forgotten to have the Governors introduce themselves and had them do so and we do have a quorum. Guests then introduced themselves.

Before the beginning of the RMD report, Chuck Heretta pointed out that the Governors had not accepted or declined the Treasurer's Report. Terry asked for a motion to accept the report as previously read by Peggy. Chuck Heretta had a question regarding the breakout for Track X. In the previous report that was not done and he would think there had been money there at that time. He suggested that a clarification should be made in the balance as of 2/24/18 to show what Track X money there was, so there is not such a disparity (\$10,000 to \$24,000) in the General Fund. Peggy said that the reason it was not listed separately is because she was told to put the money in the General Fund. Chuck Heretta said he understands that it is in the General Fund, but Peggy also has it broken out as a separate category which it should be. He is just saying that perhaps this should have been noted in the beginning in the previous report as well. Terry asked Chuck Heretta to clarify what exactly he meant and Chuck said, as of the last meeting, because there was money in the General Fund at that time. Terry pointed out that it all goes into the General Fund and will stay there because the Region is putting it on. When this was started, we were going to see what, if any, we had left over after expenses were paid for Track X, and there have been some questions on this subject. For instance, say we have \$500 that we didn't spend, that is left, it will be up to the clubs to decide, will it be

divided among all the clubs that donated sanctions, will it be put back into the General Fund, or will it be used for another reason. Basically, this is going into the General Fund because this is a Region event, being put on by the Region. So Peggy breaking it down just shows what has been taken in for Track X2. Chuck Heretta said he understands that, but what he is saying is that that breakdown should have been in the February Treasurer's Report. Terry said that when Peggy had sent out the Treasurer's Report, she had listed what the checks received were for. If you go line by line, it was there if it came in for Track X, but Peggy just didn't break it down individually. Terry thought she did break it out in March. The checks were listed as deposits. Now at this time, the amount is much larger. Technically, though, it is in the General Fund and earmarked for Track X2 because we are using the balance of our Region Track credit. There has been a lot of discussion on what is going to be done with any excess money and Terry went back and read through the minutes and he did say that we will see what we have left, since there are usually some unexpected expenses. Once it is all said and done and everything is paid for, which will take about three weeks, and we see what we take in and what the expenses are, then the Governors will decide what they will do with any excess amount. Peggy did have a line item on the February report for Track X2, it just wasn't separated out at the bottom as it was in this report. Terry asked for any further questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. There were none. Dave Brennan made a motion to accept the report as presented, TR Aldrich seconded, motion passed unanimously.

# RMD - Barb Kukasky (Proxy for Cheryl Getzy)

As of the Governor's meeting in St. Louis in May, the current number of NCCC members is 18,053, the largest club in the East Ohio Region is Buckeye with 250 members. Cheryl Getzy wants to remind all the Governors to make sure that email addresses are correct. As the Governor, as well as a new member, you will receive an email from Walt, the NCCC IT person asking you to verify your address, email and phone number. The Governor of the club will receive an answer that the email is correct. All new members will receive their membership card in the mail. They did send out the plastic cards, which everyone should have gotten. If a member didn't get a card, needless to say, they will not get Blue Bars as it is the same address. There about 100 who didn't get them for various reasons (wrong name, wrong EO number, etc.). Whenever a Governor is transferring a member from one club to another, the Governor needs to make sure that in the comment area the transfer from the club, make sure that their EO number is there and the date of the transfer. Also, there is a new National Council application on line, go to their website, click on membership application form for individuals. The new member can fill this out, either hard copy or it can be done on line. Only the primary member needs to sign and the Post Office will not accept electronic signatures, so the primary member has to actually sign.

<u>FCOA</u> - Right now in FCOA, the Region has 152 members. We added three new members this year, but we also lost three members due to age. Cheryl wanted to remind the Governors also that if the FCOA members move, National Council needs the new address. Barb asked for questions, there were none.

Terry pointed out that it was discussed in the RE meeting that if members have two

different email addresses, they can be listed, but you can't put the same email address down for primary member and spouse as it will be kicked out, including for Blue Bars. If the secondary member does not have a second email address, leave that area blank. Otherwise neither one will get the emails.

Peggy Quine said there were some members who received membership cards which did not have their last name on it. They will need to contact Cheryl or Amelia. Barb Kukasky said the deadline for this was May 15th, but she is not sure what they intend to do after that date. Peggy said they were supposed to go back to the company who sent them out and they are supposed to resend them with the last name on them. Terry said this is correct, and National is not paying the bill until this gets straightened out. Unless the Governors contact an officer, then they don't know who had a problem. Peggy said she had some in her club and she had contacted Amelia directly and she said she will get them corrected and resend them. Terry then asked if Amelia had sent out to the officers an email to that effect, but Peggy didn't think so. Terry thought he saw something. He then said if any members have a problem with the plastic card, although the electronic generated one is still good and they will be sending out plastic cards from now on, which costs \$19,000. Barb said that she went to the Membership meeting with Cheryl and they were talking about the cards and they didn't confirm that they will be plastic because they don't know if Amelia will run again this year, so it will be up to whoever the Board is to decide if it will be digital or electronic and Terry said that they were saying the same thing at the RE meeting, so we will have to wait until we actually see it in print. However, the \$19,000 cost was budgeted so it was not a surprise. That will be in Terry's report later.

Terry asked for questions for Membership. A motion was made by Fred Dugach to accept the proxy Membership report, Chuck Stephens seconded, motion passed unanimously.

#### RCD - Al Flanhofer

Al said Peggy had mentioned the new helmets in her budget report and they are in Terry's possession and will be in the timing trailer, so if you have any novices come out to autocross, there will be four helmets available for them to use. Also, when Mike Kubiak placed the order, he ordered a lot of extra helmets, for example he has three for Chuck and Peggy Stephens, and he will be stopping here today and Al is not sure if he is bringing any other helmets for the Governors to take back to their clubs, but he will be coming in later with the helmets.

When Al was at St. Louis, speaking of Track X, the East Region also bought an acre like we did and they had credits to use (Al forgot to bring their flyer) and they are having an event at Bowling Green, he thinks in April, like our Track X and they are charging \$200 for one day where we did a free event for anyone in the Region and this year we are charging \$200 for two days, so we made very good use of our credit money. The question was asked what the total count was as of today and Al said 70 cars. Peggy has set up a hotel for the car show in Dresden and the autocross in Zanesville. Al sent out an email regarding Corvette Cleveland's autocross flyer and he has put that on line.

However, he thinks that might have been a little confusing because he said all sanctions but three are accounted for. The only three sanctions unaccounted for are Central West Virginia, their sanctions 8, 9 and 10. They are doing the 7 sanction car shown on July 29th and Al doesn't know what they are doing for the other three. He keeps emailing their Governor and he is not responding and Al asked him if he wanted the Region to use them and Al still has not heard back. Then he went on to say all flyers are attached except for the Mid Ohio events on August 11th & 12th, and Tiretown and Fun Center events on August 25th and September 16th. So, there are three days we need flyers for, actually four days, the Mid Ohio event is Saturday and Sunday. So Al hopes this clarifies the email.

Talking about the new card, the cards for some reason do not have the high speed expiration date on them. If you use the link and print your own, it shows the high speed expiration date, but the ones they mailed do not, so if you are doing any high speed racing, you might want to print out your card. As for the cardboard high speed licenses, Al still has a few, but they are not printing any more because everything is going electronic.

In St. Louis, they didn't have the first place patches but they are going to mail them out to Al.

At the Competition meeting in St. Louis, they talked about two cars in a sub-group and getting an FTD. For instance, last year, Al & Chuck were the only two with racing tires and so they comprised a sub-group. They were saying, however, that somewhere there were two cars in a sub-group, but after they registered one car broke so there was only one car in that group, so he got FTD and it was felt this was not right. So, when they come out with the new rule book they are going to change that to read that it has to be two cars "competing", not just two cars "registered". They also talked about how to handle travel points and there was no real resolution. There was an example given of two people out in Prescott, Arizona, in a complex, one is a resident and one is a "snow bird" and they go to events together, one guy gets 9 travel points because he is from the East Coast and the other guy gets none. So that was discussed, but no resolution was made. Al said the guy is living in Prescott, but he has an East Coast address and gets his mail forwarded, so he uses the East Coast address. Peggy Stephens pointed that this has been happening for years, and there really is no way to get around it.

