

MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

September 18, 2004

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta, at 10:05AM at Giorgio's, Bolivar, Ohio. The following clubs and officers were represented:

Aurel Ouellette, Fun Center, RMD, Gov.
Alan Moore, Tiretown Corv., RCD,
Gail Moore, Tiretown Prxy, Gov., Pts Tracker
Chuck Heretta, Buckeye Corvette, RE, Gov.
Rich Brooks, Medina, , Gov.
Bill Wood, Kanawha Valley, Gov.

Bob Schneider, Lakeshore CC, Gov.
Bryce Goodwin , Pioneer Corv. Asso. Gov
Diana Fultz, Competition Corv, Gov
Bob Kutty, Mahoning Valley, Gov.
Bob Thomsen, Corvette Cleve, Gov,

Introductions of officers and guest.

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

Treasurer's report was read, motion to accept by Bob Kutty, seconded by Bob Schneider, motion carried.

Rich Brooks asked what the special purpose fund was for, Mickey explained this was established years ago with the raffle of a Corvette. The money is now used for when the region runs low on dollars in the general fund, we transfer dollars from special purpose fund to general fund or competition fund as needed. It is not earmarked for anything specific. Chuck asked if all the \$2.00 mid year assessments were collected, There are two (2) clubs missing and Aurel will contact them.

Chuck asked about Jeanne Kutty scholarship fund, Bob gave permission for Scholarship committee to give scholarship to other than elementary education when no one from education field applies. If someone from education field applies and qualifies they should be awarded the scholarship this is ongoing.

Hall of Fame: Bob Kutty said he received one application this day, and they received one previously. Looks like may only be two (2) on the ballot. Bob Kutty said they will send to all governors with a return address envelope.

Webmaster: Chuck reported for Bob Kirsch, all remaining flyers for 2004 season are posted to the website. All the EOCS standings are posted, along with a thank you note from Jim Fultz.

EAST OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTOR: Chuck reported for Bob Kirsch. Handed out EOCS report, it has all events with exception of August 15, 2004 speed and the September 6, 2004 concourse. Any issues or questions please contact Bob.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Aurel Ouellette

Distributed East Ohio Region membership report as of September 17, 2004, NCCC membership report dated September 11, 2004, and the FCOA membership report as of September 9, 2004.

Currently East Ohio has sixteen (16) clubs and 873 members, we gained 22 members since our last meeting. East Ohio is short 87 members of their yearend goal. Tiretown is top club with 127 members and Corvette Cleveland is next with 104 members.

A potential new club has contacted Aurel from Columbus area, they are the Central Ohio Corvette Owners Club (COCOA). They are having a car show on October 10, 2004 and Aurel is planning on attending.

At the September 11, 2004 meeting in St. Louis, there were 18311 NCCC members with 293 clubs. Meeting site bids for 2007 through 2009 are due to the RMD committee by November 13, 2004 meeting. Not sure of what some other sites may be, but have heard could be Indianapolis and possibly Nashville. These will be voted on at May, 2005 meeting.

NCCC officer candidates up for election in 2004 are President, Roger Mitchell is running, V.P Membership Bob Bowen is running, Treasurer, George Gallant, Parliamentarian, Dave Heineman, Public Relations Director, Jerry Limpach.

Scholarship applications are available on the website for 2005, the amount will probably be increased from \$750.00 to \$1000.00. Members, spouses, dependents and grandchildren are all eligible for these scholarships.

Aurel submitted an article for Blue Bars for all the car shows attended in East Ohio region this year. He used pictures sent by Bob Kutty and some others.

Member dues are increasing, new member rate will be \$35.00, renew \$25.00. Lifetime member fee if you are not currently a member will be \$335.00.

New applications are now available with the new price on them. Aurel is OK with you using the old forms only if you change the price on the form.

