

MINUTES

EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

CELLAR ROOM AT THE GALAXY, WADSWORTH, OHIO

OCTOBER 12, 2019

Regional Executive: Terry Muich

Regional Competition Director: Al Flanhofer

Regional Membership Director: Cheryl Getzy

Regional Secretary: Ryki Woods

Regional Treasurer: Peggy Stephens

ATTENDEES:

Governors

Corvette Cleveland - Al Flanhofer

Buckeye Corvettes - Barb Kukasky

Mid-Ohio Corvettes - Cheryl Getzy

Mahoning Valley Corv - Sam Sicilia

Mound City Corvette - David Brennan

TireTown Corvette - Peggy Quine

Lake Shore Corvettes - Bob Niznick

North East Ohio Vette - T R Aldrich

Fun Center Corvette - Mickey Ouellette

Corvette Canton - Mark Thurin

Kanawha Valley Corv - Charles Stephens

Guests

Carol Engle

Cindy Flanhofer

Janice Sudia

Dave Kukasky

Andrea Sudia

Susan Hamilton

Dennis Patrick

Steven Hamilton

Ted Vanelli

Calvin Woods

Linda Vanelli

Karen Santagata

Judy Sicilia

Gus Santagata

Dan Gallagher

Michael Getzy

Joe Mattingly

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by RE Terry Muich and began with the

Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chuck Stephens.

The following EOR members have passed away since our last meeting:

Gary Koser - Mound City	Bob Remark - Buckeye
Carl Harrison - Buckeye	David Lehere - Buckeye
Richard Starts - TireTown	Bill Wood - Kanawha Valley
Rhonda Ferguson-Farrer - Corvette Cleveland	
Judy Fratus - NEOVC	Gary Matjasic - Mid Ohio

A moment of silence was observed for those we have lost.

The Board was then introduced and the Governors and guests introduced themselves.

Secretary - Ryki Woods

Terry asked if everyone had received a copy of the minutes and everyone had. He then asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were none. A motion was made by Chuck Stephens to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Al Flanhofer and motion passed unanimously, none opposed, none abstaining.

Membership - Cheryl Getzy

Renewals will start on Thursday, October 17th. Cheryl has information sheets she needs sent back to her and she has instructions on how to do it. She then asked if anyone had questions on how to go about doing their renewals. There were none.

One of the forms she has is on club information to let National know where you hold your meetings and who the officers are. No questions on this. The question was asked when Cheryl needs this information back and she said she needs the information form with the checks back by the 30th of October. Other than that, Cheryl doesn't have anything new. She needs the forms back by the 30th, which is quick, but after that we run into the holidays. Also, for the bid meeting in December, the sanction fees must be paid prior to that or you can bring in the check the day of. Terry Muich asked if we had decided this was the sanction fees or just the head tax. Peggy said the head tax has to be paid, because Terry said when he read the By-Laws, it is the Regional dues, are what need to be paid before or on that day, December 7th. That is the way the By-Laws read that the annual dues are to be paid before or on the last meeting of the year. It used to be that if we asked for sanction fees, but National gives out the sanctions and the clubs have the right to hold back and not pay until later in the year when they decide to use that sanction. Basically, all we can require, as per the By-Laws is that Regional dues be paid.

Peggy Stephens said she thought the RCD put in a date when the sanctions are due. Peggy thought January 15th or right around that date it what it has always been and the Governors just approve. Terry thought it was before, but it does say that the RCD sets the time the sanction fees are due.

Barb Kukasky asked for clarification from Cheryl if the "30th" was October or November

and Cheryl said October. Cheryl has to get the head tax to Peggy, so the sooner the Governors get them to her, the better. Barb asked if Cheryl would mind sending an email to the Governors explaining that and Cheryl said she would. Terry said Cheryl has to have the membership renewals in by October 30th, so she has time to enter them by December 15th when the data base closes down. She is asking to have them by the 30th, because the next day she has to get them to Peggy. Peggy Quine asked if Cheryl is saying the Regional dues have to be in the system by October 30th? Cheryl said, yes, because she has to get the checks to Peggy for renewals. National keeps moving the date up of when they need them. Also, once they shut down the data base on December 15th, anything received after that is considered late. Terry said with all the electronics they wouldn't be pushing us like this, but they seem to be getting worse. Therefore, you have to have your renewals in ASAP so Cheryl has time to get them entered. Again, the data base goes down December 15th and nobody can get into it. Terry said Cheryl has all these people that she has to get in, so if everyone waits until our meeting in December, she will have to work 24/7 to get it all in. So if everyone has their information in, even though per our By-Laws, they don't need to be in until the December meeting, which is December 2nd. Cheryl said they can give her a partial if that's all they have and finish up later. Peggy said that before we could get the main ones in and then we were allowed to put in the partial, or remaining ones in. Terry said the way the By-Laws read is that the dues have to be in on or before our last meeting of the year, or Peggy said, our bid meeting is December the 7th, not 2nd, so that is when they have to be in, but if you can get them gathered up sooner, its less stress for Cheryl.

Terry asked if everyone understood the renewals, there was some confusion, so he offered the following explanation. The East Ohio Region By-Laws say the \$5.00 per person fee has to be in on or before our December 7th meeting, so you can bid on your sanctions for the next year. Cheryl is asking you to get in earlier than that so she has time to enter them in the data base because they are shutting the data base down on December 15th and if you get your information in on the 13th or 14th, and Cheryl can't get it in, you are taking the chance of having to back to your members and tell them they have to pay extra because they will be charged a late charge. Peggy Quine said that it says the data base goes down on October 15th and reopens on the 17th and Cheryl said, yes it is down right now. They are putting the auto-renew members in (that is the new members we put in in September). They will be in the system, so that when your data base comes up for these people, it will read auto-renew and show paid and that should strictly be your new members. Peggy Stephens said the system is down right now getting it set up for renewals and the next time it goes down it is because they are getting everything in. Terry said, so basically, it is down right now for all the new people who joined after September, because after September they get four extra months. The next time it opens up, when you go on your screen and you start renewing, it will be yellow and when you start renewing.....so that will be easy for those because you have the information. So, when that shuts down and if you are pressed for time, I would not worry about the new people who came in after that, because they are paying a fee anyway. You can put them in after it goes back up the first of the year as new members, because they are paying the same fee. So if you are pressed for time, just go in and do your auto renewals. Cheryl said just make sure you check their address, their phone number and their email. We

have been doing pretty good, we had only four that "bounced" this time, and we didn't have any the time before that. Terry pointed to be really careful on the email addresses, if it is supposed to be .com, make sure you don't hit the comma. Cheryl said Walt will erase them if they kick out and he notes why he erases it and it will have to be re-entered. Terry asked the Governors to please use due diligence and they are trying to see whose club has been kicked back. If it is, look a lot closer at the email, a lot of times it can be that you just have an extra space or a comma instead of a dot, or .net instead of .com.

Barb Kukasky asked when renewals need to be in by. Cheryl is requesting them to be in by the 30th of October or before. Barb pointed out that is only two weeks. Cheryl said her club has been taking them in, but Terry said his club doesn't get them in until November. Cheryl said until she knows there aren't any more coming in, the people who are left out there become inactive. Terry asked how about November 30th for renewals. Cheryl said she has to have the Regional dues in by the 7th, the bid meeting. Peggy Stephens suggested the 15th of November, which would give Cheryl two weeks. The question was asked why we have never dealt with that By-Law so it doesn't put such a burden on Cheryl. Terry pointed out that it used to be that you had to have your sanction fees in by the bid meeting and then people looked closer at the By-Laws and said that is not the way it reads. We had some clubs that decided to hold their sanctions and only pay for them if they used them. If that was the case, then they didn't have them all in and that is what brought that up. If someone wants to make a By-Law change, read the By-Laws and the section on how to do By-Law changes and submit it for next year. Bottom line is Cheryl needs the renewals in by November 15th at the latest, preferably before, because if we say November 30th, they mail them in and Cheryl doesn't even have them by the deadline.