They also talked about classifying the C7 ZR1 for both high and low speed, it is going in the N Class. The same as the C7 Grand Sport and the C7 ZO6. People with the new Grand Sport are saying they have a 300 horsepower disadvantage, so they will wait and see what happens. They also talked a long time about tires and wheel charts and no decisions were made, but Al brought it up at the last meeting because the rule book reads that you can go 1" bigger per "class". Well, Fred with a base model C7 and Al with a C6 Grand Sport, they are in the same class, but Al's wheels are 2" wider so Fred can go 3" bigger and still be legal because they are saying there is another rule further in the rule book where it says "as long as it doesn't rub". So they are going to re-evaluate that further in the new rule book. Right now, Fred could put 13" wheels on his car. They

were also saying they didn't want to change the wording because it would affect the C4's. Fred Dugach commented on re-doing the rule book. They also talked about women at the events, because at some Regions they don't have a lot of women come to autocross and there has been some argument about autocrosses where one woman shows up and she can be the slowest person there and she still gets FTD and 11 points. If there are only two women, one gets 10 and one gets 11 points. They might be the two slowest people there, but that's the way it is right now. Again, they addressed these issues, but no one came up with a resolution. These will be addressed in the rule book next year.

AxWare, which Fred probably knows more about, for the National timing system, they paid \$800 to AxWare and upgraded the system. They have a bar code reader now, so when they put all the drivers in, it prints out bar codes and it goes on your helmet and whoever the starter is, he stands at the starting line and just scans the helmet and it automatically records it. The other thing they said is it will also broadcast all your results if you have an Android phone, so if you have an Android phone, you can put the app on it and can pull up all your times and where you are placing, etc.

If anyone is using online registration, he thinks Fred is, Walt has added a field for the time the registration ends. At first it only had the time it started, but now he has the ending time also. Fred Dugach said you have to be very careful about that, because if you don't have that right, people can't use the registration.

Warren got a call from a fellow named Joe Pugh, he was the assistant out at Lorain County Speedway where Corvette Cleveland does their autocross events, but he is now at Painesville Speedway and Al looked at the track on line and it is an oval track with a crossover in the center and he called Warren and wanted to know if we want to hold any autocross events there. They are not open on Sundays, so the track is available on Sunday all year long and beginning in October it is available Saturday and Sunday. If anyone is interested, Al has his number. Fred Dugach suggested that could be the three events which are not yet scheduled.

The last thing Al talked about was drag racing, which we do not do much in our Region. He said if you think the rules for autocross are confusing, they are nothing compared to rules for drag racing. He read an email concerning a club having a drag racing event and they were confused about what to do if a car runs under the record and the reply was very confusing. There are record and non-record drags and in non-record drags there are also sub-categories. Al read a portion of the rules for this type of event. They talked about deleting some of the restrictions for bracket drag racing. The feeling is if someone prepares their car within the rules, they should be allowed to run as fast as they can. Al says that in some Regions drag racing is really big, so they talk about it a lot. Al asked if there were any questions, there were none. Chuck Stephens made a motion to accept Al's report as presented, a second was made and motion passed unanimously

#### **Committees**

## **Region Banquet**

Joyce Ciach presented a year end review of the Region Banquet. Terry said what a good job Joyce did and how she had come in under budget.

Joyce talked about how several items had been donated or done through members to save money for the banquet. She therefore thanked everyone for the extra money, but she was under budget for the original amount. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to do the banquet and she enjoyed the opportunity.

# **Banquet Committee**

The Banquet Committee consists of Barb Kukasky, Chair, TR Aldrich and RE Terry Muich. Terry said we have a club doing the 2018 Banquet (Buckeye). Sue Hamilton is handling that and she said they had gone to at least 12 hotels to find out what they had to offer and she got it down to four, presented the information to the committee, they voted and we will be at Wadsworth where we were last year. They came through with everything we needed, did a better hospitality room for us, that was our issue last year, so she hasn't gone any further than that, but she has the contract signed and ready to go at Wadsworth. Sue hasn't gotten the information out yet, she asked for suggestions. She is planning a "save the date" type of announcement, but they do have the hotel rooms blocked, the pricing, etc. (\$84 at the Comfort Inn in Wadsworth). Terry suggested she get with the committee and work things out about getting people notified. Sue asked when she should have the flyer out and Terry said the sooner the better. Terry said she doesn't have to mail them right away, but the flyer can go on the website. Terry talked about some the obstacles Sue had run into as far as pricing, hospitality rooms, and meeting rooms. Holiday Inn Westlake and Comfort Inn Wadsworth were the leading contenders. The biggest complaint about the Comfort Inn was the hospitality room because they didn't want alcohol on the ground floor. She called their owner and the owner said "do what you have to do", so we have our meeting room and hospitality room on the first floor, right off the lobby. Sue said the hospitality room holds about 120 and they will divide it in half on Saturday morning for the meeting and then open it back up with an ice maker and sink for the rest of the day. Terry was the tie breaker between the two venues and he opted for Wadsworth, this will be closer to Buckeye, as close as they could get to stay in budget. Speaking of the banquet, we do have a proposal to do the 2019 banquet, Dan Gallagher said Mid Ohio would like to put a bid in to do that banquet. Terry pointed out that Holiday Inn in Westlake was willing to give us a commitment to a date in 2020 and she will hold the numbers for us. So this should make things easier for the 2020 banquet. Terry asked if there were any questions on the banquet.

Mickey Ouellette said she didn't have any questions on the banquet, but going back to the budget, does it mean what is in red on the report is really supposed to be in black since it says it is under budget, but it is printed in red. Peggy said the income we had was \$6,072 and the expenses were \$8,205.60 so that is the actual, because that is adding in the actual costs, i.e. what was paid for the water, pop and things that actually were donated. This

was done to show what actual costs were and if everything had to be paid for out of our budget, that's how much it would have cost. You will see where in the budget cost where the zeros are that's over in the actual cost line and that is where it comes out. Terry asked Mickey if that cleared things up and he had his wife look at it and she said it is technically right, just a different way of reporting it. Joyce Ciach said that according to her figures, it cost the Region \$742 and that is not including the \$100 that Steve & Sue Hamilton gave her, she gave that back and they will use that towards their banquet. Mickey said she was just questioning the red numbers on the printout sheet since red usually designates a negative amount. Peggy said with regards to the numbers on the bottom, she didn't include the General Fund which is the \$1,500 in that amount and if she had, then it would have been in the black. She used the actual costs and didn't include the General Fund reimbursement. Terry asked if everyone had gotten the report and said he looked at it and had questions, so he asked his wife who is an accountant and she looked through it and said yes, technically it is correct, it is just the way Peggy does it. There are various different ways of entering and recording the information. Terry asked if there were any more questions and there were none. Terry pointed that if at any time anyone had questions on information they receive from any officer or committee, there is nothing stopping them from dealing directly with that person. If you don't feel comfortable doing that, email Terry and he will take care of contacting the person.

## **Hall of Fame**

Mickey has some guidelines which are just that guidelines, they are not going to be an SOP, but after the last meeting suggestions were made and she is trying some different things, so she sent out a detailed account of what we are going to try for this year and you can start sending things in after this meeting. She has given everyone the dates of May 1st through October 15th nominations are accepted and on October 15th the nominations will close. November 1st all follow up information is due. That means if you turn in a nomination at any time, the committee will look at it and decide if they want more information and if they send it back to you, that means that you have until November 1st, not in the mail, but in the committee's hands. The December meeting will be as in the past, the ballots will be handed out at that time because the bio information of the ones selected will already have been sent out. That is why the cutoff date is November 1st, so they have time to get the bios out to everyone. Warren will try to get a flyer out by August (kind of in the middle there) and if you have a newsletter or whatever to let members know that anyone can nominate and they will have the information and he will try to make it a little more detailed. Terry asked if all the Governors have been getting Mickey's reports as she has been sending out this information via email. Terry asked if Chuck, Warren or Mickey wanted to comment about using the September Governors meeting as the Hall of Fame introduction or Hall of Fame meeting. Mickey said she didn't put it in her information, the suggestion was made and it could be done in September, but it was if you thought your candidate needed more input that what was provided, you could promote your candidate at that meeting. She didn't put it in her guidelines because she is not making it mandatory to do this. Terry just wanted to put it out. He asked the Governors to let their members know if they have a candidate and you want to really sell the candidate to the Governors, we will do that at the September meeting. You can come in and give a presentation. The Hall of Fame Committee is

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

# **Finance Committee**

Peggy had no additional report other than her previous Treasurer's Report.

## **By-Law Committee**

Mickey Ouellette is the chair, Dan Gallagher and the RE are the By-Law Committee. Terry asked Mickey if we have any updated By-Laws, has anyone put anything in. Mickey said no one has put in anything and to her knowledge she finally got everything on the website but she hasn't had time to go in and read it. The last she checked, she saw the By-Laws. She will mention that with the By-Laws, if anyone finds anything they think should have been put on there, the By-Laws will not copy over as they should have been, from the old website and the only thing they had to go by were the ones she had saved in her emails which she thinks is last year or the year before. Those are the only By-Laws they had to go by, so if you go in and look, she updated those By-Laws, because she was the last one asked to update them and she looked everywhere on the website and she could not find the By-Laws and she went back to check for the old website and that had been taken off. Mickey is not saying hers are 100% right, but that is what she had to go by. Terry said he had saved some of the old By-Laws on his computer. Mickey said she went by date. Terry thanked Mickey for the great job she is doing with the By-Laws.

