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## MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

October 8, 2005

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta, at 10:10 AM at Esber's, in Canton , Ohio.  
The following clubs and officers were represented:

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

Bob Schneider, Lakeshore Corv. Gov.  
Diana Fultz, Competition Corv, Gov  
Bob Kutty, Mahoning Valley, Gov.  
Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleve, Gov,  
Chuck Stephens , Pioneer Corv. Asso. prxy  
Emerson Royer, Corv. Canton, prxy

Officers and guest were introduced, Bob Schneider introduced Ric Keller who will be the governor for Lake Shore next year.

Bob Kutty made a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed, Rich Brooks seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read, Bob Kutty made a motion to accept, Chuck Stephens seconded, motion carried.

Hall Of Fame: They are running a bit late on nominations sheets. You will need to have all nominations in by the December meeting. Contact Bob Kutty, Bill Quine for forms, they are also on the website. Dick Downs is the only person from last year who can be carried over.

Bill Quine will bring up dollars needed under new business. He thought it was discussed that the dollars from last regional events from 2004 were to go to Hall of Fame. Mickey remembered the discussion and said she thought we were to take an event from 2005 and put in Hall of Fame account. This will be discussed further under new business.

Webmaster: All information is updated, all flyers for the rest of the year are out there. He is waiting on club regional standings from Alan Moore. Alan stated these are not ready but Corvette Cleveland is way out ahead of all in region.

Bill Wood asked if we should be sending flyers to Alan and Bob, Alan said this would be helpful. Bill suggested that Bob Kirsch's website address be placed on governors list sent out at beginning of year. Mickey will take care of this.

EAST OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES CHAIRPERSON: Bob Thomsen

He forgot to print out overall winners, so he will email to Bob Kirsch to place on website. Basically for Concours Northeast Ohio is ahead by about 50 points. Corvette Cleveland may have overtaken at the last concours though. As far and rally and speed Corvette Cleveland is way out in front.

Things went pretty well this year. He has had no emails or calls as far as not getting results. The only thing he really had a problem with was flyers and results that were for Champ series not being sent to him. Tiretown and the region owe Championship series money. Tiretown owes \$5.00 and the region owes \$25.00.

Tim Obert came across some information showing that the East Ohio Championship Series is 30 years old this year. He designed some graphics showing this and Bob is going to try and incorporate this graphic into the awards this year.

He handed out the Champ Series rules, if you want anything changed today is the day to do it under new business.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Aurel Ouellette

Handed out East Ohio region membership report, National membership report as of September 7, 2005 and the FCOA membership report as of September 8, 2005. He also handed out guidelines for governors as far as membership is concerned. If you received one at the last meeting throw it away and use the new one.

East Ohio has 16 clubs with 857 members, this is 15 down from last year at this time. It is about 53 short of what the goal for East Ohio region is (910).

Corvette Cleveland has 113 members and tied for second are Buckeye and Tiretown with 112 members.

Car shows attended this past year were: Mahoning Valley June 19, Lakeshore June 25, Buckeye July 10, Fun Center July 16 and Corv. Cleveland Corsa show July 24, 2005.

On the guidelines for governors that were handed out there is information in there for club renewals, and also some forms that are used such as 51% form and application form. Bob Kirsch asked if the 51% sheet form had changed Aurel did not think so but gave him one to compare to what was on the website. It should have the latest primary membership rate at \$35.00 and renewal at \$25.00.

September National meeting there were 18,511 members, their goal for 2005 was 20,000. Cornhusker Corvette Club is the largest club with 400+ members.

At the convention six scholarships were given out at \$1000.00 a piece. The application is on the website and must be in by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

Deadline for the winter issue of Blue Bars is December 1, 2005.

Also at convention the Duntov award was presented to the Northern Illinois Corvette Club.

The E-board officers up for election in November are: VP Competition – Mike Godfrey, Business Manager Hal Bellamy, Secretary – Carolyn Montgomery, Sgt-of Arms – Judy Yanko. Ballots must be post marked no later than October 26, 2005.