Mickey Ouellette asked what do we want the By-Laws to say? She said the books close on the last day of November and open up again on the 1st day of December. Terry said that is a good point, the fiscal year ends November 30th. So by rights, the money we are putting in goes towards 2020. Mickey said that is why we should have the money coming in by December 1st and Terry said actually you can enter it into the books as of December 1st. Terry said this is a dilemma we have to figure, and Mickey said it is because of what National is doing. Terry said what they are doing is if Cheryl gets the stuff in late (and it is not just our Region, it is everyone), especially the clubs out west. Cheryl said it is dominoes backwards, the later she does it, the later they get it done and it makes all the later. Terry said he doesn't know really how to change it. The suggestion was make to get the dues in earlier. Terry said we can do what Cheryl suggested, put it out to everyone for next year that she needs to have it in by the 1st of November, we won't vote on that until next year. Up until that time we can make it as a request. Terry asked how everyone feels about that. Ray Valentine pointed out that in their club they have By-Laws and perhaps put it out to the Governors to get it moved so that we have everything closed up by October and if you follow the National rules in your By-Laws, then you are late, so they saw that and moved theirs to October. All theirs are done by October, he believes all theirs are in. He asked Barb Kukasky for clarification. She said no. But Ray said by October 1st and all that has been sent to Ron Miller. At that point he has everything. Barb said she is just waiting, but it should be in. Terry said we can

change our By-Laws, but you are going to get people who will say you can't charge me for late renewal because you are going against the National By-Laws. Terry will bring that up at the next RE meeting, because RE's do the By-Laws. Right now, we can put it in our By-Laws as a request and hopefully change it that by the 1st of November to have your dues in. Cheryl pointed out that National rules override Region rules. Terry said, as long as everyone is nice about it and understanding, and if the majority has it in and it is only one or two clubs, and you can have everything in, if you are waiting for one or two people at the last minute, it's just putting them in. If you send all the information you have to Cheryl and these people decide to wait until the very last minute, and you have explained it to them, they will have to pay because they have to understand that you have to have time to do it.

Barb Kukasky said the other thing is, that once she does all of hers and since they are a larger club, she tries to get it to Cheryl, but if she gets some straggler, they are left out and so she has to contact Cheryl. Terry says that you have the bulk in. He said and Cheryl can open it up to put a couple more in at the last minute, that is easier than waiting until the last minute to put them all in (he asked Cheryl to correct him if he is wrong). Since Barb's club has about 182 members, if 180 are already in and she has to open it up so you can add 2 more, that means all you are putting in is 2 more and Cheryl is putting in 2 more. Terry said, here again, we are going to have to bring this up to National, because he has been hearing that too, that is tough. What he has been hearing is like out west, they push, they have their membership paid up by October, the Governors push them to get their money in and that is how they take care of it. Terry asked if anyone is opposed to changing the By-Laws that say you have to have your dues in (Regional and National) by November 1st. Terry is asking Mickey because she is on the By-Law committee. Mickey asked if he wanted it in under the By-Laws as a request, because we won't be following National. Terry said correct and Mickey said she will use the work "request". She said we won't have it until January, so we won't have it in December. Terry said that is fine. Mickey pointed out that we still have to figure out how we are going to do next year. Terry said correct. All Cheryl can do is plead, so Governors please get them in as soon as possible. Terry asked if there were any more questions for Cheryl. There were none

Treasurer - Peggy Stephens

Peggy began by asking if everyone had received their copy of the Treasurer's Report and the Proposed Budget. If not, she has extras available. She asked if everyone wanted her to read the who report or just give the highlights. Terry asked who wants Peggy to read the Treasurer's Report. No one did. Terry asked if everyone got a copy of the report. Everyone did. He then asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. There were none. Terry asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for 10/12/19 as emailed. Chuck Stephens made the motion, seconded by Mark Thurin. Motion passed unanimously with none opposed or abstaining. Therefore, Peggy does not have to read the report.

Peggy then pointed out that down at the bottom of the report she has it reported that we have \$955 in the General Fund for Track X III, Sue sent her an email after she had done

the report and sent it out, but there actually is \$720 more in Track X, for a total of \$1,675. Terry asked if there were any other questions on the Treasurer's Report, there were none.

Peggy asked if we will do the Proposed Budget now or later and Terry said it is next. Terry asked if everyone had received a copy of the Proposed Budget. Everyone had. He asked for questions on the Proposed Budget. There were none. Peggy also had no comments to make regarding the Proposed Budget. Terry asked for a motion to accept the Proposed Budget. Chuck Stephens made the motion to accept the Proposed Budget as emailed, motion seconded and passed unanimously, with no opposed or abstaining. Terry asked all the Governors to read the Proposed Budget as we will be voting on this in December.

Finance - Terry Muich

Terry read the following, "Article V, Dues and Finance. Section 2, Payment of Dues. Dues shall be payable in advance on or before the last scheduled Regional meeting of the year, prior to the sanctioning of events for the following year." So that is actually what is stated in the By-Laws, so please get them in as soon as possible. Also, regarding the fiscal year, "The fiscal year of the Region shall begin on the first day of December and end on the last day of November in each year for financial matters" and Terry has a note that therefore, the final Treasurer's Report will be presented at the December 7, 2019 Governor's meeting for the 2019 fiscal year. Any financial transactions that take place after November 30, 2019 will be recorded in the Treasurer's Report for 2020. That is following the By-Laws. Terry asked if everyone understood that. There were no questions.

RCD - Al Flanhofer

All points are updated and are current for all events we have had so far. Currently, we have 30 women in the Region in the 200 club and there are two women with 190+ points, so we could get 2 more in. Last year we only had 27, so we are up 3 women in the 200 club. Right now, the standings are as follows:

10th - Barb Kukasky	9th - Sue Youngs	8th - Cheryl Getzy
7th - Connie Clauson	6th - Laura Gallagher	5th - Regina Muich
4th - Joyce Labatto	3rd - Bonnie Smith	2nd - Jackie Stoutenburgh
1st - Linda Vanelli		

For men's points, the standings are as follows: (also we currently have 50 men in the 200 club) There are three more with 180+ points who could possibly make it also. Last year we had 53 men. The standings are as follows:

10th - Al Flanhofer	9th - Gus Santagata	8th - Mike Getzy
7th - Tim Paul	6th - Jim Hartzler	5th - Tom Farrer
4th - Bill Ambuter	3rd - Ted Vanelli	2nd - Dan Gallagher
1st - Terry Muich		

For workers, last year we had 20 workers who worked at least 15 events and this year we have 17. The top workers are as follows: Debbie Faunce , Don Burke, Chuck Stephens, Sharon Burke, Peggy Stephens, Frank Smith, Connie Clausen, Ken Clausen, Karen Santagata and Roger Flading is in first place.

Club points for the Region are as follows:

- 1st - Corvette Cleveland (3rd Nationally)
- 2nd - Buckeye (9th Nationally)
- 3rd - Mid Ohio (14th Nationally)
- 4th - Competition
- 5th - TireTown
- 6th - Medina
- 7th - Mahoning Valley
- 8th - Lake Shore
- 9th - North East Ohio
- 10th - Mound City (24th Nationally)
- 11th - Kanawha Valley
- 12th - Canton
- 13th - Fun Center

One of the things Al wanted to mention is the forms. There are two basic forms we use for all our events, registration form and waivers. Al asked the Governors to talk to your club members, if they have a pre-printed registration form that they pre-print out and bring to a car show, and if their spouse or partner or whatever doesn't come, tell them to cross that second name off the form, or put two forms in your computer. As all Governors know, after the event is over you are supposed to check waivers against registration and this happens... Al knows Peggy does it because she called him after one of her shows and said they had three people registered that didn't sign the waiver. Al called all three people and their spouses didn't come but they turned in a registration form with their spouses name on it. So, tell your members to cross that second name off if that person isn't there.

The other thing is waivers. After a show, the Governors are supposed to send Al all the waivers. On the waiver, the very top line, you are supposed to write in the show and the date. He gets waivers with nothing on top. Fortunately, he knows who it is from so he knows which show it is. Write on the top line what show it is and the date. Also, on the bottom of the waiver, there are 11 lines, but there are only 10 numbers. The 11th line is not for an entrant to sign, it is for the Governor to sign after they verify who was there. Al showed an example from Peggy and she attaches a flyer on the front and then she puts the waivers behind it. If there is an insurance form, she gives Al a copy of that. Al asked if there were any questions on what he has discussed so far.