#### **MVP Committee**

This committee consists of David Brennan, Chuck Stephens, Peggy Stephens, Sharon Burke and Don Burke. Chuck Stephens said they are trying to come up with something that is viable and fair to everyone. In the past, as everyone knows, whoever is first in men's and first in women's automatically got the award. Then they tried a percentage and that didn't work either because it could be manipulated. So they are trying to get something viable for everyone. What they have come up with, and this is not carved in stone, they welcome suggestions, is the committee will take a look at the events we have and work a percentage of those. They will mark that percentage down, seal the envelope, give it to the RE and at the end of the year the RE and the RCD will get together and determine who the MVP will be for that year. That is where they stand right now. Chuck Stephens then asked for suggestions or comments, either email, speak with him on how to make the MVP viable and fair for everyone. Chuck Heretta asked Chuck Stephens to explain further about putting a number in an envelope. Chuck Stephens said what they are thinking about doing is look at the events, for example, there are 50 car shows, we would go ahead and say we would like to have 35% in that category, you would have to attend 35% of the car shows. If you go to 36%, that still puts you in the running because you don't know where you are going to be at. They will graduate this down according to the events, if you don't make the 35%, you won't make it, but you could go over. Chuck Heretta said then the answer is the participants would not know how many events they would have to attend and Chuck Stephens said absolutely not. Terry said he was not sure about that. He knows it is tough. Chuck Stephens said then we could go back to what we did before, number one gets the MVP. It was pointed out that MVP is for "Most Valuable Participant". Terry thinks the committee should put down and post a minimum of what

you have to attend. Chuck Stephens said that doesn't work and he will tell you why. Tim Obert figured out where he was at and quit going. He called Peggy and told her to not go to any more events because she would knock herself out of the running for MVP. Chuck Stephens said that was not fair to the clubs either or the people competing. Terry feels that we have to post at least a bare minimum, so you know. Do we want to make it "participant". Terry thought it could be maybe be like the RE type of reward. There has to be at least a minimum, don't have points factor into it. For instance Roger Flading, he shows up all the time, shows up as a worker and is there all the time, but you need to have a bare minimum number and maybe keep a high percentage and then have other criteria, similar to the RE award. The RCD can put out the reasoning behind it. Chuck Stephens said they were trying to get away from that because they had someone say well, I like this guy and I don't like this guy, so lets give it to the first guy. He is trying to eliminate that type of thing. Terry said should we do something like that and put it to committee like the Hall of Fame? Chuck Stephens said they are open for suggestions. Al said he had the idea of leaving it like we have it except if you come in first in the Region, you would not be eligible for MVP, so then at least that way you are giving it to different people, the second place person would actually be the MVP. The wording would then have to be changed. The thing is if you know how many events you have to attend, you can work the system. Dave Brennan explained that they were trying to come up with some type of system where the participants had no idea of how many events they had to attend. Al Flanhofer then said that he thinks what Terry is saying is that you have to have some type of guidelines, you can't have no criteria or people wouldn't know what the requirements are. Peggy Stephens said that was kind of the idea, because that way whoever ends up getting it, it will be quite a surprise to them that they got it, because they didn't know what the percentages were. Terry said what they are talking about is what he said about the RE award, nobody knows what the RE award is, but you have to justify it. Chuck Heretta mentioned that in the past few years the MVP award has been determined by taking the total number of points and dividing it by the number of events, correct? Al Flanhofer said yes, that is correct. Chuck Heretta then said when the MVP was set up, there was certain criteria in as much as where it was earned points, not FTD, not bonus points, no travel, etc., it was actually earned points and a percentage of each one of the categories, so you had to attend 65% of 50 rallies, which meant you had to go to 33 rallies (he may be wrong about that number), and what they did on that 33 rallies was to divide the actual number of points you earned by the number of rallies that you went to and got a points percentage. They did the same thing with car shows and then they did speed events, keeping out only earned points, which for speed events is 7 points. Then you take the total amount of speed event points that you earned and divide that by the number of events and again you come up with a number. Add those three numbers together and he is almost sure it will not be the first place person. Chuck Heretta asked Chuck Stephens to ask Don & Sharon Burke about that. Chuck Stephens said basically we have a year to kick this around and come up with a solution. The committee is looking for ideas, they want to make it fair and viable for everyone. Peggy Stephens asked Al Flanhofer if they still just use the earned points, not chairperson points, etc. Terry Muich said the way it is worded is "total points". Peggy said when they used to do it, they strictly used earned points. Terry said we know how it was done in the past and he has talked with Al about this and he went in and read it and it does in fact say total

points, not earned points. So then you would have to put out a disclaimer, is FTD earned points or not, you ran fastest, so he would think it is earned points. Peggy said they always dropped everything back to 7 points. Terry said that would seem to make it easier to work the system, because you can see what you have. Chuck Stephens said he runs the speed events and gets 7 points for all the events. Now Roger Flading is working and getting only 2 points for working the events. Is that viable on this percentage system, he doesn't think so. Terry said that brings up the other question, are worker points earned points? The question has come up, even at National. Chuck Heretta said did he pay for the event and the answer is no. Chuck Stephens then asked the question why should Roger Flading or he (Chuck) be penalized for chasing cones and the people who do the speed event are getting points and they (Roger & Chuck) are not running. Fred Dugach said why not select a group of potential MVP candidates and then have some sort of vote among the Governors to pick the winner. Terry felt the award is Most Valuable Participant not entrant and workers are participants. Then we have to clarify is this strictly a competition thing or a Region thing. Is it participating just in sanctioned events or participating in Region events. Terry said he wasn't around when the award was started, how was it started. Was it started as a Competition award? Chuck Heretta said yes, because the award you (Terry) give as RE is a Regional award. This was a Competition award. Terry Muich said, in other words, another way to get people to participate in Competition events. It was pointed out that there is already a workers award. Al Flanhofer said he had an idea, since it is based on a percentage, 65%, lets just say there are 100 car shows, you have to come to 65 car shows. Then maybe we should give a bonus if they come to 75 car shows, they would get 110% of their points and from 76 to 85 they would get 120%, that way if a person does come to a lot more events, they get a little more advantage than the people who do the minimum. Terry said we have time. He asked Chuck Heretta if he had the formula of how they used to figure the percentages and could he compile that in an email and send it to the committee and to Al. He asked Al if he still had the records from last year and have Al run the numbers on how it used to be done and if that works out and someone different ends up with it, we just have to decide if there need to be some minor verbiage changes in the rules. Fred Dugach asked, are we going to check that against last year's points and Terry said he is asking Chuck Heretta to send them how they used to be tabulated in the past, as regards to percentages. Al said he still has all the numbers and data from 2017, so Chuck Heretta will send the information to the committee and Al and Al can plug that in with the old criteria and see if the outcome is different and he can present the information in his report, or actually he can send it back to the committee and if you want, the Governors can get it via email. If it works and looks like it comes out to a different result and it looks like it is handled, then all we have to do is decide if it is just verbiage changes. Mickey and he have seen that, and actually it has happened in National too, with By-Laws and Standing Rules. People look at them and some people remember it one way and after you read it, it reads a different way, when did the wording get changed. Sometimes it may take just one or two changes. Fred Dugach said it could be changed to Most Valuable Competitor. Chuck Stephens said what they can do if Chuck Heretta sends them the figures he has, they will go with last year's data on points on who did what and then they can compare that to see how it turns out. They can see who is first, second, etc. through the Region and run that percentage through that just to give them

some kind of an idea of how it turns out. Chuck Heretta said he thought last year if Jeff Kubiak would have gone to a concours, he would have been the MVP and he was nowhere close to first or second. Al Flanhofer said Jeff did all the autocross events and not all the car shows, and car shows are what bring your average down because you have all those threes as opposed to tens and elevens at autocross. Terry Muich asked Chuck Heretta that if we changed that to percentages, that would show up, right? Chuck Heretta said yes. So common sense says go back at least a year in order to change it. Al Flanhofer said the year before last someone else would have won if they had gone to a concours. There are no concours events this year. There were a few people who maybe would have qualified who didn't do the concours. The key is if you did all the autocross events and did the minimum number of car shows, you had a good shot at it. Chuck Stephens said that is why the committee was formed, to try to make it fair and viable for everyone. Terry said Chuck Heretta remembers how it was before and it has been changed, so it should just take some verbiage changes. Peggy Stephens asked Al when he does the figures, just use <u>earned</u> points, not the extra. Al said he was not real clear on this, what is the difference between points, such as FTD, if you get FTD you get 11 points and are we saying this is not earned points. Chuck Heretta said read the rule book, FTD points are considered bonus points, not earned. Peggy said you don't use the travel points either. Chuck Heretta said if you win your class, you get 9 points, but if you get FTD, that is a bonus on the results sheet. The result sheet used to say earned points, bonus points and total points. So, Al says, if you win your class and get 9 points that counts, but the points for FTD don't count. Yes that is correct, or an FTD where you get 9 as 3rd overall FTD, that 9 points doesn't count because you got an FTD it's not considered "earned", it's considered "bonus". Chuck Heretta said according to the rule book, the FTD points are not considered earned, they are considered bonus points. It was pointed out this could be done on a spread sheet. Peggy Stephens said you keep eliminating people, like those who didn't go to the concours, for instance. Terry said you wouldn't eliminate the person who got an FTD, you would just allot them the 9 points. For instance there could be a one car class and the driver would get FTD points, but they only earned 7 points. Chuck Heretta said it would be interesting to find out when the word "earned" got eliminated from the award. Was it when someone was typing and just dropped it, just decided "we don't need to put in the word 'earned'" or was it inadvertently missed. Al said he knows when he took over RCD, he never saw the word "earned" in the rules, it always just said total points. Terry will look on his desktop computer and see if he has the old SOP still there and By-Laws, and he will get back to Mickey on what he finds. So as it stands now, we will have Chuck Heretta send Al and the committee the previous criteria and Al will punch in the numbers and will send it back to the committee and we will have two more meetings before the end of the year, so we can have a report at the September meeting and if it is a simple verbiage change, or if Al has time, he can send it out to the Governors to review.