There is a change in the processing of membership checks for RMD's to the treasurer. Now when RMD gets membership applications, he will process the membership application, then make a copy of the check and send to VP membership, if everything is OK then the VP of membership will email RMD and say everything is OK. He will then mail the check to the treasurer. Chuck said we have the national treasurer in the room and should ask them what the reason was for the change. It was stated it was an audit issue, we were sending membership checks all over the country before the treasurer received it. According to treasurer ideal situation would be for club to fill out a club check for membership and then that be sent to region, the region would then send the check to national. After much discussion it was decided this would be discussed again under new business and see if we could work out a process.

Membership renewal packets are out, if you do not have let Aurel know immediately. Included in this packet are instructions, (please follow to the letter), 51% sheet, club information sheet and two member lists. Renewals are

needed to Aurel by November 28, 2005. Nationals due date is December 15, 2005. Contact Aurel if you have any questions about renewals.

The last gold metal card for lifetime members has been used, lifetime members will now get a black plastic card with gold lettering.

FCOA has 2242 members, Corvette Cleveland has 47 members, the most in East Ohio region.

They are now have FCOA kids t-shirt and it will be available through Dennis Patrick.

Charity report: Raffle tickets are now available for 2006 raffle car. Donations are needed for the craft charity table. Most of what Mickey has is getting quite old looking. NKF is providing two representatives out of Kansas City to be NCCC charity contacts and will be aware of what is going on with tickets and Transplant games. All the cookbooks have been sold.

Bob Thomsen thanked Mickey for selling raffle tickets on August 21, 2005. All total \$436.00 was raised, after expenses, \$165.00 went to timing and \$178.00 went to Susan B. Komen race for cure. On October 1 & 2, they raised \$164.00. He thanked everyone for helping there also.

REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Alan Moore

Flyers for the last three events were available and are on regional website also.

Points for men and women available, club results are not ready but will have ready shortly and send to Bob Kirsch to put on line. Corvette Cleveland is way ahead of any other club.

Clarification: Does a club have the right to not allow passengers at low speed event. Yes, as long as stated at the drivers meeting or placed on the flyer. If not stated at drivers meeting or stated on the flyer then passengers would be allowed for events.

Had a slight problem with insurance, some corner workers took a personal truck out at an event, it was closer the fifty feet to the surface of the racing course. Unfortunately they found out any vehicle closer the fifty feet to the course has a \$1000.00 deductible applies. The vehicle was forty-six feet away.

They need to set a standard for the new C6-Z06 for drags, they are presently looking at this. They reason they have not done so far is that some organizations may not allow it to run without a roll bar.

For speed events the C6-Z06 will be in Group I, II and III as a "K" class, because it is so superior to others.

Question came up as to official results, exactly what are the official results. The RCD's decided the time posted on the timing board at the time of the event is the official time for the event. People are keeping track of their times posted on the board but when they received their results the times were different. So the RCD's made the determination that the time posted is the official time. Bill Quine asked is the time posted the printed time of hand written time. Yes, whatever is posted on the board written or printed is the official time. People will have to watch when they are writing times down and if numbers are transposed then it needs to be corrected before the event is over. This was only discussed and brought up in the RCD meeting not the governor's meeting on Saturday.

Waivers need to be dated, signed and put what the event was. When waivers come in after events a person cannot figure out what event the waivers are for.

Starting next last year all results must be on official form. Form is on the website. As of last year the form was to be typed, the VP of competition will no longer accept hand written results. Gail and Alan re-typed several results this year but they will not do this for the coming year. If you send hand written results they will be returned to you in the mail and you will still be responsible for meeting the time requirement of getting to RCD correct. They must also be sent electronically. Someone in every club must have a computer and on line access.

For car shows you can combine all events on one sheet for the entrants, but you must turn in seven (7) separate results to the RCD.

If you are having a non-sanctioned event it is your responsibility to send the request form to Alan. This is the form that says non-sanctioned event in the top corner. It is also your responsibility to have the waivers signed, Alan should have the original even for non-sanctioned event.

Question was asked about personal tents and their being put up at events. Alan stated people need to take precautions. Tents should not be up close to the cars. We carry insurance so we as individuals and clubs do not get sued. You can put on flyers tents must be secured.

There was discussion on 80 mph as the maximum at a low speed event. It is a rulebook requirement that low speed events not be over 80mph. K&K insurance recommends 70mph but since the rulebook says 80mph K&K accepts our rulebook.