Al next discussed the timing trailer. We discussed this at past meetings. Al went through the inventory and the way the trailer sits, we have about a \$14,000 investment right now, with the trailer, the computers, timing lights, the generator, leaf blower, etc. And there

are almost \$600 per year in fixed expenses, insurance, plates, etc. and we have to pay for the timing software every year. That is almost \$600 per year coming out of Region funds and we don't get reimbursed for that. When someone uses the trailer, all we do is replace the consumables. We have talked about how we are going to fund that and Al hears a couple of clubs are going to give us some sanctions and we are going to do an autocross to try to put some money into a fund. Cheryl Getzy asked if this was a Regional autocross? Terry said the suggestion was made by TR that if we can get enough clubs, and TR is giving three, and Dave is working on getting three and the suggestion was that we get about seven sanctions to put on an autocross for the Region and that money was to be earmarked for a fund for the timing trailer. This is the clubs' option to do this. Terry said when he first joined, the Region put on a lot of events to make money and then clubs decided they would gather up sanctions from clubs that weren't using them and make money for their own clubs, which is fine, but the money that goes to individual clubs isn't going to the Region, so we are coming up a little bit shy on funds. So, take this back to your clubs and like Terry said, the suggestion by TR is that they are giving three and so we need at least four more sanctions to put on a low speed event to get the money to be earmarked for the timing trailer expenses. So, if that is something you want to do, and I guess it would be aimed more at the clubs that don't use their sanctions themselves, rather than giving them up to another club that already has 10 sanctions, think about giving them to the Region to put on an event.

Al said that another option we have, if someday we don't have enough funds to keep the trailer going, we can always hire someone to do the events, but then whoever is putting on the autocross event would have to foot the bill for someone to come in and do it. Terry said, on that note, Ted Vanelli found a timing guy we are going to use for Convention. He charges \$200 per day and \$15 per transponder, which he uses. So, it would be \$200 for the day, which about what it costs now for expenses and he does everything. He puts the transponders on and they have not checked with him yet and Terry will once we have officially got the Convention is if the printout of results is the same as we are used to looking at so we can put them on the board. So basically, it would be \$200 per day and each entrant would have to pay \$15 for the transponder and we don't have to worry about anything. He prints it out, you have the results. By rights, we would still have to bring the trailer because you still will need the cones, the posting sheets, etc. Basically, what that would take out of our expenses is electronics, the computer and timing light. So that is a consideration. Terry asked the Governors to take this back to their clubs and see what their thoughts are. Cheryl Getzy had the following question. Each entrant pays \$15, above the cost of entry fees, what happens if they drive off with that transponder? Terry said that is up to him, because we are going to put the onus on the timing guy. They used to take your drivers license and you would get it back when you turn the transponder in. That is something when we get deeper into Convention. We could do multiple cars, they would put them on and take them off and Terry's thought was to let each individual participant handle that so they are responsible. If the Region or the club takes that responsibility and they drive off with two or three transponders, Terry has heard they cost \$200 to \$300 each. Cheryl said you also have to consider the car that has two drivers, does each driver pay the \$15. Terry said it is \$15 per transponder. So, take it back to your clubs and give it some thought.

Al said one other thing, years ago Bob Thompson used to keep the trailer and he did all the timing. When he quit doing it, Fred took over and we didn't have Fred at the last event. So Al asked if anyone knows anyone who would want to be our Region designated timing operator, learn how to use the computers, how to set it up, etc. So if anyone knows anyone who would want to take on that role, please let Al or Terry know, because at each autocross they have to scramble to get someone to run the timing. Cheryl asked if they get paid. Terry said, no, historically, when Fred did the timing and he ran, the club that was putting on the event let him run the event for free. When Bob did it also, it is in our By-Laws, we would pay his mileage and if it was overnight, we would pay his hotel room. He still had to pay his meals, etc., but you don't get paid for doing this. Terry said, when Bob did it, he had the trailer and now the trailer is at Terry's and the clubs that use it have to make arrangements with Terry or themselves to get the trailer from storage to the facility and back. You also have to figure out where the computers are and who you are going to get to run the computers. Actually, it has turned out pretty good, but we have been leaning heavily on the Flanhofer boys, Dave was there and Regi and Dan Gallagher helped and it doesn't have to be somebody just dedicated to that. Terry's suggestion would be that any club that is considering putting on a speed event, that they need the timing equipment, find someone in your club that is willing and capable to learn and we can set up a time and he has a big enough shop, they can get the computers even in bad weather, they can do it right in the shop and learn how to use it and become familiar with the equipment. Here again, what we normally do is like a week before, if at all possible, you can have the computers so that if you have pre-registration, you can enter people into the computer base so you don't have to do that the day of, which helps you out a lot and you can do a test run to make sure everything is right and you understand totally. There will always be glitches, its electronics, you will always have glitches. You will get workers points for this. Here again, if you are a competitor, what we have been doing, the club putting on the event lets these workers run for free for the day. So that is a consideration. So take it back to your clubs and see what interest there is. Gus Santagata volunteered to do the work. Dan Gallagher has the computers, so Terry told Gus to contact them when he wanted to learn and they could do it over the winter. Chuck Stephens is requesting Gus have an update on his stress test before he begins. Barb Kukasky asked since Gus is going to do it, do they still have to ask their clubs and Terry said yes, they need someone else besides just Gus in the trailer. It takes at least two if not three people. Al asked Gus if he was not volunteering, just volunteering Karen and he said since she already does so much and has done it in the past, she can do it with him and that would be fine. Terry asked everyone to take it back to their clubs, the more people we have who are familiar with the equipment, the better. Al said, moving along, Terry, Cheryl and he were out in St. Louis in September and he attended the RCD meeting. One of the things they talk about a lot at RCD meetings is drag racing. We don't do much drag racing in our Region, but the meets are over now, but there were two or three record drag meets coming up. Two are over now, like on September 14th there was one in Little River Drag Strip in Holland, Texas, and one Onawa, Iowa on October 6th and one still coming up at ThunderValley Drag Strip in Lexington, Oklahoma on October 20th. A lot of these guys are really into drag racing, which you will see at Convention. They bring their drag cars in. Joe Oreko, the

Governor of Corvette Super Sports, made a motion to amend the Competition Rule Book which is part of the Standing Rules, but a second was not offered because members had not heard the proposed changes and that is because the red line rule book is not on line yet. It is going to be voted on at the November meeting, just like all the Governors you got your email that says you can vote now, they forgot to put our Convention of 2021 on the ballot also. Anyway, there are four positions in National that are up for re-election and three are unopposed. The only one that is running against someone is Joe Eller who is Vice President of Competition and Bill Daughtery is running against him. I don't want to tell you who to vote for, but Joe is the current Vice President and when Al goes to the meetings, they don't get an agenda ahead of time, they couldn't vote on the minutes of the last meeting because they weren't posted on line, the rule book that should have been in effect this year isn't because that wasn't put on line, so the RCD meetings are like a ship without a rudder right now. Peggy Quine pointed out that the RCD minutes have not been on line for the last two years and wondered if they had anyone taking minutes. The point was brought up that they had a digital recorder in there, but Al says he (Joe) has his computer open...Peggy said she doesn't think there is anyone taking minutes, there have not been any written minutes...Al said there is a lot of dead time at the meetings. Terry said even at the Governors meetings Joe gets up and spends five to ten minutes saying nothing, just looking at his computer and he gets lost in thought a lot for whatever reason. Needless to say, he is not up to the task. Whatever his qualifications are, he has shown himself to be lacking to get the job done properly. Anyone who has been to the Governors meeting, can attest to that. Barb Kukasky said she has sent emails asking for clarification and has had no reply. She has to go to Kathy Brisbois.

Al said that one of the things they did with the new rule book is that they took all of the forms out of the rule book and they are going to be separate, so if a form needs to be changed or if you need to find a form, they will be under the Forms tab, not in the rule book.

One of the things they did, they are limiting concourses to only three per day, because when we used to do the concours at Progressive, it took all day to do one. Al said they had one RCD there who would brag about how they had seven concourses in a day and they were out of there by noon. Yet, this same guy was also so negative about anything anyone else talked about. Anyway, they are limiting concourses to no more than three per day. It states that the judging teams would have to change, the same judging teams cannot judge the same car in multiple events. I guess when you look at their results, they had the same results seven times. Terry said that several years ago they lost all their points because when they researched it, they found out that they all just got together, created it so everyone was a one car class, so everyone got 10 points for seven events.

Also, they came up with a wheel chart we are going to use because the current rule book says you are allowed any size wheel plus or minus one inch width and plus or minus one inch height per class, that's how it read. Al questioned this because he has a C6 Grand Sport with 12 inch wheels, but he is in the same class as a C7 base model Corvette, which comes with 10 inch wheels, so basically the way you read that rule, if someone has a base model C7, since they are in his class with his 12 inch wheels, they could go from 10 inch

to 13 inch wheels and still run stock. So they have come up with a chart, based on the year of the car and what it originally came with. They decided to do away with that chart and just go back to the way it was, plus or minus one inch per class. So, whatever class you are in and whatever size some car in that class has, you can still go plus or minus one inch from that. There is a rule that says as long as it doesn't rub, it is legal.