# **RE Report - Terry Muich**

Terry asked if all Governors were receiving, via email, all of the National Committee Reports. Are they all receiving the Finance Report? He asked them to check on that, because all the committee reports are posted on line on the National website except for the Finance Report. They don't put that out for general consumption. The reports are not

generated instantaneously, it takes a little while after the meetings. The main question is are all the Governors getting the information and the Finance Report. If you didn't get it in an email, follow up on this.

NCCC reported that we are \$51,000 to the good. \$19,000 was in the budget for the cards which were sent out and this is not out of this \$51,000 yet because that were some issues with the cards and payment is being withheld until those issues are remedied. This includes misspelled names, missing last names, etc. They will also address the high speed license. It was brought up and nobody addressed it and what was mentioned to Terry and he hasn't seen it in writing, is they won't be doing the electronic again because it turned out so badly, maybe in the future when they have a better handle on it, but we are getting plastic cards as far as he knows in 2019.

<u>Sponsors</u> - There is \$17,000 that sponsors have promised, but that's outstanding and he can't remember if they figured that in the \$51,000 or not. Again, that's in the breakdown in the Finance Report.

The Kidney Foundation - As previously reported, they had an issue with the IRS regarding the last car winner, saying he was an employee, and that is now done with. The settled that and the numbers Terry has is that they made a final payment to the Kidney Foundation of \$5,828.64 and they paid IRS \$150.34. NCCC is out of the car raffle business at this time because for the last car they didn't come close to selling enough tickets to cover the cost of the car. What they did was they pulled the plug on it and they gave three options to the people who had purchased tickets; refund, donate to St. Jude or they have a donated Gibson guitar they are raffling off and they could change their tickets for that. Fred Dugach mentioned that Gibson Guitars is now out of business.

<u>Convention 2018</u> - They needed 400 people to register for convention to break even and at the time of the Governors meeting there were 411 people registered.

<u>Scholarships</u> - There are various scholarship applications to be filled out and you can go on line for the details.

<u>St. Judes</u> - \$4800 was given to St. Judes and he thinks that was what people who had car raffle tickets donated rather than taking the money back or switching to the guitar raffle.

<u>Proxies</u> - RE's are talking about enforcing the proxies at National meetings. By the rules, it is up to the membership to enforce it. There was a lot of discussion about this and Terry would like the Governors feedback on this. His thoughts are, case in point, they have had two National meetings, you must attend three during the year or your club is considered not in good standing. There have been two already, so if you didn't have a proxy for one of those meetings, you are not in good standing. They didn't use the proxies to vote in either meeting, and the only thing the Governor proxy is for is to vote. The only time he uses them is to vote and they have had two meetings and they didn't vote on anything at the National meeting to use proxies. Right now, if they would enforce it, the clubs who didn't give Terry their proxies or who didn't have their proxies in

(and it is not just our Region, it's National), you could end up penalizing every member of that club and they would have to sign up as new members the following year. It might not even be the members' fault, it could have gotten lost, the Governor may have forgotten to turn it in, whatever. Terry's thoughts are to take it back to the REs and he talked to Deb Murphy about it, because that is all it is for, is to vote. We could do it like in our Regional rules that any club member can be a proxy, you don't have to have a sheet filled out. You can come here and say you are a proxy. If you go to National, any club member, if their Governor doesn't show up, can go and sign in as a proxy. The only time you need a proxy sheet is for the RE. Terry's thoughts are that because the RE was elected by the Governors and club members, that if you are not there, the RE automatically gets the proxy votes for the clubs in his Region. The problem Terry sees with that is how many numbers they give you. It would be tough enough at the Governors meeting, you are supposed to turn in the proxies the evening before or that day, so basically that is something they have to work out. Terry asked for the Governors thoughts on this. Chuck Heretta asked if they changed the wording on the proxy to say it is only for voting or is it for representation? Terry said it is for representation. So, Chuck Heretta says, if the Governor does what they are supposed to do, hand you four proxies at the beginning of the year, that club is covered for the year, they don't have to show up, they don't have to do a thing. Secondly, if someone is from the club and comes to the meeting, they can represent their club, they can't represent another club. Thirdly, Chuck Heretta doesn't think the RE should have the power to Cart Blanche represent a club without a proxy. Technically, the RE is in a "limbo land", they are only there as representing the Region, and representing the Governors who have empowered the RE to represent them by giving the RE the proxy. Terry understands that and that is why he wanted to put it out to the Governors. His answer is the RE was voted on by the members to represent the Region so he is representing the Region and therefore he is representing each individual member as RE, so he should be listening and because that is the way it has to be, you go with the majority. Downstream, any issues are supposed to be taken by the Governors to the members so we don't have 1,200 people talking at once, they are supposed to report to their Governors, the Governors are supposed to come back and say, out of say 250 members, we have 150 who want to go this way, we have 100 who want to go this way and that is how it is supposed to go. So, by the fact that you are a voted official, and it says in the RE description that you are basically the CEO and run the meetings. So, you are representing every member in the East Ohio Region, that is Terry's take on this. So, don't penalize members for something that maybe one or two people didn't do. The biggest reason that Terry has heard out there is they put that in there to try to get Governors to show up to the Governors meeting and it's not working. You have Al Morris out there that has 28 proxies. Terry is not saying give up his proxies. He is saying you have an automatic proxy even if you don't have a warm body there because the RE, when he attends the Governors meeting, he represents his members of his Region.

Mickey Ouellette said that what she is understanding is that when you get the proxies from the clubs you can vote for them, but apparently clubs Governors are not turning in proxies. She said she doesn't know how many there are throughout the country, but what Terry is saying is that it is going to hurt the whole club. If the club doesn't understand

that about the Governor getting you the proxy, that should be their issue. Mickey then brought up the very first meeting Terry ever attended and he was asked to turn in his proxies and he said at that time that he was not going to turn in proxies because he was going to be at every single meeting. That may have been his intention, but what would have happened if, for instance Terry was involved in a car accident and could not attend. So, that would have been Terry's club not being represented because he had planned on attending all the meetings. If the other clubs feel that way, that is the chance they are taking, but when Mickey gives Terry her proxy, she is saying in essence he has the right to represent her club. She thinks if a club's Governor doesn't want to turn in a proxy and they don't turn it in for 3 meetings, then the club finds out they are no longer in good standing, they have to pay full membership, maybe then they will make their Governor turn in their proxy. Terry said that the argument from Competition has been for years that you will drive members away. As he said, it is a discussion and that is why we are having the discussion at our meeting and he is trying to get feedback from everyone. When Terry goes to the RE meeting, he wants to give a representative of our Governors on how you guys feel, so he can go back and say out of 14 Governors, so many are voting one way and so many are voting the other way and they do take that into account at the RE meetings. Fred Dugach said that proxies are important because the last time he wanted to attend, but just couldn't. So Fred Dugach feels proxies are very important. Terry cited Central West Virginia for example, never sends Terry anything. Bottom line is when Terry asked at the RE meeting if we can enforce this, they said no. So he asked who enforces it and was told Membership. So, all we can do is put together a package and make a recommendation to Membership and what they wanted is exactly what he is doing, putting it to the Governors. Al Flanhofer said what Terry is saying is, if someone isn't there you give Terry a proxy, but if you didn't give him the proxy would you want him to represent you without that piece of paper. Terry then talked about Alan Moore, he didn't give Terry his proxies when he was Governor, when he didn't make a meeting in February, he gave Terry the balance of his proxies. That is what he is saying. You may plan on attending, but something unforeseen comes up, and if you go by the rules, he doesn't think technically you have to have a proxy signed before the meeting, not for the whole year. Fred Dugach said as long as the proxy has a date on it, it is valid for that date. Terry pointed out the dates can be put on in advance. He just wanted to let his opinion be known and wanted to see what the general consensus is. Chuck Heretta said his opinion is the REs are "beating a dead horse" because this has come up numerous times and it goes to Membership and Membership says "nope, we are not losing any members, it was a nice proposal, but we have to enforce it and we choose not to enforce it". Terry says, that is why he rests his argument, this is a rule that has been there that is not being enforced. So, if you have a rule on the books that is not being enforced, why is it on the books? Chuck Heretta said they have tried to get rid of this rule numerous times and it always fails. Terry said we are doing it again, having the discussion again and all he can do is present it to the Governors and get their feedback. Terry asked if we are done discussing this. The answer was yes. Terry asked how many Governors here want to continue on with the proxies as it stands right now. The majority voted to continue on with proxies as it stands right now. Therefore, Terry will go back and say the majority of our Governors wanted to leave it as is.