There were three (3) clarifications placed on hold:

1. One relates to Car shows and concours events that the vehicle must be owned by the person showing it. Question was raised about family members living at another address and showing the same car.
2. On C4 can the support that hold the upper control arm be bent to get more negative camber ?
3. Under what circumstances can a Corvette in Group III that is on DOT tires and does not have a roll bar run a high speed, a high speed driving school, or a high speed lapping session?

A question was asked about companion member and showing same vehicle. According to Alan you must live at the same address. Chuck said this could be a problem because membership has never enforced you must live at same address. But at a concours you can be asked to show a drivers license and both addresses must be the same if you are showing the car together. Aurel stated from membership's standpoint they, the primary member, spouse, significant or whatever must have the same address as primary.

Elaine asked about speed events, at drivers meeting must you declare at drivers meeting if you are taking Chairperson's points or entrants points. Yes this is correct.

If anyone one has something they want to see changed on Concours or Rally in rulebook let Alan know. They will start discussing at November meeting.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:        Chuck Heretta

Betty Parks has been appointed the 2006 convention treasurer. The 2007 convention site was presented for Nashville. The ballot for this is in the packet you received.

NCCC pledged \$10,000 to Corvette museum over next five (5) years.

A motion to move the charity committee expenses form NCCC into its own failed.

The 2006 convention in Florida, August 5 – 11, 2006, on Friday prior to convention starting the are doing a warmup at Sebring. This will be the long course and you will need a roll bar especially if you have a convertible.

The 100% club program for National Kidney Foundation is in effect again this year. This equates to the amount of members you have at renewal time, you have that number of tickets turned in at \$10.00 each. They do not have to have all your club members name on them. If you have 50 members in your club and you turn in a check for \$500.00 from your club. The NCCC charity committee is pleased with that.

The Transplant games are in Louisville, Ky. June 16 – 21, 2006. NCCC is a major sponsor of these games.

Scholarship applications are due May 1, 2006. The East Ohio Region sponsors the Jeanne Kutty scholarship fund. Each scholarship is worth \$1000.00.

Convention 2005 the final figures weren't in yet, but are looking at a profit of about \$18,000 to \$20,000. Debbie Lindsey brought in about \$50,000.00 in sponsorship dollars.

At convention 2006 there will be a non-driving funkhana. They will be going to Old Town again. Registration is \$250.00 per person.

If you are buying something from Eckler's be sure to let them know you are an NCCC member, so that we get credit for this.

A budget was presented by the national treasurer and her committee. The mileage payout went from 40 1/2 cents per mile to 48 1/2 cents per mile. Aurel asked the question if we can cap expenses on mileage rate. Right now the way the by-laws are written it is an IRS rate and they have to go by the by-laws. It turned out to be a standing rules change. Chuck suggested to Aurel if he really wants to put a cap on this he can submit a standing rule to the by-laws. It will then be tabled and sent to the finance committee to be looked at. It will not be able to be voted on until February 2006.

Bill Wood asked who was sponsoring the Convention 2007, was it local club or national. It is a combination of local clubs and national.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The regional banquet 2006 will be hosted by Corvette Cleveland, March 3 and 4, 2006. It will be at the Holiday Inn, Hudson. There will be a mini type convention during the day with toy cars, etc. The flyer will be ready by December 2005, meeting.

It is not too early for clubs to start looking at banquet 2007 locations. If you need any guidelines for doing this contact Mickey Ouellette.

There was no further update on the regional display. It was suggested as long as we can get national display free it is saving the region dollars.

At regional meeting in June there was some discussion on changing the regional fee. Presently it is \$2.00 per person per NCCC member. No changes at this time.

Rich Brooks brought up a couple of meetings ago we brought up maybe looking at the way we do events. Do we want to think about combining or holding more events on a weekend. Especially given the price of gas. May consider having two (2) championship series events on the same day. Maybe two clubs can get together and do a rally or low speed to accomplish. It may be difficult to do on a concourse. Alan said he had a problem with having two (2) championship series speed events run on the same day. He said any course you set up someone would have an advantage. He stated the course would have to be changed to do this. Deb Murphy stated people coming from out of region and only want to do one run then leave early. They would not be able to leave early because the course would change. No further discussion at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

East Ohio Championship series proposals were presented and discussed. Some of the suggestions are listed below. Bob Thomsen will compile and complete list and send it out. Alan Moore presented his annual proposal to do away with it. Awards given are nicer than competition awards. Comment made Champ Series was self sustaining and dollars generated by it are what is spent for awards. Bob Thomsen commented that he will be giving out 24 awards and out of that 16 will also be going to people in top 200 points, 8 will be going to people with less than 200 points. Bill Quine brought out this category was brought out because of people who could not run numerous events because of jobs or otherwise.