The C8 will be put in a P Class. They have made another class for the new Corvette and they moved C7 Grand Sport back to M, because it was in N, but they moved it back to M for all events. They talked about the annual tech. It is still in the rule book, basically it is up to the Region. If the Region does an annual tech and if the club putting on the event wants to do a tech at their event, they can. You still have to classify the cars, there was some opposition to this, but most of the opposition came from the old time racers where you used to have to work on the cars all the time. All the current RCDs are fine with the annual tech. One example is this last week at Track X, Mike Willis has the new ZR1 and drives it 450 miles for 7 hours and when they were there, a McClarren showed up and Mike wanted to show it up. He had it on the track for two days, pushing it at the limit and Al didn't think he even opened his hood the whole time. With these new cars, you really don't have to do much with them. Anyway, the annual tech is going to be in the new rule book.

Ray Valentine asked if they had given a reason for putting the Grand Sport back to M. Al said Denny Murphy said he can't keep up with the Z06s, so that is why he wanted it moved back to another class. Ray said since now you are moving it back to M, that puts into a higher class, so it is now the slowest car in that group. Al said it was in N Class and Ray said that was his point, it was M, they moved it to N and now it is back to M, and there wasn't any logic other than they just moved it back? Al said, well it couldn't compete with the N cars, which is the Z06s. Terry said what they were having issues with was not the low speeds, they do more high speeds. A classic example was Track X, You can keep up with these cars in the corners if you set up right, but you get on the straight away and the guy in front of you is dogging it a little bit, okay, you have to back off so you are not on his bumper and he's got the big horsepower, they stand on it and they take off like a shot on the straight away, well your little engine behind there is trying to keep up. That is what they are saying about timed speed events. These guys can be lesser drivers in these bigger engine cars and even though, like the Grand Sport they can corner just as well, but when they come down the straight aways, they are losing time because they can't keep up on that straight shot. So, they are watching someone dog it because they can barely get around the corners, but they get on the straight away and stand on it and you are off like a shot and hang on for dear life. Ray said, so they moved it back which puts the Grand Sport in that category where they really can't keep up with the bigger cars. Terry said now the C6 Grand Sport is in M also, so you have the C6 Grand Sport, the C6 Z06 and the C7 Grand Sport. Dan Gallagher said as well as all of the regular C7's. Al said personally he thought they should have added a couple more letters, but they didn't want to do that. So, they keep moving around to get the balance they can. Al then told the funny incident which happened between Mike Willis and Nora, the Assistant Plant Manager at the Corvette Plant where Mike pulled out of a restaurant with his ZR1 and she pulled up beside him with a C8 and started revving the engine so

they went at it and the base model C8 showed Mike her rear end. Cheryl pointed out that the C8 was an automatic, so it could shift much faster than Mike could do. Discussion followed regarding who had ordered new cars and who drove their current ones at Track X. Terry asked if there were any questions for Al and Peggy Quine had one. She said when we have to vote on all the red line, do you have to vote yes or no for all of them, or can you vote individually? Al said he didn't think you could vote individually and Terry said his understanding was that you give one vote, either for the new rules or against them. Peggy said even if you don't like one in the middle, you still have to have one vote and Terry said, correct. As he remembers from one Governors meeting that their thoughts are if there is a particular item in there that doesn't look right, you can take that out after the fact and put a change in the following year. Right now, yes, it's either all or nothing, either for the whole new red line or against it. Terry asked if there were any other questions for Al and there were none.

Committee Reports

Hall of Fame - Mickey Ouellette

You have until midnight tonight to turn in any nominees for the Hall of Fame. Gus asked if the nomination had to be brought up by the whole club and the answer is no, any East Ohio Region member can write it up, read the criteria that is on the website and as long as they meet....but you can put anyone in and the committee will look it over and they will kick it back if they don't meet the requirements. The committee consists of Mickey, Terry Muich, Chuck Heretta and Warren Obert. Terry has just been standing back and waiting to see, because what they decide and if there is a tie, he will review it and cast his tie breaking vote. Bob Niznick asked who had been nominated and Mickey said they can't reveal this information yet. After tonight the committee will get together and make sure that the nominees qualify and they have two weeks after tonight. Mickey will send out what she has Sunday or Monday to the committee and they have two weeks to see if the people qualify or not and if they do, then she will send it out to all the Governors to review and you will get your ballot in December. Mickey said the qualifications are on line. Keep scrolling down and you will see "Hall of Fame Qualifications". Terry asked if there were any other questions regarding the Hall of Fame. There were none.

By-Laws - Mickey Ouellette

Terry asked if there were any other items other than what we had already discussed and Mickey said no, but she was looking at the SOPs and there are a few corrections in there and she will type it up where we need to make changes. For instance, wording was changed in one place and not in another.

Webmaster - Eric Flanhofer

Terry pointed out that Eric has been our Webmaster for some time and he has been doing a good job, but his interests have been changing a little bit, he has not been paying attention sometimes when Terry sends him stuff and he understands, he does a good job, but if the Governors would go back to their clubs and see if there is anyone qualified and interesting in taking over the Webmaster position, let him know. Al has said Eric's feelings wouldn't be hurt if someone else took over the job, so if anyone knows someone

who might be interested, preferably someone with an IT background and who is active in the Region. Mickey said it doesn't have to be a committee member to write up any changes, anyone can submit a By-Law change, the form is in there. Anyone can also write up a Standing Rules change and turn it in and the committee will review it. Terry said any East Ohio Region member can nominate anyone for the Hall of Fame and can go on line and get the forms and can recommend a By-Law or Standing Rule change, just fill out the form, the committee reviews and then submits it to the Governors. Mickey said a Standing Operating Procedure change can be voted on at the meeting, but there should be at least 30 days notice to send it out and have the Governors to review, but it can be voted at a meeting to change it. By-Laws only get voted on at the end of the year and you have to have those changes in by the 13th. Ray Valentine said so as he understands it, any club member in Region can suggest a By-Law change (Terry said correct) and turn that into the Governor and the Governor turns it in to the committee, it doesn't have to be just Governors suggesting the change? Just any member who is a member of the Region. Terry said technically, they can come to a meeting and present it themselves. The Governors are in place because with over 1,200 members, we don't have a room big enough to handle that many people and that's the idea of, just like Governors and your Board going to National, your members are supposed to communicate with the Governor and the Governors are supposed to communicate with National. If anyone desires to bring that type of information to the meeting here themselves, or even to National, they are free to do so. This is what Terry has been stressing, NCCC is a club run by the members. The officers and Governors are there to funnel the members' information, they are supposed to do what the majority of the members want (that is how it is supposed to work). Terry said please don't discourage any member from wanting to be active and if they want to come to the meetings, particularly for National, they have actually rented a big van for the trip out to the National meeting. Terry asked for any questions on By-Laws or Standing Rules. There were none.

Banquet - Barb Kukasky, TR Aldrich and Terry Muich

Mid Ohio Corvette Club is hosting the East Region Banquet this year. They did have the club and Hamiltons and Vanellis go to a tasting. There were about 23 who had a meal and they prepared the Banquet food for them, as a buffet type, so you could sample everything and they did make a decision and Terry doesn't have it written out in front of him, but they did make a decision on what meal they are going to have. They are working on pricing and the rest of the information and will try to have the flyer out within the next week or so. The Banquet will be at the Galaxy and the host hotel will be the Comfort Inn. The date will be February 29th and they had to go with that date because a lot of other places were tied up in March. Mid Ohio is asking any club that wishes to donate any material for raffle baskets, please let them know. Normally, the 1st Place club from the previous year oversees the Hospitality Room and by overseeing Terry means they basically coordinates and makes sure we are leaving the room clean, not supply the food. Al said Corvette Cleveland probably would do it, but if they find someone else that would be ok and Terry then asked if anyone else would be interested. They will have the information out shortly. Nora Roper, the Assistant Plant Manager at the Corvette Plant is already scheduled to be our speaker. Peggy Stephens asked if we need baskets for the Chinese raffle and Terry said we need door prizes, baskets, or

anything anyone would wish to donate. The basket money goes to help offset the cost of the Banquet, paying for the speaker's room, her meal and the Hall of Fame pays for the recipient's meal if we have one, they do not pay for their room. Buckeye and Cleveland both did a really good job with baskets and they made enough money to come in under the original amount of \$750, after we had increased the amount to \$1,000. It helps with the speakers, like Nora requested audio visual stuff and the hotel wanted \$700 to set up the audio visual and screen, but they are pretty good about working with us on those numbers and if that doesn't come down, we might have to bring our own equipment in.