Next, waivers were brought up. We are going around the same circle again. It seems like the insurance company wants you to sign waivers when you walk over to the facilities next door. Then everybody starts asking specifics and that goes full circle and we had people from National putting out emails, not referencing the insurance company. All you Governors saw that they finally sent an email to our insurance, Legacy, Tim Greis, on the question and he gave the answer. Well, then at National they say Tim doesn't answer for them and Terry says he is their representative, so why isn't his answer good? Bottom line, to simplify it, we are going to do waivers the same way we have done it for the last few years, which is exactly what Terry told Barb, you need a waiver for this and a waiver for that. Jim Walton did send out and Terry thinks he heard this six or seven years ago, before he became Governor, that basically on a waiver, "if the wheels turn, you need a waiver". It is still just a liability insurance. A waiver just proves you were there and all that is trying to do is give them the first out not to cover you if you didn't sign the waiver. Because they say "you weren't there, where's your proof". Fred Dugach said then for their dinners or dine & drive, they should have waivers? Terry said having a waiver is not going to hurt. You are not going to find out until you turn a claim in if you should have for sure, because we still haven't gotten a "dead set" answer. Jim Walton in National and Dave Heinemann says we can have one waiver all day for the car shows now. It can be electronic. Then, Terry talked with Dave Goebel at the RE meeting and he has turned in a lot of claims and the last one he turned in was at a car show. Someone parked on the showroom floor and hit "R" and took out the big showroom window. His statement was that every claim that he has turned in, as soon as the adjuster shows up, they want to see the "in ink" waiver form. They don't want the electronic, they want to see the "in ink" form. Bottom line in doing waivers, if you feel your club individually, you want to have a waiver for every event, that's fine. Terry thinks he sent it out the Governors about having one waiver for the day. For instance, they are going to have a car show and then a rallye. Okay, for example, Fred shows up for the car show and signs the waiver for the car show. He decides he is not doing the rallye and he goes home, runs off the road, takes out a mailbox, etc, whatever happens. You are on the way home, but the rallye is going on, so you turn in the claim and you say "I signed the waiver". Well where is your registration? You could say it must have gotten lost. In other words, you can nit pick, but the bottom line is do it the way we have been doing it, when in doubt, have a waiver. It is not going to hurt anything and you only have to keep them three years. They are still discussing if they can be converted to PDF, there might be such a thing that after a certain date that can be done. Fred Dugach said, like he said before, all legal documents these days are totally acceptable as electronic. The problem with a piece of paper is it can be lost, it can be misplaced, it can be lost in a fire. Terry said by the same token, computers can crash, etc. They have heard all the arguments, and he agrees, many companies accept electronic signatures. Fred Dugach said insurance companies will take your signed waiver, scan it and store it on their computer. Terry, as RE, signed the paper for Legacy, his wife scanned it and connected it to the email and it is legal, they just did that for the trailer. Basically, doing the waivers, if you feel comfortable, do a waiver. And the rule still stands, if you don't sign the waiver, you are not there, you don't get points, nothing has changed.

#### **Old Business**

The tax form for the Region to register our tax exemption is in the mail, and he sent the check. He hasn't heard back from them, it is a one time fee, so once it is set up, you're good.

Nominations are open for RCD, RMD and Secretary. This is under Old Business because it was listed under New Business at the last meeting. Chuck Stephens nominated Al Flanhofer for RCD. Nominations are open until 15 days before the December meeting. Cheryl Getzy was nominated for RMD. Chuck Stephens nominated Ryki Woods for Secretary.

Terry then talked about the Banquet. The RE has to put on the Banquet if a club does not step up to do it. They did check, it is not in the By-Laws or SOP. It used to be, but somehow it disappeared. Do we want to put it back in the SOP, since it was talked about at the last meeting. In other words, do the Governors feel that we want to put back in the SOP that if no club steps up to do the Banquet, the RE will put it on. Sue Hamilton asked if the RE can appoint someone, or do they have to do it. Terry said, either way, however the Governors want to do it, he (Terry) is open for suggestions. Al Flanhofer said he would like to see it back in the SOP because he thinks a Banquet is important and we should try to make sure we have one. Terry said he forgets who he was talking to about this, his whole thing about being stubborn about not doing it is because his thoughts were that it was trying to force clubs to step up. He supposes, like Sue mentioned, if we put it in there, the RE can do it or assign someone to help. Chuck Stephens said he likes the Banquet, but are we putting an undue burden on the RE as an additional job to say they have to do it. The RE is on the Banquet committee and he has to sign everything, so realistically, it goes through him. Terry understands about delegating authority, but his thoughts were trying to get people to step up. The question was asked how many clubs have never done it. It really doesn't matter how many clubs have not done the Banquet and Peggy Stephens said their club has not and the biggest reason is they live too far away and they cannot compete with the prices that are up here. Chuck Stephens said they got together to see if they could put it on down there and they went to the casino and all different places down there and they could not compete with the prices that people can get up north. Terry said, here's the other thing, there was some muttering about Strongsville is at the northern most part of the Region. When Mid Ohio put it on, Terry sat down and got addresses to all the clubs in the Region and he put it into Google maps and the most central location for the Region is Fairlawn. It's within 5 miles of the home address of every club except for the West Virginia clubs. Terry mentioned that Lake Shore did it one time and we went all the way out to Lake Shore. He understands the distance problems, but the bottom line is people still want a Banquet and the discussion was mentioned that they thought the RE had to do it. So Terry read and it is not in there, how it got out he doesn't know. Do we want to put it back in? He talked with Mickey about this and, if he is correct, since we have a quorum it can be voted to put it back in the SOP today. Rich Brooks made a motion to put this back in the SOP, Peggy Quine seconded, motion passed with one opposed.

At the last meeting, Region dues came up. Here is how it reads in the SOP, under

Financial Matters, "each club in the Region will pay annual dues to the Region. Dues are payable prior to the sanctioning of events at the last Regional meeting of the year. Regional club dues are set at \$5.00 for NCCC members. Any club not paying dues at this time will not be granted a sanction" and the dues change was put in September 22, 2016. Technically, we don't give out sanctions. We went through this years ago. National awards the sanctions. The Region has nothing to do with the sanctions. What do you do when you fill out for a sanction, you send it to the Competition Director, you get the ok from National. The clubs get their sanctions from National. The question was asked how many people does it take to make a club, the answer was 16 and 12 to maintain it. Technically that wording is wrong, because the Region does not do sanctions. Terry would like to change the wording as follows, "each club in the Region will pay annual dues to the Region. Regional club dues are set at \$5.00 per NCCC member as of September 22, 2016. Dues are payable prior to the bidding of sanctioned event dates at the last Regional meeting of the year. Any club that has not paid their Regional dues before the meeting begins, will not be allowed to bid on a date." That is actually what we are doing, because you can pay for your sanctions after December, you have 45 days, you just have to have them in. All Terry is doing is changing it from "sanctions" to "bidding date" and we have the By-Law committee and SOP and Terry went over it with Mickey and Dan and this is the committee's recommendation, just change the wording. As he said, technically, the Region does not give the clubs sanctions, just the dates. Chuck Heretta said for Terry to think about what he just said, the bottom line would be you would never have to pay your Regional dues because you are not going to bid on that day in September. After the bidding is over, if there are open dates, you can submit a sanction request and get the sanctions. Terry said that is why he said this is a suggestion. All we have to do is add in there that they are due by this date. Chuck Heretta said, but you still don't have to pay them. So Terry said we would have to put wording in there that says you have to pay them. Terry says he does see what Chuck Heretta is saying, it does say that each club will pay annual dues to the Region. What we don't have is "teeth" on what happens if you don't pay the dues. Chuck Heretta said the bottom line is that you cannot stop them from sanctioning events, whether they pay their dues or not. Terry said yes you can because by the rules your Governor has to submit them to the RCD and the RCD submits them to National. If you have not paid your dues, the RCD will not submit them to National. Chuck Heretta the RCD can't withhold sanctions. Terry said we can withhold the dates. Chuck Heretta said, no you can't, why withhold the dates? Terry said because you lose your bidding order. Chuck Heretta said the clubs don't care. Terry said, here again, we still have to change the wording on that for bidding. With what Chuck Heretta is saying, that still holds true with how it is worded right now. It's always been that way, if you don't pay your Regional dues, you couldn't bid. Chuck Heretta said, he's not bidding on that date. He's just submitting his sanctions later on, so he's not actually bidding. Bidding closes that date in December. Chuck Heretta then said, but he's not bidding, all he is doing is looking at the calendar and saying, hmmm, July 7th, there's no events that day, I'll submit my sanctions and you can't stop me. That's the problem. Well, Terry said, then we have to change this up and add to this and put "teeth" in what happens if you don't pay your annual dues by that date. Chuck Heretta said if you don't pay your annual dues you are not a member of the East Ohio Region, but he doesn't know if that is legal or not. You can't tie it to sanctions, because you found out that sanctions are not