Proposals presented by Bill Quine were: 1. Change that if you only have four (4) events in championship series run for the year that to qualify you only need to run three (3) of the four (4) events. 2. If there is a date change for championship series that thirty (30) days notice must be given. 3. Under concourse and speed where it says must use same car, if the car breaks that a person can borrow another car of same class to complete/compete. For example if using a IIE and it breaks they can borrow another IIE car to finish event.

Rich Brooks suggested we cut back on the amount of entrants pay into Champ Series fund.

Chuck's personal feeling was that if Champ Series goes away the participation in rally and concours will greatly reduce.

Deb Murphy proposed we use 2006 to look at East Ohio Champ series or other alternatives. Take a year to figure out what to do and present proposals at end of 2006 to start 2007 with.

Elaine suggested that if we keep wash/show and street/show that the mileage needs displayed on the plaque in the window. Revamp regional club awards. In a gimmick rally, to break a tie, questions must be asked about the rally route. Out of region participants should not be considered in points. They should be treated same as non-NCCC member.

Bob Kutty suggested all go back to their clubs and see if they want to keep Champ Series or not.

Bob Thomsen is to get the proposals together and get to Mickey to place in the minutes.

Bill Wood made a proposal that the cost of EOCS awards be no greater then the competition awards. A comment was made the problem with this was the Champ series supports itself to pay for their awards.

Bob Thomsen will put all together and get out to governors.

MVP Process: Do we need to tweak this or not? Today you must do a minimum of sixteen (16) events with two (2) in each category. Proposals were asked for, and below are the ones to vote on .

1. In lieu of sixteen (16) events, you would participate in a minimum of 50% of all the qualifying events in the region.
2. Add to the 16 minimum events (2 of each type, speed, concourse, ralleys) and also must earn 200 points in the region.

Rich Brooks asked if there is anyway we can recognize people who do high speed events? Alan said this eliminates a street car right off the bat.

Alan has a problem with the MVP in that if a person found a class in speed and/or concours that no one competes in they could enter that category and win outright. Per Chuck another way to win this award is to place a "pigeon" in your car especially for speed.

Per the schedule process for bidding in December, please let Alan know if you need a particular date for your event next year. He will set up a calendar and let other clubs know. You must let Alan know by November 15, 2005 if you need a date. You will still bid in order of how you completed in the region and they will try to honor the date you must have. Listed below are some of the dates currently requested by some clubs and national meeting dates.

February 25 and 26, 2006 National meeting  
March 4 and 5, 2006 Regional meeting  
May 6 and 7, 2006, National meeting  
May 20 and 21, 2006 car shows (Geauga lake asking a club to do)  
June 18, 2006 Mahoning Valley  
August 5 through 13, 2006 Convention  
September 9 and 10, 2006 National meeting  
September 16 and 17, 2006 Pioneer Car Show  
October 28, 2006 Competition Rally

November 11 and 12, 2006 National meeting  
December 2, 2006 Regional meeting

Geauga Lake asked if region would do an event on May 20 and 21, 2006 these are their opening days. They would like them to be car show but a concourse can be held there also. Tiretown would like someone else to do the car shows.

Bill Quine stated that Tiretown worked very hard to get this lot for the region. They are "REQUESTING" that any club interested in doing events there go through Tiretown to request use of the lot. Tiretown has been told that they are the ones who will have to be contacted if any car club wants to do an event up there. We can use the lot again September 30 and October 1, 2006. Chuck asked if this site would go away would we hear from Tiretown that it is the region's fault the lot went away. As this is what we heard at the March 2005 meeting. Bill did not know about this statement. Chuck did not appreciate that comments were being made that the region is responsible and it is found out that it was not the reason.

Median Vocational school is also available. There is plenty of alternative parking. Rich Brooks will have dates of availability at December meeting. We cannot have events during school year. The cost is about \$150.00 a day for the lot plus cost of porta pot.