Terry then asked who buys from Ecklers. Several people did. They give out coupons at the meetings and historically we have held on to them and then auctioned them off, but they are only good until July of 2020, so rather than holding on to them and Terry doesn't as a rule deal with Ecklers, so what do the Governors want him to do with them, hand them out, auction them off there. Terry has two \$50 merchandise certificates. If we hold them until March, that is short time they are good. The suggestion was made to auction them off at the Chili Cook-off.

Convention 2021 Update

Al Flanhofer gave the update. He started by mentioning that we will have a meeting after the Governors meeting to go in more detail. We have some chairpersons lined up and have been talking to Nelsons Ledges for the high speed events and Dragway 42 for low speed. We have the hotel picked out, but we can't sign any contracts yet because this has to be voted on in St. Louis in November. Once it is approved then we can start signing contracts and work on it in more detail.

Cheryl is going to be in charge of Tours. We still need some chairpersons. Terry then showed the brochure we had printed up and offered them for some of the Governors to take back to their clubs. He had only four left. They were really impressed by the brochure. Al asked who wanted a copy of the list of chairs. Terry has the bill for making the brochures and it is \$1,157.19. They had 100 of them printed out, which we are required to do. So, for that amount of money, Terry needs the Governors authorization to have Peggy pay the bill. That amount will be earmarked for Convention expenses and the Treasurer will take it out of any proceeds coming in for the Convention. Anything spend on Convention will be earmarked as "Convention Expenses" and that is shown on Al's budget, which he will pass out to the Governors which shows that the Region should make a good profit. This would be the proposed budget for the Convention. Terry asked for a motion to pay the bill, Cheryl Getzy made the motion to pay the bill for the brochures, Sam Sicilia seconded, motion passed unanimously, none opposed and none abstaining.

Al continued by explaining that when we first proposed this idea, Terry was going to be Convention Director and Al was going to be Co-Director. You cannot be Convention Director or Co-Director and hold a Region position because the meetings are held at the same time. Terry wanted to remain RE, so Al will take over as Convention Director, Dan Gallagher will be Co-Director. Therefore, Al will have to resign as RCD and he will do that at the December meeting, where Al will resign and Terry will nominate someone to

replace him and the Governors will have to vote on that person. We don't pick the Convention Treasurer, the NCCC President assigns the Convention Treasurer. Karen Santagata has been working with the hotels, so we will have her as Registration Coordinator, and she will have to work with the Treasurer once Registration opens up. We need a chairperson for Entertainment. Ray Valentine offered to do Car Tech, we need someone for Corvette Mall and someone for Beverages. Dan Gallagher was down for low speed and Al thinks he can handle Chair for low speed and still be Convention Co-Director. Ted Vanelli and Janice Sudia will handle high speed. Mike Willis and Mark Dreifke will handle drags, Terry and Bev Sells will do the concours and Bob and Bea Webb will do the PC car show. Rich Brooks will do the rallye. We have funkhana and security open. Larry Nemecek from Corvette Cleveland said he might do security. Dennis Patrick will handle the merchandising. Youth Program Director is open, Jackie Stoutenburgh will do the awards, Julie Ellis from Corvette Cleveland will do door prizes, Judie Derig and Dan Tuck will work on decorations and the Banquet Chairperson is open, Tours will be Cheryl Getzy and we have the Local Sponsorship position open. So, go back to your clubs and try to find people to fill these positions, because the more people we have helping, the less work each person will have to do. Dave Brennan asked what was involved with the Entertainment position. Al said he had emailed out booklets explaining each position, but he read that the Entertainment Chairperson should have a good imagination for parties and previous Convention experience is helpful, it is important for the Entertainment Chairperson to work closely with the Sponsorship Chairperson, the Decorations Chairperson and the NCCC Director of Sponsorship in order to coordinate the parties that are sponsors of specific needs, plans or themes. Also activity nights or picnics outside the hotel are planned. Therefore, when you read this, a lot of these Chairpersons have to work together. Dave then asked what the "Car Mall" was. Al said a lot of vendors come in and set up what is called Corvette Car Mall and this person would just coordinate with all the vendors and set up where their tables would be in the banquet room. Terry said we have the basic setup, case in point in working with Ted and trying to get Mike Lally to try to help get costs down for the high speed, he has a good presence out at Nelsons already and if he could work with us to get his dealership to help sponsor the event, what Terry proposed to Al is that we let Mike Lally set up his display of cars in the Corvette Mall, Terry's thoughts were to have other clubs, like for instance, Buckeye has a good relationship with Schoner. So, if we could get Mike Lally to help sponsor the high speeds and get another dealership to sponsor the low speeds, in return for this we could do like advertising, they could display at the Corvette Mall and have their cars and/or trucks on display as a thank-you for their sponsorships. The point was made that if we have two or three different dealerships, we have to be careful of the competition between them. Al pointed out that when he and Cindy went to Denver, at the hotel, there were some new Corvettes sitting on either side of the entrance and they had their sign "such and such" Chevrolet. Al doesn't think we can have multiple Chevy dealers, we may have to find just one who has the deepest pockets and use them. Dennis Patrick said you can use different dealerships for different events. Terry said that was his thought. For instance, if Lally does the high speeds, the suggestions Terry has heard from National were, are we going to have a track day before that so people can come in early. So, we are thinking of looking into the Friday before Convention getting with Lally, because he already does track days on his own out there. Have a track day out there, it

will all be on him, he can charge whatever, but that is an option for people to come in on the Friday before Convention and run the track. We could do similar things, he didn't know if we could get down to '42 for the autocross, but a dealer could sponsor the autocross and they could come down and set up their advertising at the autocross and the same thing with the drags, that type of thing. The point was made that there will probably be interest, but we need to clarify things and Terry said that is what we are trying to do, decide what to do. He told the Governors if they have a close relationship with a dealership, find out what they would expect. Terry said any support or money they want to contribute is less that we have to charge or more profit we have to split. We do have to split the profits with National. Historically, from what he understands, that didn't happen. It used to be if the Region puts it on, they got all the money. Terry hadn't researched to see when it changed, but as long as he has been in, about 10 years, you share with National. So, anything we can get, anybody to donate that will help, for instance with the tours, say they charge \$20 per person, if they were to give us a break of, say \$2 per person, we can still charge the same rate but we get a couple dollars back for getting them business. Al brought up a good point that at a convention he went to a couple years back, they were charging 4 times more for the tour and if you had gone there the day before you could have gotten it for 4 times less. Al gave an example of, say to go to the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame, there is an admission charge there, but it is going to cost about \$20 per person for a bus which holds 50 to 60 people, so the bus is about \$1,100 so you divide that by however many people the bus holds, \$20 per person, so if you take that cost plus the ticket, what conventions have been doing, they are about doubling that cost to make money for the Region. Bob Niznick said, regarding the Corvette Mall, do we charge the vendors for space. Al said the vendors make a donation. He has a spread sheet he got from someone and usually the convention makes \$3000 to \$4000 from the vendors. Terry said, if Mike Lally steps up and cuts our price from \$1500 per day, and Ted said it is between \$5,000 and \$7,500 per week, so Terry said lets say \$7,500 and we can get Mike Lally, because we will give him Friday on his own to do it, if we can get him to pay our cost, and Terry's thoughts are we are going to have the timing guy with his transponders, that he (Lally) can be active and have his cars out there day, because for that kind of donation we are surely going to let him put some cars on display all week and be in the Corvette Mall (for a \$7,500 donation). If someone sees that, we will have multiple levels of donors. If you are the top donor and you are giving close to \$10,000 donation for us to help us, yes, we are going to be doing anything we can to help you out. If you give a lesser amount, say \$10, we will say "that's nice". Dennis Patrick asked if there will be sponsorship levels, like gold, platinum, etc, because he has been to a lot of different places and has helped with conventions for other people and those who donate more have a higher level of visibility, which is what Terry is talking about. You almost establish ahead of time what that minimum donation is to be in those groups, so he suggests this be done. Dennis Patrick, who has been through a lot of these, had the following to say. If you take a look at how sponsorship works, there is what is called typically local sponsorship and then there is national sponsorship. So, as we are looking right now, we have Michelle who is working right now on sponsorship. In fact she already has some sponsorships not lined up for 2021, but for 2020. She has that broken down by the different levels based on how much they are contributing, so there are platinum, gold and silver levels. Then there is another level that is just a general

sponsorship. If you look at the convention organization here in the Region is really going to be responsible for local sponsorship, so we need to make sure all that gets coordinated with Michelle so you are in sync. Terry said how that happens, is that once we are officially voted in to have the convention, just like Al has to attend the steering committees, but he doesn't get reimbursed yet. The Director and Co-Director will get reimbursed after the first of the year. Right now they won't. Right now the only reason we had to go to the last Steering Committee meeting was to put our presentation in, because they are right now busy working with everyone to get 2020 established. Once you come to January 2020, they will be working on 2021. Terry said when we made our presentation and they sat in on the 2020 meeting, we are already ahead of where they were at that time. Al said they are still trying to resolve a lot of issues for next year's convention in Indianapolis. Terry said, so far our Region has been doing a heck of a job and even though we started a year late, we came in ahead of the game.