issued by the Region. Terry said that is what he is saying, he is tying it to the bid thing. Terry will look into National, he thought he did, but he will take the next step, and he thinks it is covered under "club in good standing" just like the proxy vote, if you don't pay all your Regional and National dues, you are not a club in good standing and if you are not in good standing, you don't get sanctions. Therefore, if you don't pay your Regional dues, you don't get sanctions from National. Chuck Heretta said check into good standing where. Terry said he would look into it. Either way, even the way they were written, your scenario is still valid. It's been that way for years. Chuck Heretta said, exactly, that's why when the Governor was here from Mahoning Valley in December and he said I'm not paying the Regional dues, he doesn't ever have to pay them and you have no recourse to make them pay. So, Chuck Heretta said, "in good standing" where. Terry said we will have to figure out how to enforce it with penalties. We will have to redo it.

As Al mentioned, the helmets are purchased, they are in the trailer and at the last meeting, Al brought up how we reimburse for the timing trailer. The minutes were even unclear at one point Terry was going to look into it and next Al was going to send him something. They looked into it and Terry got ahold of Mickey with the SOP and there wasn't a formal one, so we are bringing it up again, this is the one about reimbursement for the timing trailer. We all know why it was put in there, it was because Bob Thompson used to do everything and when he turned in his receipts, people thought the receipts were for too much money. Now we have different people doing it, we have Fred and the Flanhofer boys doing timing and we have different people hauling the trailer. So, we are thinking about taking the reimbursement out. This is a suggestion, how it reads right now in the SOP is Reimbursement For Use of Timing Trailer and Timing Equipment. "For competition events that require the use of Regional timing equipment, the person who transports the equipment will be reimbursed by the clubs/Region using the equipment for mileage to and from the event sight and for hotel expenses at the sight of the event. Mileage reimbursement will be per IRS standards and hotel expenses will be limited to \$100 per night for the duration of the events, not to exceed two nights. The club/Region will also reimburse the equipment operator for the replacement of supplies needed to run the timing equipment, such as printed timing labels, printing ink cartridges, etc. Appropriate receipts for expenditures must be forwarded with a summary of expenses." That's it, that is how it is written. Mickey brought that up one time about how we inventory the trailer, who buys it and reimbursing expenses. Terry ran this by our By-Law committee, Dan and Mickey and this would be a change under Use of Regional Timing Equipment and Trailer. A suggestion on how to change it to bring it up to how we are doing it now would read as follows: "any club wishing to use the timing equipment and trailer is responsible for its transport from the current storage site and returning it back to the site as well as having qualified people to run the timing equipment. The club using the equipment is also responsible for replacing supplies used from the trailer." There is a list posted in the trailer of how many and what supplies are in the trailer. That puts the onus on the people who want to use the trailer, it's their responsibility to make arrangements. If they want Fred to do the timing and Fred says he will do the timing, let me run for free, or whatever. Say the Flanhofer boys come down, like they were down at Track X and they said they would like to help, so we gave them

one night's hotel stay. That can be negotiated ahead of time, the clubs will know in advance and they will have to make arrangements. Terry asked for discussion. Fred Dugach said it seemed to him that if the person who brings the trailer down is going to be there anyway, the hotel stay is redundant. Terry said that all this does is take out the locked in language of what gets paid and who. Chuck Stephens said he agrees with what they have there, because with them, they're going to come up to Terry's, pick the trailer up and go back down with it. You are trying to make it fair and equitable to Fred and the Flanhofer boys. Why couldn't we know what our cost is, for instance, if Chuck picks the trailer up, he knows he will have to rent that trailer for \$300 or whatever it is you guys decide, would that cover the cost. Terry said, here is an idea, this is what Mickey brought up, this might fall back into the issue we had with the charity fund, if you start paying members and people and for the equipment, are they employees of the Region. To answer Chuck Stephens question, you know you are responsible and you need Fred to do it and you know what it is going to cost you when you come up to get the trailer and haul it both ways, say somebody has a truck, say Al, and you ask him to haul the trailer down there for you and he says ok, I'll do the event for free or pay my hotel for one night, or pay me gas or whatever. And then Fred and the Flanhofer boys are doing the timing. We all know in December basically, when we are going to do speed events and when we are going to need the trailer, so you have all that time, 6 months basically, to make the arrangements. The question was asked if insurance is an issue at all, and the answer was insurance is already on the trailer. The insurance covers fire, theft and damage. When you hook to that trailer, your insurance is liable for that trailer. The insurance for NCCC covers it while it is sitting on the lot, Terry said yes, when its sitting on the side, the liability insurance covers it. Getting back to electronic signatures, Terry got the insurance form, he filled it out, signed it, scanned it and emailed it back to the insurance company and they said they are putting a binder on it for us. Terry has to check on this, he hasn't received it yet. He has last year's binder, but we have time. All this does is takes out the locked in numbers. That gives you the option that if you think it is cheaper for him to come up and do it. Actually, the clubs that are using it, it comes out of their proceeds for the event, so if you know it is going to cost, say \$20 to get the trailer from Terry up to Lorain, but it is going to cost you \$100 in a round trip of gas and a hotel stay. If you know ahead of time what it is going to cost you, it gives you a chance to put your rates in for the event to cover that expense. Fred Dugach had one more comment about that, that if a club doesn't have someone knowledgeable about how to run the timing system, there could be an additional penalty or payment or something so that, or at least one person is responsible. Terry said that is part of the responsibility to have a qualified person. You don't have to use it. Fred is suggesting that Terry add that, because unless Fred and the Flanhofer boys are there, it is going to be a pain. Al said he thinks first of all you should give the club using it the option to pull the trailer. If they have nobody that can and they say they need someone, then we will have to pay the IRS rate. As for workers, like Fred and the Flanhofer boys, if they come and compete, he (Al) doesn't think we should give them anything, but if they go to an event and they are not competing, they are there strictly to work, then they should be paid for their hotel. Terry said, then what about Roger, he doesn't get any competition points, he is there strictly working, and what about the workers? That is what Terry is saying, it is a "can of worms" to reimburse people for this. Either way, the cost comes off the club's event. So it will be up to the individual

club to work out if they can get someone they know worked with Fred and says "I can do this", then they are not paid. Fred Dugach is saying it is identical to someone pulling the trailer and Terry said, but still if the club has nobody to run the timing equipment, Fred says "I'm not doing it for free", they're not going to do it, how are you going to do it? You will get at the event, it will be a mess, there are 7 sanctions, they are going to get someone who thinks they can do it and they are going to mess the computer up. Fred said what his point is that he would like to get some people to learn how to operate the equipment and Terry said we have been trying to do that. Even if someone sat in the trailer and helped out. Terry said we will cover that in New Business. Terry understands, what this is is just taking out the locked in factor of how you reimburse someone regarding the trailer. Right now it is in writing, if someone transports it. Rich Brooks said there should be something in writing that whoever is towing the trailer had better have trailer insurance. That should be in there somewhere. Terry said that is part of notifying them when they transport it, which we have been saying forever. When you hook up to the trailer, you are responsible. It can be put in there and that would be easy to do and that way it is in writing. Rich thinks that is a good idea, because we mention all the time that our trailer is on our insurance policy specifically. Rich said whether or not if he tows something else, is he covered, he has no clue. The person towing the trailer should be aware that they can't haul a car trailer that is on their insurance and then pick up the timing trailer and be covered automatically, they may not. Terry said, yes, they may not, they have to check with their own insurance. Chuck Heretta said it would be better if this proposal was an "all inclusive proposal" so that the club would know exactly what their cost would be. What he is trying to say is that you need to put in a cost for Fred running the events, or something like that and for the boys if they are coming, what do they want. and plug this all into one neat package so that when Chuck Stephens comes up and picks up the trailer for Kanawha's events, he knows that it is going to cost him his mileage and what it will cost him to use the trailer for the speed event (Fred Dugach) and for the Flanhofer boys, whatever they decide, then it's done, it's over with and it's done, so that everybody knows ahead of time that Fred Dugach wants to run the speed events for free if he is doing the timing. Then it's a closed case. There's no hard feelings, no questions, it's over with and done. Fred Dugach said he still would like to somehow get somebody else, in addition. Chuck Heretta said, right, he understands. Terry said we don't even have to plug Fred's name in the SOP. We could put like typically the time equipment operator gets this, the person that transports the trailer gets mileage one way at the IRS rate. This would be typically, but it is the club's option not to do that. If they have somebody that can run it. Mickey Ouellette said you are putting it back on the Region, so if you want all that information in there, you can leave what you have, put a note in there like we always do and put a separate section under the website ASAP and say, "these are the requested requirements". Then you don't have to change the SOP, you just change this form and on that form you can say, "so much if you need the timing trailer" or whatever you want to put on there. Terry said, put like an asterisk on the SOP and have that listed, and Mickey said yes then you have it on screen, and make it easy to find so that you don't have to scroll through all the events, put it at the top, just put Timing Trailer. Terry said just put an asterisk and put "typical conditions and costs for timing trailer". Mickey said yes, and then the clubs can decide what they think the typical conditions and cost should be for that year and it is written out for them and they