Club renewals will be going out by October 1, 2004, in this packet you will get a 51% sheet and two (2) copies of you club list. Please be sure to follow instructions, club membership list should have all members not renewing lined out. National will accept an overpayment but not an underpayment, they will send underpayments back. There will also be a software program available and sent to the RMD's. When Aurel gets this he will send to governors so they can use if they want to. A sheet for club information will be in this package please fill out and return, this information is used by membership when they go out and do shows and events. They are able to give information to interested parties about where clubs meet, whom to contact, etc. Any information that changes about a member, such as address, name whatever, the application form needs to be filled out. National will ignore any information written on the membership list.

The membership renewal information is due to RMD by December 1, 2004. If you can get this done sooner please mail to Aurel sooner. In case there are errors Aurel can let governor know and get corrected so he can meet national deadline.

A sample of the new membership card was shown, it has model of C-6 on it.

Renewal packet will include lapel pin, daytimer calendar and greensheet for five (5) raffle tickets for \$25.00. The green sheet is for primary member and spouse. Chuck stated there was a major movement to eliminate the trinkets from the membership perks pack. The majority of the members present said to get rid of the daytimer, it came way too late to be of use. Everyone said keep the pin and the green sheet. They can cut \$27,000.00 to \$30,000.00 by eliminating the day timer. It was suggested that if the committee really wants to keep the day timer maybe they could get a sponsor for it and the sponsor foot the cost.

The NCCCI award, presented to the club who gets the most members between meetings, was presented to the Nashville Corvette club.

FCOA is at 2006 members, East Ohio region has 136 FCOA members. Corvette Cleveland has 42 members

Aurel went to several car shows this year and used the NCCC membership display, this is a nice display but it does not have enough regional information. Also it is a bit large, Aurel would like to see one for the East Ohio region. He was told to get some prices and sizes and bring back to the budget committee. He said next year he wants to attend more non-NCCC sanctioned shows.

There is a good article in the Blue Bars why we would like to change renewal date from December 15 to November 15 each year.

Charity Committee: Patrick Dolan assigned someone (Chuck Somers) from charity committee that clubs can turn the amount for dollars in that they donate to any type of charity. Chuck will keep a running total. Chuck will design a form and place on website. 100% clubs will be done again this year for National Kidney Foundation. The

charity committee is going to get the quilt going again that Kara Kosier started several years back. Mickey has samples of blocks regions have already turned in. Mickey needs several more before we can start putting the quilt together. The charity committee received a donation for the National Kidney foundation from the Road Runner Region. They took fifty-percent of their income from convention and split it 75% to NKF and 25% to FCOA.

As of now there will not be a problem with raffling the car in Minnesota or selling tickets.

Two car shows have already been done this year, Carlisle and Mackinaw, Carlisle brought in \$9000.00 and Mackinaw brought in \$2000.00. The car is selling the tickets.

REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Alan Moore

The VP of competition will absolutely not accept any more hand written results. He also will not accept anything in a PDF format.

He has sent some back for correction, NEOVC had sent in hand written ones and Alan could not accept these. These are still not corrected so they will be losing all their club points, the people who attended outside of their club will get their points. These forms are on the website and can be downloaded, you do not have to use the exact format if you have one that works. XCEL format is preferred but they will accept results from MS Word format also.

At the September NCCC RCD meeting a round table was held about seat belts and shoulder harness. Why do some organizations require seatbelts changed out every two (2) years and NCCC doesn't? Tests have proven that the material will meet all test requirements for a 24 month period even if left outside the whole time. NCCC requires changed every five (5) years.

The VP of Competition has been asked to place all clarifications on the national website, and remove all that no longer apply. The address is www.corvettenccc.org.

The VP of Competition is way behind in posting results, he is missing about 75 to 80 events from the September report. The VP of Competition originally had a points tracker, but that person decided it was too much work and now the VP is having to do it himself.

All the governors were given a packet with clarifications discussed on Friday evening. One of the things discussed was, under awards, In lieu of giving awards, is the host club allowed to reduce the entry fee by providing meals, offsetting lodging, t-shirts etc. in lieu of giving awards? Answer was Yes, but must be stated in the flyer and state what it is going to be. If doing lodging has to be something your club is putting money into, cannot be a reduced rate the lodging gives you. The feeling at national was mixed on this because the new comer likes to get an award.