The comment was made what a good job the booklet we used for our presentation was and Terry said that is Andy Koonz of Wooster Power Point and Terry suggested he put his logo on it somewhere and he did, but they took the information Al gave them and Andy made it up. Terry thought it was worth the money, when they handed them out at the meeting, everyone was just blown away. Al mentioned that Cindy has put the basic information together initially and Andy compiled, but Cindy did a lot of legwork on this and she still is.

Terry then called on Dennis Patrick, because he has been to several NCCC conventions selling things and he has options on how we can do this for merchandising. Dennis said they have been selling NCCC merchandise since February of 2001 and one of the things they have done is they have worked several conventions where they have actually worked with the merchandise. If you look at the budget, you don't see anything there for merchandise because the merchandise is off the books, so all that income comes to the Region and is not split with National. As they look at, they actually provided the merchandise for Las Vegas, for Hagerstown, New Orleans, etc. What they are going to do is make a proposal of two ways to do it. What they will do is, when they get to Indianapolis next year, Thursday of that week, in Corvette Mall, there will be a booth and that's when we start selling our convention merchandise. That's how it starts. So, one of the proposals he will have is that he will actually take care of all that for you, Dennis will transport it, he will set it out, he will sell it (he may ask for some volunteers to help sell), so they would do that and that particular Thursday is the day when they sell the most merchandise of any day. He thinks in New Orleans they sold 500 to 600 items, they sold almost 100 items that Thursday afternoon. Having that ready for launch is very important and we talked about Indianapolis, they weren't ready for that and didn't really leverage that capability in Denver. What they will do is, he doesn't have room in his basement or garage, but he has a lady he has been working with since 2000 and she started her business at the same time Dennis got into this and she is very artistic and has a good eye for color coordination and things like that. One of the keys there to insure good sales is to have the right color and have a colorful logo that stands out so you can draw people in. We will talk some more about that later today. The other thing is we typically, what he did for New Orleans, he transported all the convention shirts to all the Governors

meetings in St. Louis, took care of the inventory, all that. So he will work with Al to say how are we going to do that. Two ways available are, they can come up with an inventory and you (the Region) can buy it and hold it and sell it for a minimal charge per item and you own the risk of anything left over, or he owns everything and he gives the Region so much for everything sold. We are not to the point where we are ready to decide all those levels of details, but he thinks we have a couple of unique opportunities here in Ohio. Since he didn't live in Las Vegas or New Orleans, it was very difficult to get that stuff out to events, but starting after the Indianapolis Convention, he will try to get to as many events as he can and have merchandise on display, so that way more stuff can be sold. He can talk all day long about this, but that is what they are thinking about and he can talk later about what we are going to have. They have always have polo shirts, t-shirts, they also have done some special orders with sweatshirts. They made up some sweatshirts and these we are selling for the East Ohio Regional Banquet so we may have some for that. What they have to do is work out how they are going to do that. He knows he has covered a lot of ground, but are there any questions?

Terry Muich asked when he would start selling, after the next Convention is over? Dennis said Thursday of the Convention. So Terry said, Thursday of the 2020 Convention? At the very next National meeting he will be there selling and Dennis comes to our Banquet and sells. Dennis said he will probably not be selling Indianapolis gear at the Banquet. He will have National stuff. He started this after he came off the E-Board as the Business Manager and it was discussed over and over how it was so difficult to get something with the logo. So, how are we going to do that? After he lost his job on the E-Board, he had a bunch of shirts made up, flew from Delaware to St. Louis and that is how he got started. Terry said Dennis has pins and all that stuff. Terry's thoughts, and the Governors will have to decide, Terry likes the idea of Dennis taking the risk and just giving the Region some of the proceeds. Terry's thoughts are that Dennis has been doing this, we have our basic logos, what Al has come up with are great, and we can get them to Dennis and he can get them to his people and decide what is the best. Al said, actually if Dennis sticks around for the meeting, he has some ideas on this, because he told Al the last couple of cities used the city skyline on their logos, so we might want to change things up. Dennis said there are three techniques he has used. One is embroidery, second is screen printing and there is a new process, it is just an overlay and he has a sample of that here, the colors are not as brilliant. So we need to discuss the logo, how does it work in each of the processes and if you try to put it in some things, it becomes almost non-legible. It is a great logo for the back of a shirt. Those are some of the details we need to work out. Bob Niznick asked about the logo, how does that work, do we have to bring that in for a formal vote or does the Convention committee decide. Al said the Convention committee decides. National doesn't have anything to do with it? No, the decision is ours (the Region). Al said, like Dennis said, the shirt sales are totally separate from the Convention. Say, like we buy \$10,000 worth of merchandise and we only sell \$5,000, we take the hit. We lose \$5,000. But, if we spend \$10,000 and sell \$20,000 we get the whole \$10,000. Like Dennis said, he has done this for many conventions, he has a lot of experience and he has the marketing tools, etc. Terry said what we will try to do is after the meeting today we are having a Convention meeting here or whoever wants to stay for the meeting, we will go through all this and take any ideas, maybe get some

samples out by December or maybe the March meeting. Actually, the Banquet would be great. Dennis said he had a question about the logo. You notice it says "National Council of Corvette Clubs" and you want to do is you want someone to see that across the room and say "that's National Council". Well, we debated all sorts of things, but we did sell all the shirts. So there are some things we will start asking questions about the logo, there may be some issues with Chevy, because we have the C8 and we have to get that clarified. The other thing that may be an issue is the Goodyear blimp is on there, so he did this for Indianapolis many years ago and Hoosier Tire was a big sponsor and he actually.... Joe Maddingly said he works for Goodyear and Goodyear might want to be a sponsor, thinking outside the box. Terry said, yes, they might want to give us money if their logo shows up on the shirts. That is a possibility to look in to. Dennis asked for any other questions. Mike Getzy asked what they do with the shirts that don't sell. Dennis said he hasn't had any left. What they do is they start at the next event, discounting the shirt. Al asked Joe if he should put him down for Local Sponsorship Chair. Joe said he would stick around for the Convention meeting.

Terry said, take this information back to you clubs so it is up to the membership to decide. Terry's thoughts are to let Dennis take the risk and we collect the money.

Sam Sicilia had a couple of questions. First, Terry mentioned about the percentage split with National, which is 50/50. Second, for Al, could he get a list of all the worker positions he has filled and those he needs workers for. Al passed these around.

Terry said Al has been emailing all this out and everyone needs to start reading all the emails. Terry asked if there were any other questions and Al said no, we will wait for the meeting. Terry said he will say that since we proposed it there were people who came up to all of them at the National meeting, people who you might have seen but don't really know their names, they stopped Terry in the hall saying how excited they were to come to Cleveland. Why we didn't make the electronic ballot, Terry doesn't know, but it will be basically a "warm body" vote.

As a follow to what Al was saying, as the By-Laws read, the RE will appoint the RCD and then the Governors at the next scheduled meeting will vote to approve his replacement. Al can do that until the end of this year. Al will formally submit his resignation at the December 7th meeting and at that time Terry will announce his appointment for RCD, and Ray Valentine is who Terry will appoint and Ray has said he will do it. So, when Al puts in his resignation, then Terry will appoint Ray and then at the March meeting (which will be at the Banquet), the Governors will vote to accept him. Ray has already been working with Al to get up to speed. Bob Niznick questioned the qualifications for RCD. Terry said actually what the rules say (and he didn't print them out, but he read them), to be nominated you have to have attended two Regional meetings the previous year. That does not cover an appointed position. The only thing it says about when someone steps down and someone is appointed is the RE appoints the position and the Governors approve or disapprove. It doesn't say anything about qualifications. Regardless, Ray has already attended every Regional meeting this year and I know he has attended at least one National meeting because he rode with Terry. So,

Ray qualifies. Terry pointed out that Ray has been very active. Ray said since this has been discussed, he has been part of Council since 1974, he autocrossed a '66 back in the day, he and his son autocrossed an '81 when he was in high school and then they bought the race car and autocrossed, he runs high speed, he runs low speed, he's done a concours and now he is running a Grand Sport, so when it comes to qualifications, he has worked on cars, he is working with Terry now, he has learned a lot about the new cars just working with Terry, so when it comes to qualifications, he doesn't know what is meant, he has been around a long, long time. So that is just some of the things he has done in the past 40+ years with Buckeye and the East Ohio Region. He has been President of his club and was Governor in the late 70's for about 6 to 8 years. So it's not like he is unfamiliar with what is going on. Chuck Stephens said times have really changed, he had a pulse and was breathing, so he had to take the RCD job. Here again, Ray told Terry if anyone feels he is not qualified or he is not the choice, he doesn't have a problem with that, he won't be offended or upset. He is here because he has a good time and has fun doing this. Terry said also, for clarity, Ray will be just finishing out the last year of Al's term and then we will have nominations the following year for RCD, RMD and Secretary next year. So, as stated at the December meeting Al will tender his written resignation and then we will go from there. Any questions? There were none.