can even print it out as a form and sign it. This would be a guideline. Terry asked Fred Dugach if it would work to leave the SOP, like it is, put an asterisk and do like Chuck Heretta said, and go for an average cost, what typically it costs. You could even put it in there, if you want, then we can expand it and not even have it cluttering up the SOP. If you want to come to the events ahead of time before your event and have Fred train you on timing and if he feels you are competent with it, you can do it on your own. Fred said it could just stay at \$100 and that way you would be covered. Terry said what we need to do then, if Al talks to his sons, we will still use the IRS mileage, so does everyone understand what Mickey was saying about the SOP? To change it this way so we are taking it off the Region but we are putting the information out there so the clubs know the cost information. Peggy asked if they were going to leave the SOP like it was without all this cost written in it? Terry said, correct, that is what Mickey was saying. Terry said we don't have to do it today. In July Chuck Stephens can make arrangements for his event. That is the way it's always been done. We don't have to do this today, but was an issue and we want to try to get it clarified. So we can either vote on it today or you can take it back to your clubs and then email Mickey, Dan Gallagher or myself (Terry) what your thoughts are and as we get different information in, we will try to correlate it and send it back out to the Governors. Terry said that what he is proposing is he needs to see if the Governors want to table this for now and get more information before it is set up. All in favor. In other words, Terry asked if anyone was opposed to tabling this issue. No one was opposed. What we are going to do then, is take it back to the clubs and talk about it, but Terry said if anyone has any ideas, email Dan Gallagher, Mickey or Terry. What they will do is get their heads together and try to get something worked out.

# Track X2

We actually have 70 cars at this time signed up. We have 5 more slots to go and we are at our limit. The hotel still has rooms, she has been in contact with Terry, the plan is (and Terry has talked with Mike Willis), he will set up a date and he is going to travel down during the week and talk to the track and try to get all the details ironed out and make sure everyone is on the same page. Terry will do this doing the week of Convention since he is not going to Convention and he is going to Bowling Green then because we don't have any sanctioned events the weekend before or the weekend after Convention. He hasn't set the date yet and he hasn't contacted them yet, anyone who is interested in traveling along and going down is welcome to come. Terry wants to clarify the classroom information, because what he (Terry) was told was that they could put 100 people at a time in the classroom. They also want to set up and what Terry needs the Governors to do is (and they sent out the list of the people who are going) to have more people helping on setting up the run groups. What that means is not only them in the tower, but we have our people standing up and taking note of when a group comes around and you might have a group of seven and you seen five going fast and a group of maybe two in the back who are slower, mark it down and those cars need to go in a slower group. Terry said he knows it is going to upset some people, but his suggestions are to separate the cars initially by, model range, year, maybe the C2's run together, the C3's run together, etc. That is a starting point. You may have a group of guys with C4's who think they can keep up, so we put them behind the lead car (and that is how to separate them out) and if they keep up, then maybe they will get moved up into C5's until such a time

comes that he can't keep up. The date for Track X2 is October 3rd and 4th. The flyer is on the website. Fred Dugach talked about having a couple of people who would be in charge of doing that, separating groups. Terry will try to get people, Mike Willis couldn't be here today. It will be volunteer, but the more people we have who understand how to drive it to take some time out of their driving to help us, the more fun it will be for everyone. That is why Terry wants to get a consensus before he goes down during the week of National Convention, so anyone interested who would like to travel and go down with him, let him know the dates you are available and they will take that into consideration.

Terry then brought up Nelson Ledges, how they have upgraded their facility and the fact that Ted Vanelli has come to the meeting, he and Fred went and looked at it and we are now considering what interest there is in doing something similar to Track X at Bowling Green at Nelsons Ledges. Ted said he and Fred went out and met with the Track manager and he took them around the track and it is a continuous pavement so they did the new surface and put concrete curbs in on the corner areas. They hadn't quite finished them yet when they were there, but the concrete was in. This year their focus is on finishing up the edging on the track and the center area. They want to put up a new timing tower, restrooms, etc. How long that will take is anybody's guess. They just said that was on their schedule for this summer. Pricing is \$6,000 per day Monday through Thursday and \$7,000 for Friday, \$8,000 for Saturday or Sunday. For a speed event you need to have an ambulance there which charges \$120 an hour. They charge \$1,000 per hour for corner workers, but because East Ohio Region has history on that track, they said we could provide our own corner workers. The schedule for this year was pretty tight, they do have some track days on June 21st (Thursday), July 25th, August 15th, September 12th and October 10th (those are Wednesdays). Their website has the listing for all that, so you can sign up. It's a fun track for those of you who have never run it, the older members ran it back in the day, but now the surface is much better. Fred said they repaved it June of last year, so it is fairly new. The idea is to have an event out there and have touring laps, a car show and sanctioned events, so that you have something for everybody, to get the attendance. Similar to what we did last year at Track X. If we do sanctioned events we might do them on the weekend to get more people than on a weekday. Fred said they also have a school on September 30th for novices and day two is for all levels and the cost is \$180 for a single day and \$340 for both. Terry's thoughts were they did get a lot of positive feedback on Track X2, this year and maybe next time we will move it closer to home. Like we did last year, he was thinking if we want a sanctioned weekend event, we could do a track touring Saturday morning, cone the track down and have a low speed and have a car show in the paddock area, so the people in that would still get points and his thinking, if we did it that way, if the car show folks went out and signed up as workers for the low speeds, they should get points for those. Terry asked the Governors to take this back to their clubs and see if there is interest to do a similar event to what we have been doing at Track X closer to home. There are different options. Fred Dugach said the one point we should make is that you don't have to have hotel stays, which saves money. Terry would like some feedback on how much interest there is, or is there no interest. What he will do is take all the people who have signed up for Track X2 and put it to them and see how he can word it to all the members to get

recommendations. Terry's thought are we need to get this going sooner rather than later and this is for <u>next</u> year, not this year. First off Terry wants to see how much interest we have to see if we need to go any further. Secondly, do we want to it as sanctioned or just not even get the Region involved. Fred Dugach said there was one more option, send out an email for a Wednesday for a group of people to go down and race. Terry said if it doesn't work out and there is not enough interest, then so be it. Chuck Heretta asked if you could raise the \$16,000 for two days? Terry said that is why he was thinking about doing a "track touring", if you are someone who just wants to take their car out on a track. There was a lot of interest this year for Track X2, even at \$205 and Terry said there people who said they are doing it because they missed last year. To answer Chuck's question, we did get a lot of interest, and there were some new members who signed up because they heard about it from people who went last year. 99% of the people who signed up said they liked the idea of doing a track touring to drive on the track, they don't feel like they will hurt their car, but they get the track experience. Rather than going all the way to Kentucky, we looked at Nelsons Ledges to get something closer to home. For a lot of people, they feel they would like to do something like that, but Kentucky is kind of far away. That is why Terry is presenting it to the Governors today to see if you can take it back to your clubs and email Terry back regarding interest. And don't forget, this is for next year, 2019, not this year. Terry is open to any and all suggestions. He is trying to get some kind of mass email with Walt to try to put something together.