The Hall of Fame committee needs dollars in their account. Bill Quine said we needed to go back and check the minutes. He thought the last regional event was to have the dollars placed in the Hall of Fame fund. Mickey said she did not remember it that way, she thought a regional event was to be selected from the 2005 season. She will check the minutes.

New process for membership and checks being mailed in. Mickey presented a suggestion proposal as follows:

Make out a club check for membership to the East Ohio Region for renewals and for new members during the year. A new header will be created in the treasurer's report each month showing dollars going in and out to national. After the VP membership approves and the RMD lets me know I will mail an East Ohio Region check to the NCCC treasurer.

If the club check bounces, I will not mail an East Ohio check to the NCCC treasurer. The club who bounces the check will have to pay the bounced check fee. They will then have to issue the region a cashiers check for the amount of the membership plus bounced check fee. Any and all future checks from that club to the region will have to be cashier checks. The club will not be given a second chance to send a club check.

RMD will not hold up other clubs if a club has a bounced check. He processes and sends as he receives which is the same as today.

Bob Kutty made a motion to accept this proposal Deb Murphy seconded, motion passed.

Your \$2.00 per NCCC club member is due at the December meeting, but you do not need to pay your sanction fees until January 15, 2006. Sanction fees are now \$25.00 per event.

Proposed by-law changes were presented next.

Deb Murphy said she thinks it has been made to difficult for nominations in the region. It should be up to the candidate to notify the people in the region if they want to run for an office. The region should not put all the dates and deadlines in the procedures.

She proposes under Article VI, officers we stop the Section 2 part after "Nominations from the floor will be open for each office at the regional meeting prior to the meeting set for the election of officers." Eliminate the withdrawals and additions portion. Some discussion followed. Chuck said this would have closed the elections after the June meeting. Deb Murphy then changed proposal to stop section 2 after "Each club shall have one vote."

As an explanation to this Chuck explained we put this procedure in so that it would be clear cut when nominations were and what you had to do. It also allowed for if you wanted to withdraw your name. Diana Fultz said she wanted some time frame as what we have today allows for. Rich Brooks asked how did region come to make the

decision each club only gets one vote. Chuck explained this makes it equal for all clubs, so that a small club with 15 members has the same voting as a club with 100 members

First proposal is to change Article VI, Officers, Section 2, paragraph stops after second sentence "Each club shall have one vote".

Second Proposal: Person must attend at least two (2) regional meetings before putting name on ballot for an office. (Elaine Heretta)

Third Proposal: The person being nominated must be at the nomination meeting.

Concerning Hall of Fame dollars Mickey went back to minutes and found under the December 4, 2004 meeting under New Business, "Hall of Fame: Fund for the hall of Fame was discussed. It was decided that the Hall of Fame Committee will start selling 50/50 tickets at regional banquet meeting and dinner on March 12, 2005. They will also sell at the other regional meetings during the year. Chuck will get the tickets for the 50/50 sales. Also one of the regional events will be selected for funding the Hall of Fame." This is why Mickey thought an event from 2005 was to be selected. It was agreed this meant a 2005 event to be chosen. There is one more champ series regional event to be done yet. Money from the last regional will be placed in the Hall of Fame fund. This has not been turned in yet.

Bob Kutty made a motion Secretary cast one vote for the four candidates, Seconded by Alan Moore. Motion passed. Alan announced he is doing RCD for one more year because Chuck Stevens said if he would stay and mentor him through he would run the next time. Tim Obert will do competition points for next year.

The officers for next year are Regional Executive – Chuck Heretta, Regional Competition Director – Alan Moore, Regional Membership Director – Aurel Ouellette, East Ohio Championship Series Director – Bob Thomsen.

Aurel said that the pictures provided in the summer issue of Blue Bars for the Corvette Corral and the Lemans series at Mid Ohio were provided by Tim Obert and Aurel.

REMINDERS; Bob Thomsen is to get EOCS proposals out in one week  
Pay attention to the minutes, they have East Ohio Proposed changes, MVP proposed changes and By-laws proposed changes.  
Get dates you must have for events to Alan by November 15, 2005  
December meeting is at Esbers, 9:30 AM, December 3, 2005.  
Tim Obert will be appointed points tracker for next year  
November 11 and 12, 2005 is NCCC meeting in St. Louis

Meeting adjourned at 2:40PM,

Respectively submitted

Mickey Ouellette  
Secretay/Treasurer