Another clarification was, at convention someone showed up with an "84" Corvette, with an LT 4 motor in it, ruled several years ago not a legal car. The people called ahead of time and asked about this, the VP competition said he saw no problem with this. The people came, they won the event, this event was protested.. There was a two and a half-hour discussion at convention and again in September. Alan presented information why this should not be allowed, the vote was not unanimous, but it did pass to let winners stand.

Copy of drag records available for anyone who wants. The region has four people on the drag records sheet, RPAF 9.52 Poncho Thompson, in 6/25/01, RPB, 9.97, Doug Seredich set in 2003, AA, 13.13, Bobby Holliday set in 2000, J Class, 13.00, Ken Kessler convention 2002.

National points are available from Alan if you want a copy. Tiretown is in third place nationally.

Regional points also available, can have a paper copy or a disc.

Also in your packet is a form to get a tape on Jet Hot and a coupon for \$25.00 off on their product.

Bill Wood said he has not received flyer since June, Alan will check into this but they are on the website also.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Chuck Heretta

At the national meeting the RE's were given a proposed budget for 2005. This is the earliest they have ever seen a proposed budget. This is in result to the request of governors to get this information early to be reviewed before having to vote. The net result is a \$2700.00 in the good column. They have added a rainy day fund to draw from. About the only group that generates any money is the membership committee. Membership dues for 2005 are projected to be \$411,390.00, and expenses of \$72,500.00. That leaves about \$338,000.00 to run the rest of the organization. One of the complaints about the budget is it shows figures but not how the figures are calculated. This budget will be voted on at the November meeting.

There were by-laws changes that were read into the minutes and will be voted on by mail.
Standing rules can be changed at any meeting, these were voted on at the meeting and all passed
The first change read into bylaw was: The word off budget will become unbudgeted
The second change was: VP membership will receive all renewal as of date stated in bylaws
The third one was: Eliminate dependent member must have same address

They also changed the wording on how to charge MAL (member at large).

Be sure and follow voting procedures as stated in mailing or else your ballot will not count.

Everyone should have received their Blue Bars by the September meeting date, the next one is scheduled to be mailed October 31, 2004. There was no explanation as to why the Blue Bars was six (6) weeks late.

Chuck would like to see as many 100% clubs from the region as possible. It would be a cost of \$10.00 for each member of your club.

Dennis McCarthy is still recovering from side effects of medication for heart transplant.

Convention 2004 received a profit of about \$30,000.00. Of the \$15,000.00 Desert Corvette Asso., they took fifty (50) percent and donated to charity committee for NKF and FCOA. The reason for the big profit was convention is generally budgeted for 600 people and nearly 1000 signed up. Maryland convention made a profit of \$40,000.00.

Minnesota 2005 convention suggested a registration fee of \$105.00 per person and the convention committee suggested they raise it to \$125.00 person. This will give them about a \$9000.00 buffer.

The 2006 convention is being bid for Orlando, Fl., it will be at the Wyndham Plaza Spa near Disney World, they are looking at \$250.00 per person fee. The hotel is \$109.00 per night plus tax. The reason is people are saying they want more for their money, comment made with the profits they have made over the last two (2) years, people are not getting their monies worth so why raise fee so high. Instead of snacks they want to serve hors' d'ourves. Deb Lindsey works extremely hard every year to get sponsorship and national and the club or region split it.

The ballot will come in your packet, BUT it will not state a cost for 2006 convention Orlando, Florida convention it will just have a "YES" or "NO" to check. It will have the cost of the convention no where on the ballot. The early fee will be \$250.00 per person the late fee will be \$300.00. The paperwork handed out at the meeting does not show any cost or pricing on it.

The rules do not say you have to have a convention.