Ryki Woods asked Terry a question or clarify Track X2, has anything been decided about what to do with the extra money? When Terry first did this, when it was first presented, what the decision was we left it open because we didn't know at that time if we were even going to have it. We decided we had to have a minimum of 50 cars. We needed 50 to break even, so if we only have 50, there is no extra money. Terry will go back in the minutes and re-read them, but he knows how it was presented and how we discussed it that after Track X2 is over, and all expenses are in, we have paid for the track, and paid for any unexpected expenditures, whatever is left over, say we have (we had 14 clubs that gave back sanctions), say we have \$1,400 left profit. The majority will decide, does each club that gave a sanction, we'll divide it by how many sanctions were given up, divide it by each sanction, just like we do a sanctioned event? Do we use it as seed money for Nelsons Ledges or let it sit as money earned for the Region. We won't know a number until that point. So, Ryki said, it will not be decided until we know what the total is and what is left over? Terry said correct. Ryki said that the person who initially set this up thought the understanding was that if we got more people than the amount needed to break even, it would go back to the people who put their money in. Chuck Heretta said if there is money left over, it should go back to the Region. Ryki said all she was trying to do was to clarify what will be done with any money left over. Terry asked if she had gone back over the minutes and she said at the original proposal, the general consensus was that it would go towards another Track X, and then later it was stated that after all expenses were in a decision would be made. What she wants to do is put in the minutes exactly what is decided as of this meeting. So, for the record, what are we saying. Chuck Heretta said he remembered talk about going back to the competitors, but also, we are using Region money to start off with so it should go back to the Region. So do we want to mark it for seed money fine, if not, fine. All the money that was paid is Region money

and by rights you could take \$5,000 off any profit and keep it in the Region and if there is anything over that. Peggy Stephens said exactly, because that came out of the Region. Ryki said that is what she had in the minutes. Terry said he knows we had numerous discussions and somewhere along the line he said, until we see what we have left, they might be arguing over zero. Or to divide it, everyone might get \$5 back each. Terry said we discussed it and the common consensus is that the final determination will be after all expenses are in. Ryki said, what we are stating here now is the consensus is, after all expenses, the money that is left will go back to the Region. The Governors have the authority to spend Region money. Ryki is just trying to get it clarified for the record.

Terry asked again about Nelsons Ledges, he just wants everyone to get feedback from their clubs, similar to what we've done the last two years in Bowling Green and if anybody had any suggestions, like during the week it is cheaper, the weekend, add a car show and low speed, we could do track touring in the morning two days and break down the cost or we could do track touring for 2 days and not do sanctioned events. Just get the consensus. What we are trying to do is get the Region involved and open it up to everyone who wants to do it. If there's no interest, there's no interest.

#### **New Business**

The ruling has been made that we can inspect the helmets at the first event of the year, put a sticker on them and they are good for the year. Do we want to purchase new stickers for this year? The answer was yes. For the helmet stickers. Chuck Stephens made a motion that we buy new helmet stickers for this year, Fred Dugach seconded. Terry said we have a motion and second for helmet stickers, 100 for \$40 to be paid for out of the Competition fund. A vote was taken, passed unanimously.

Terry asked to set up a date to inventory the trailer at his house. He still has the last list Peggy did, it is still posted in the trailer. We need to re-inventory the trailer, make sure the generator runs good, make sure timing works, set the lights up and try them out. What date would anyone be available, it should be done before the first event on July 1st. Terry asks anyone interested to contact him and tell what dates they are available. Any date is good, contact him because he needs help in this. It will probably take about two hours and that is checking everything and putting it all back. Anybody interested in learning how to run the timing equipment, that would be the opportune moment for Fred to show them how the system works. Let Terry know if there are people in your club or if you want to learn, he needs to know a date and he will set it up. This is for all the Governors and they can contact anyone in their clubs who are interested. Contact Terry direct and he will set the date. Terry sent the trailer insurance information to Tim Greis at Legacy and he hasn't gotten the binder back yet, but Tim says he got it, Terry got the email back saying he did.

Al got an email forwarded to him from the lady at the Canton Convention Bureau saying how nice it would be to have a Convention in Canton. So Terry asked if anyone wanted to do a Convention.

National meeting location is up in two years. Do we want to put in a proposal, it is on

line how to do it, to have the National Governors meetings here? Terry said if someone wants to do it, go for it. Chuck Heretta asked if Terry had a suggestion as to where he is thinking about proposing for the National meeting sites? The lady from the Convention Bureau in Canton asked if there was any interest that we might want to do something. She talked about hotel space, what they offer, etc. Chuck Heretta felt you should have an airport for this type of event, otherwise they have to drive sixty miles from Cleveland. Terry said this is just the initial "if we want to do it or not". If the logistics are wrong, then the answer is no. It was just suggested. We said we would look into it. Terry has flown out of Akron/Canton maybe a couple of times, he thought they had more flights in and out of there than they do. He doesn't know. The way the airports are in three years, who knows. So, is the general consensus this is not something we want to look into? That is correct.

# Scholarship Fund

This was discussed before. Terry's suggestion is if we want to donate, does the Region want to donate, rather than locking itself into a set fee like a scholarship, do we just want to donate \$500, \$1,000 to St. Jude? Is that something we want to do as a Region is donate to the National charity? Barb Kukasky took it to her club and they agreed to just donate. Al asked if this was as a club or for the Region and Barb said for the Region. Terry said, ok, how much? Chuck Stephens asked if we should take this back to their clubs. Terry said how much is everyone suggesting so they can take that amount back to their clubs. Chuck Stephens said we should decide between \$500 and \$1,000. Terry said we have \$10,000 in the General Fund. So, Terry told the Governors to take it back to their clubs. Terry said his thoughts were that the numbers are fluid, things are changing, so rather than locking us into something like the Jeanne Kuty Scholarship, we are still donating, so he asked the Governors to take it back to their clubs if they want the Region to donate \$1,000 this year to the National charity, St. Judes. This can be decided at the next meeting and at the December meeting when they go out, they can take the check out (or not), depending on what is decided. The question was asked where National gets the money for their scholarships, from the Regions? The answer is yes, we had the Jeanne Kuty fund and at one time we bumped it up and then eliminated it to try to cut back on our expenses. Is National asking for money? Terry's thoughts are, the Jeanne Kuty Fund was started quite some time ago, it grew larger and it ended up being \$1,000. After we dropped it, we agreed to revisit this again if we want to reinstate a scholarship fund (it doesn't have to be called the Jeanne Kuty fund), but his (Terry's) thoughts are if we want to put a locked in fund (giving something every year), we should have a way of earmarking where that money comes from. Al said he thinks St. Judes is a better cause, and if we give \$1,000 from the Region, that's only \$71 per club. Terry is not saying we cannot look into the scholarship fund, we can donate to the scholarship fund at the National level. Take it back to your clubs which way they want to do it, Terry is 99% sure we can just take the money and donate it to a scholarship fund or we can just donate it to St. Judes. Therefore, if we don't have it locked in in writing, we can donate \$1,000 to St. Judes this year and maybe do a scholarship next year.

Warren announced about the 50/50 raffle tickets.

Fred Dugach said he got a notice from Mike about Mid Ohio having a speed event on May 30th for \$395 less the \$60 credit that would be reducing it down to \$335 for the day. He has already signed up for it. There is a 40 car max. If you want to sign up for it, you can do it on line. No pace car, you are not allowed to pass. That is a Thursday.

#### **Round Table**

<u>Corvette Cleveland - Al Flanhofer</u> - They have a car show at Sunnyside Chevrolet in Elyria on June 10th.

<u>Buckeye Corvettes - Barb Kukasky</u> - They have the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park on May 26th. If anyone is writing a check, make sure it is not made out to Buckeye Corvettes, but to the actual Veterans Memorial Park, it is a charity event.

<u>Kanawha Valley Corvettes - Chuck Stephens</u> - They have firmed up their speed event in Zanesville, they will be at the Zanesville campus of Ohio University. He has the registration forms if anyone wants one, the car show will be in downtown Dresden. Longaberger is out of business, but the car show is still going on. This was a joint venture with the Village of Dresden and Longaberger was sort of helping with the awards, they were told Longaberger was still providing the awards. June 30th for the car show in downtown Dresden and July 1st in Zanesville for the autocross. Peggy has the information about the hotel there, it is the Holiday Inn Express, \$100 per night.

<u>Lake Shore Corvettes - Bob Niznick</u> - Their shows are coming, he thinks the flyers are on line.

North East Ohio Vette - TR Aldrich - Nothing to report

<u>Corvette Canton - March Thurin</u> - Nothing to report

<u>Fun Center Corvette - Mickey Ouellette</u> - Nothing to report

<u>Tiretown Corvette - Peggy Quine</u> - Their car show is at Beef O'Bradys on June 2nd.

Medina Corvette - Rich Brooks - Their rallye is tomorrow.

<u>Mid Ohio Corvette - Dan Gallagher</u> - June 9th is their car show at Nicholson in Millersburg and one rallye.

Mound City Corvette - Dave Brennan - Nothing to report

Competition Corvette - Fred Dugach - They have an autocross on August 4th & 5th for a total of 13 events and along with that they have an hour or hour and a half of training, seminar type training and that is \$20 and that amount will be credited to the afternoon if you decide to run an afternoon event. They have on line registration. Ted Vanelli spoke about the track area and it is supposed to have been patched. They will also have the

restaurant open for use of the bathrooms and for food. This is at the Lake Erie Captains parking lot.

Motion made by Chuck Stephens to adjourn, Fred Dugach seconded, meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryki Woods, Secretary 2018