RE Report - Terry Muich

Terry has been emailing all the Governors about the Jim Sine incident and how it was handled. He asked if everyone has gotten the emails. At the last RE meeting, Terry was surprised when he and Barb were working on it, he was supposed to have, as per our last Regional meeting in the minutes, a Standing Rule change or By-Law change on how to present information. So, he and Barb started looking into it and low and behold what they wanted to put in there was already in the By-Laws and he thinks he even copied that out to the Governors. He presented it to the REs and there were some people who took great offense to that and he doesn't know why, he said he was just highlighting the rules, actually the printed minutes were in effect in violation of the same By-Law rules that they used to throw Jim Sine out. Bottom line is, Dale Samuelson said and it was agreed upon that they are supposed to be correcting the written minutes of the meeting where they reported about Jim Sine being removed. They are supposed to be correcting those minutes. Terry has not yet looked to see if they are corrected, but that's how that ended. Because those rules are already there and he know he pasted and copied and sent it out to everybody. So that is done.

Mickey sent him some information about a quilt she is thinking of doing. This will be an NCCC quilt made up of patches from all the National clubs and he handed out the sheets to all the REs. Terry has yet to get a response from anyone. Terry had samples and it is a proposal. Several years ago an idea was started to have a quilt made from Regional patches. They received five Regional patches and a National Council patch done on squares (Mickey has the samples there). The Regional patches are Michigan, Carolina, Midwest, Northwest and Florida, with the National Council patch. Mickey is looking to see if anyone is interested, if the rest of the Regions and all the clubs nationally would be willing to donate patches and Mickey is willing to have someone do a quilt with all these patches. Her idea was to have a big quilt with all the NCCC patches (Regional Club

patches) and auction it off as a donation to St. Judes for our charity. He just talked to her this morning and they have set a date of December of this year. The thoughts are if they get no feedback from National, would the Region be interested in getting all our club patches to Mickey and getting something like for our Region. Think about it and we will get back to it at a later date. Take it back to your clubs and we should know by December if National will end up blowing us off and we can decide if we want to do that. Here again, it's going to take a bit to do it, but if it looks really nice, that might be something we want to auction off at the Convention. Terry asked Dennis what he thought about that and Dennis told Terry to touch base with Michelle and get her thoughts.

Proxies Terry said the way they did it this year was for Governor proxy votes, we just turned in one at the first of the year, they copied it and you were good for the year. You didn't have to bring one in at each meeting. If you showed up or a proxy showed up for you at the meeting, what they did was check the list of sign-ins, and for those of you who have never been to a National meeting, when we vote, the RE (say if we have 13 Governors and there are 10 not there, they give him a number that says 10). If they are voting something important and the Governors who can't be there tell him how they want to vote on something, they split it up, say its a big vote and 5 want him to vote one way and 5 want him to vote the other way, Terry can request 5 and 5 and when that vote comes up, he votes that way. So what they do, if the Governors show up and they are signed in, but Terry would like a signed proxy turned in to him by December's meeting, a signed proxy from all Governors. If you are changing Governors, by them. Terry asked if the Governors had the proxy form and if not, he has some with him. They are on line, so fill them out and either email them to him or send them to him so he has them by December, so he can turn them in if they do the same thing again this year at the first of the year for the National meetings. It doesn't affect your vote if you show up or your club sends a proxy Governor, you sign in as the proxy Governor, but each club has to be represented at a minimum of three National meetings, and by turning in a proxy to the RE, that means you are represented. So, if you don't have a proxy and nobody shows up for your club, you stand a chance of losing it and all your members are going to have to pay as new members. Terry said you just need one proxy because this year they started that if you turn in one proxy, because if you notice, none of the proxy forms have dates on them, so if you turn in one proxy at the first meeting of the year, she records it and they have a listing of that and it is good for the year. So, we don't have to turn one in each time. All he needs is one proxy. Either fill it out and bring it to the December meeting or just email it to Terry. Whatever is most convenient.

Budget for 2020 The 2020 Budget will be presented at the February National meeting and voted on at that time. Terry said they used to do it earlier, but because there are some numbers they don't have for the Budget. For instance, they don't have the IRS rate, and a couple other numbers based on government that they don't have, so that is why it won't be out till then, and we will be voting on that. So far they said NCCC basically is going to have a \$2,500 profit for 2019 unless thing change. They spent \$17,000 on the caravan for tents set up at the Museum. They did have 8 different clubs sign up as being interested in joining NCCC at the Museum. The IRS is again auditing NCCC for the years 2016 through 2019. They were supposed to meet with a CPA firm the first week of October.

Hopefully things will work out, they got a clean bill of health last time, as you might recall they had an issue with how they handle the charity and that was the deciding factor on National getting out of charities. The numbers are not all in, but they are looking at an approximate \$21,000 profit from the 2018 Convention. They are still processing the numbers. If they have a \$21,000 profit, half of that which is \$10,500, would go to the Region that put it on and the other \$10,500 goes to National.

Blue Bars They are showing (and Terry didn't get copies, to get copies of the Financials you have to go on "Members Only"), they used to send them out to the Governors, but now you are supposed to go on line. The Governors meeting minutes were just emailed. In their reports, Blue Bars is showing a \$14,000 overage because they paid a bill ahead of time. That is what they told them at the meeting.

FCOA We have 2700 members. Shannon Davis, who took over as FCOA, would like to step up and do more kids activities at the Conventions. He is starting out with Indianapolis and is working with them and he sent Terry an email if we hold the 2021 and Terry emailed him back, let Terry know what Shannon wants him to do. Here again, Cleveland is a great spot because they are all kinds of museums and things close by to the host hotel in Independence that are geared towards kids. Such as the Science Museum, the National History Museum, and so forth. Therefore, it would be very easy to set something up for this.

By-Law Changes You should have seen them on your Governors screen. They were supposed to send all the Governors all that information to vote on. Basically, and Terry has a list, but mostly if anyone bothered to take the time to read, it is verbiage changes.

Terry said the 2021 Convention bid was supposed to be included also, but it didn't make it and Terry will talk with Walt about this. Peggy Quine said she gave it to Walt to put on there, but he must have missed it. Terry said Peggy is on the Steering Committee, so she is involved in this. Terry also said he thought it had only been the last year or two that the Convention bid has been on line, it used to be voted on. So Terry is assuming Walt somehow missed it because he is not used to doing it this way yet. It will be voted at November's Regional meeting. Terry then asked if anyone doesn't want to vote for us to get the 2021 Convention, there were none.

Old Business

They still have a bunch of East Ohio Region patches selling for \$7.00 each. They are made to iron on, but they suggest you sew them as well. He also has the East Ohio stickers for free.

Terry asked if anyone present attended the Caravan to the Museum in August. No one did. Cheryl said there were 92 cars from Ohio in the caravan.

Break for Lunch at 12:00

Resume at 12:51

Scholarships and Charities Terry asked if we want to start up another scholarship and rename it or wait until December and see what we have left in the coffers and take some out and donate it to a scholarship and/or charity. Peggy Quine asked if we had any money designated in a scholarship fund and Terry said no, it is gone. The decision was that when we eliminated the Jeanne Kutty Scholarship that we would revisit it later and people have asked about revisiting it and at the last few meetings Terry has brought it up and nobody had made a decision yet. Peggy asked if there was money there and Terry said again, no, his decision was that it should come out of the General Fund anyway. Last year we took a \$1,000 check and gave it to National for St. Jude. So the discussion is do we want to redo a scholarship and the problem as Terry saw it, the scholarship started out at one level and kept going up. Rather than being committed to one thing, Terry's suggestion was that at the end of the year, decide what we want to do. The Governors were supposed to take it back to their clubs and decide. Terry asked if anyone had decided on that or wait until December. Al Flanhofer suggested we wait until December. We never really had anything earmarked for the Jeanne Kutty Scholarship, once we changed the By-Laws, we just said so much was in there and it came out of the General Fund anyway.