The events are also more expensive for the Orlando, convention. High speed will be \$50.00, If two (2) people go and run all events the cost will be around \$1000.00 and that will not include hotel room.

It will make it harder and harder for Debbie Lindsey to get sponsors for the convention if we keep making large profits and split between national and region/clubs.

Also keep in mind you will be going to Florida starting August 5, 2006

Bill Wood told Chuck he may want to remind the board it took two to three years to raise the dues by \$5.00.

The convention director sets the rates, not the convention committee. The only one who can stop this is the Executive Board and they have not stopped it.

People who vote yes for Orlando will not have any idea of what they are really saying yes to. The votes have to pass by a majority. Please get all this out to your club members so they understand what you are voting for.

Bob Thomsen has a copy of the proposed budget for 2006 convention if anyone would like to see it. It is also on the website but there are no prices on it. Mickey was asked to place proposed budget for 2006 Florida Convention in minutes and pencil in prices. (Note due to the fact that the budget information is in PDF format I am including the website here. <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/proposal2006.pdf>, the prices are on the last page now) THE PRICES ARE \$250.00 PER PERSON AND \$104.00 PER NIGHT AT HOTEL)(Those I mail minutes to please see attached enclosure).

Please be sure and send your vote in, it will all come in your packet with instructions.

The Past President's award went to Don and Betty Parks. The Don Hoskins award went to Jack and Anne Carkner.

The Bryant situation was discussed, the committee assigned met Saturday morning and their suggested decision was presented at the general meeting. Their ruling was number one, the errors on the result forms were not as a result of mistakes. Second ruling was for penalties for Karen Bryant, 2003 and 2004 points were take away, and she was to be suspended from National Council till December 31, 2006. For Gannon Bryant the committee recommended 2003 and 2004 points be taken away and his suspension be until December 31, 2004. He could hold no regional or national office until December 31, 2006. A motion was put on the floor to accept these findings, there was some discussion, and governors felt the penalties were not equal. It was felt Gannon was the RCD for West Ohio region and he was responsible for any points turned in. The motion was voted down. A new set of sanctions was brought up from the floor, that applied to both Karen and Gannon Bryant. The new penalties were that from September 11, 2004 until December 31, 2007 both would be suspended from National Council. This is a three (3) year suspension, vote was 152 for, 84 against and 3 abstain. During the discussion of this sanction there was a letter read into the minutes from West Ohio stating they had been punished enough and also how did the protester have the right to state a penalty. That is what the rule states for the protestor to state what he feels the penalty should be.

No RCD's were allowed on the committee because they had inside information on the charges. This problem had been going on for sometime and it was impossible for Gannon not to know what was going on. One set of results was being sent to the competitors and a completely different set to the VP of Competition.

If you have anyone on the FCOA list remember you need to send in a change of address separately for the FCOA member. Another problem encountered is blended families, children have different last names at same address. The postal service is supposed to deliver by address not name but this is not happening. The best solution to this is to use the parent's name at the address and have the information delivered in parent's name.

Six (6) scholarship were given out this year. One of them was the Jeanne Kutty scholarship sponsored by the East Ohio region.

Deadline for 2005 scholarship applications is May 1, 2005.

One of the things brought up also was on waivers who is covered and who isn't. If you are a 51 percent club the club is covered if something happens at all NCCC events. There still needs to be some clarification needed in some areas. It was stated that all NCCC members covered but not non-NCCC member if something happens. But a non-NCCC member who is an entrant at a speed event is covered. The gray area is workers who are non-NCCC working any event on non NCCC at rally and concourse or parades. Chuck will email Hal Bellamy to get a clarification for this. More information will follow on this later.