Track X III Terry asked who all went to Track X III. Everyone had a really good time. Ray Valentine said, they proved you can have a lead car and still race. Terry talked about his experience, how fast they went and so forth. According to Peggy Stephens, we actually has \$1,675 left that got put back in for Track X IV. Do we want to plan a Track X IV? It will be \$15,500 if the prices do not go up for a two day event and this year we had 52 drivers. The question was asked what we had last year. We had 80 drivers, but last year we did it per car and this year we changed to per driver, because what happened is last year we had a lot of two driver cars and they were basically getting it for half price and that is why we opted to charge per driver this year. Our initial thought was per car, that car would be in the same group and would basically only run half the time, but that isn't the way it turned out. Peggy Stephens pointed out that some cars has more than two drivers. It worked out very well. If we have 50 cars next year, it would be \$310 per driver for the two day event. We would need approximately \$5,000 for deposit, so we would have to do it like we did the first year, before Terry signs the contract we would have to get money up front. So Terry asked the Governors to decide, he will get with Mike Willis later on and an email will be put out. The second consideration is if we can lock the price in, Mike Lally does a lot of things at Nelsons Ledges, so we are thinking of setting up something during the week at Nelsons. Mike and Terry were talking about maybe doing something earlier in the year at Nelsons, a lead/follow maybe two or one day event and later, if there is enough interest, go back down to the Museum track in October. So take that back to your clubs and let him know. So, let Terry know and this is for both Nelsons and the Museum track. We had no incidents this year, a couple of people went off, but no one had to come up to us, not once, and say anything. They gave us a "thumbs up" and talked with Mike and everyone said what a good group we were and we had everything in order. When Terry called there, he talked with Jason, Matt was out, and he was remarking that they really want to see up back there, they really liked us. Terry asked how much interest there was for him to look into Nelsons and Track X for

October of next year and there was a very good response.

New Business

We have already discussed replacing Al as the RCD.

Al said that he had looked into the Standing Rules and under Financial it does say the RCD determines when the sanction fees are due and Terry said Al could get them at the December meeting. Al asked the Governors to bring the checks for the sanction fees to the December meeting. So Terry asked if that would be for next year and Al said yes, for next year. Al said for 2020 we determined that you have to pay the head tax to bid and Al can determine when the sanction fees are due, so to make it easier for the Treasurer, who owes what, lets bring the sanction fee money to the December meeting. Al is correct, the RCD does determine the date the sanction fees are due, so by the December meeting you have to have your Region fees and sanction fees paid on or before that date to bid on your sanctions, that is for the December meeting of 2020. The sanction fee is still \$25 per sanction. For clarity, TR asked Terry if you donate your sanctions back to the Region, the Region pays the sanction fee. So, if you donate all 10 of your sanctions, the Region pays the \$250 and hopes they get back more than that for the events.

Voting The first vote is for RE, Terry is the only one nominated. Therefore, a show of hands was called for, none opposed and no abstentions. Terry Muich was re-elected.

For Treasurer. The only nominee is Sue Hamilton. Peggy Stephens was nominated and she declined the nomination. A vote was called for, none opposed and no abstentions. Sue Hamilton was elected as Treasurer.

Round Table

Sam Sicilia - Sam first gave a brief report on the Caravan. Chris Rosewell from Corvette Cleveland did an excellent job in organizing the Caravan and they sent him an email thanking him. His club had about 13 or 14 cars there and it was the biggest caravan that he and anyone else in their club will ever be a part of. It was close to 100 cars and he talked to the State Highway Patrol before they left and when they got to Columbus, he was told the caravan was two miles long. He talked about Serpentine in Strongsville and how nice they were to them. It was a great experience and when they got home, everyone in their club talked about how they had such a good time. Everything was well planned out. Al added that the Caravan has a State Trooper in the front and one in the back and they had their lights on all the way and Al was probably in the front third and he could see the front flashing lights, but he never did see the rear lights, that's how long the caravan was.

Sam said they are having a club meeting this Thursday and he will guarantee that they will part of the Convention in some way. He wanted to thank everyone from the East Ohio Region who have all been so nice to them at all the events.

Mickey Ouellette - Regarding the quilt, she had some questions asked and she said she didn't know what the cost of the quilt would be yet, they will check into that and if the

Region does decide to do the quilt, it will be easier if she gets the material and cuts it, so if it is decided to do that she will go ahead and get the material. So, Terry said he needs to put some numbers together and get them to Mickey. Terry will research it a little more. The person who did all the Region patches just passed away and his son and daughter have stepped up to do it, but he passed away so suddenly that they are still looking to get his passwords, programs, etc.

Peggy Quine - Just a reminder about the Ohio versus Michigan autocross challenge on November 16th & 17th. Peggy said she doesn't know if anyone remembers, but we used to do a East Ohio/West Ohio challenge and Ray Valentine said he remembers one time when they actually had to come out with a snow plow.

Barb Kukasky - Barb just wanted to remind everyone about the Chili Cookoff weekend October 25th & 26th. You can come both nights, one night or just come for the Chili Cookoff, we had about 80+ last year. The Amish Door is very nice, the rooms are excellent, and if you don't want to stay there that's up to you. Barb has people from her club bringing cornhole and there will be a fire pit outside. Be sure to wear your Buckeye gear for Saturday. It will be a weekend event. Terry and she looked at the hotel and it is really nice, there will be homemade Amish pies along with the chili, so it should be a really good time. On a side note, she just wants to thank all of the Region people who got her husband into autocrossing. She blames it on Terry Muich and Ray Valentine.

Bob Niznick - Bob thanked everyone for coming out to their events and the Veterans show was very well attended, he is looking forward to next year. Happy Holidays. Bob was asked about Vettemillion and they are trying to change the date, and they are having trouble with the city of Vermillion and some of the vendors in Vermillion. The vendors felt not enough of their merchandise was being purchased and some of the doors were blocked by car people. So, right now it is scheduled, but things are kind of uncertain and as of now it will probably be a non-sanctioned event. They have cancelled some other events and for some reason, they don't seem to want to have "car people" there. Because of events going on in Vermillion, they are locked into certain dates and right now it falls at the end of Convention.

Dave Brennan - Talked about Track X and how much fun it was.

TR Aldrich - Nothing to report right now

Chuck Stephens - Nothing to report right now, Happy Thanksgiving

Cheryl Getzy - The date for the Childrens Home show next year is August 8th. She thanked everyone who showed up this year and they appreciate the support, they had a record number of cars, 162. Dan Gallagher said that in the March meeting of this year he put the challenge out to all the other clubs and wanted to thank everyone who participated this year because they had a record turnout not only of cars, but also attendees. They ties with Corvette Cleveland for having the most NCCC attendees at an event in our Region. Again, thank everyone both old and new and they look forward to seeing everyone again

next year. Terry added, that when we do the caravan from the fairgrounds to the Childrens Home, he will make the directions in "bright flashing neon".

Al Flanhofer - Nothing to report. He thanked everyone for supporting the Corvette Cleveland events and they will probably be doing the same events next year, an autocross, the Sunnyside show and CORSA. They had their highest turnout at CORSA this year, they had 301 cars registered and every year there are about 30 Corvettes parked on the street that won't pay to be in the show.

The Chili Cook-off was mentioned. Come down Friday night, that is a fun night. They do have refrigerators in the rooms. We will have access to the room that we are using for the Chili Cook-off both Friday and Saturday nights, so Saturday morning you can put your crockpot or cooker on and let them cook all day. They will give us a wide screen TV so we will have a football game on, Ohio State is to be announced. There will be a cornhole game, cards and fun and that will be Friday night. All the rooms are on the third floor. Sue Hamilton mentioned that if the girls want to any shopping, we will have Saturday to shop. Mike Getzy asked if there would be transportation for the ladies to go shopping and Sue said she wasn't sure if they have, they had an older van and were looking to buy a new one, but she isn't sure if they have done that yet. There will be an area blocked off if you want to bring your Vette. Terry said they might be looking to have a car show there.

The Convention meeting will be right after this meeting. 50/50 drawing was held.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ryki Woods
Secretary, 2019