If you are going to have a non-sanctioned event you need to mail a hard copy to someone. Also a good way to cover this is to make sure you send a non-sanction request form to Alan Moore.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Thomsen: Timing and Communications: The program we bought we got hosed on. Two systems were checked out and we elected to buy the more expensive because it was easier to use and had more bells and whistles. Plus it had several good recommendations. It turns out our display will not work with the checkerflag system. Also the printout results from checkerflag system are not correct and generally cannot be used. We have even tried to make a cable to get the display to work. Even the other clubs who had checkerflag have had to drop it and go to something else. After many different tries, Bob started investigating AXWARE. This system will have the support we need and work with our display. It can also interface with another computer and do updates while still doing timing of event. It will cost \$307.00 to get our display upgraded or \$239.00 to get a new software system. If anyone wants to check this system out it is www.axwaressystem.com. After some discussion Bob Kutty made a motion to spend what is needed for the new axware system, seconded by Diana Fultz, motion carried.

At this point Chuck interrupted the meeting to let everyone know that the car show for Marietta the next day had to be cancelled. Marietta was flooded because the river overflowed. A decision of what to do about the car shows will be determined later.

The donation from the National Council charity fund to National Kidney Foundation will be around \$65,000.00 to \$70,000.00. The committee paid \$43,000.00 for the Corvette this year and received a \$3,000.00 rebate.

Rich Brooks has taken over the regional banquet for Medina Corvette Club. The banquet will be at the Galaxy Restaurant off I-76, the meeting rooms will be at the Holiday Inn Express. Flyers will be ready for the December meeting, and will have cost, directions and reservation information. The entertainment has already been booked.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck Heretta asked Mickey Ouellette as Secretary to cast the ballot for the slate of officers. The East Ohio region 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. The appointed offices will be done at the December meeting.

The December regional meeting will have a location change, Georgio's is not large enough for this meeting. Please see the cover sheet for location and address. The meeting is December 4, 2004 starting at 9:30AM.

Chuck asked what governors thought about location sites for East Ohio Region for 2005, do we want to stay with Esber's? Do we want to look at moving around, maybe two (2) meetings northern Ohio and two (2) southern Ohio.

Regional bidding for events will be conducted at the December meeting, if you have a specific date you must have let Alan know ahead of time. Get this information to Alan by October 25, 2004, this way if necessary some negotiating can be done ahead of time.

Bill Wood asked question, if a club loses its sanctions do they get their \$20.00 per event back? Alan Moore responded it depends on the reason the sanctions were pulled.

Bill Wood has flyer for his rallies, has the hotel telephone number on it. There will be a party at hotel in evening.

Bob Kutty requested Mickey put in minutes how many checks and amount will be needed for December meeting. You will need a check for club dues which is \$2.00 per NCCC member on your membership turned in by December 1, 2004. You will also need a check for how many sanctions you bid, it is \$20.00 a sanction event seven (7) events

will be \$140.00. If you want to place all on one check that is OK, but let Mickey know before meeting starts and let her know you have a check with you to cover this.

Question came up at the RMD meeting when is a person considered a national council member, answer, not until RMD receives application and payment.

Rich Brooks is now the new governor of Medina.

Update on Dick Downs of Competition Corvette Association, he has pancreatic/liver cancer, they are not sure if the by-pass was successful. He is home from the hospital but not up to company, but cards are welcome. The address is Dick Downs, 182 Parkway Blvd., Madison, OH 4405-3261. If you do call please make it brief.

Rich Brooks said the region needs to come up with some way of enforcing the use of the mileage certification for Wash/Show category in concourse. Maybe put form in window with car number.

The last concourse of the year will be East Ohio Championship Series, October 3, 2004. It will be at Norris Chevrolet, in Lodi at I-71 and RT83.

If anyone has any ideas for places to do speed events next year please let Chuck or Alan know.

Bob Kutty asked about the Kanawha Valley rallies and if travel points would be given for both days. Per Alan yes, and would be different in this case because are starting from different points and further away.

Alan addressed Rich Brooks question about mileage certificate, he always has the option to file a protest if someone doesn't fill out and use the mileage form and is in Wash and Show. It was suggested when entrant goes to register they must show form if not then they should be made to register for Concourse prepared.

Rich Brooks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Aurel Ouellette, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectively submitted

Mickey Ouellette
Secretary/Treasurer