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MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING, December 1, 2007

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta at 9:45 am at Esbers, Canton OH. . The following clubs were represented:

Bob Kutty, MVC, outgoing gov
Terry Sells, TTCC, gov.
Ken Rutherford, Mid OH, gov.
Aurel Ouellette, FCCC, gov.
Dan Lundblad, BCA, gov
Ken Jecmen, NEOVC, gov
William Wood, KVCC, gov.
Ric Keller, Lakeshore, gov.
Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleveland, gov.
Bob Kirsch, Corvette Cleveland, webmaster
Mark Thurin, Corvette Canton, gov.
Jack Eakins, MVC, incoming gov
Bill Quine, TTCC, HOF comm.
Jack Sherman, MCCC, gov
Stan Wolfe, CWVCC, gov
Peggy Stephens, PCC, RMD
Chuck Stephens, PCC, RCD
Chuck Heretta, BCI, RE
Karen Stamm, TTCC, Sec/treas

Introductions were made around the room. A quorum was met. Chuck gave every one time to review the minutes. Ken Rutherford made a motion to approve the minutes, and Bob Kutty seconded the motion. Chuck H. gave dates for national and regional meetings. They are 2/29-3/2, 3/8, (the regional mtg will start on 3/8 at 9:30), 5/2-5/4, 5/17, 6/21-29, 7/26, 9/12-14, 10/18, 11/7-9, 12/6. Please do not schedule any sanctioned events on these dates. Regional events can be scheduled to start after 5:00 on a regional meeting date.

The treasurer' will be emailed to the governors.

CHARITIES AND GRANTS—Elaine talked about the Transplant Games in Pittsburgh. Chuck commented that the push to sell raffle tickets should be every year, not just the year the games are in, so that the chapters have the money that year. Chuck asked that she take this suggestion back to her committee to pass on to the Kidney Foundation. She still has a few tickets for the driving school.

HALL OF FAME—Bob said today was the last day to send in nominations. Bob Kirsch has updated the HOF on the website. Please let Bob Kutty know of any email changes so that he can send the ballots to the right address. He welcomed Bob Kirsch to the HOF committee.

WEBSITE—Bob Kirsch asked that any changes for contacts for clubs or individuals be given to him. He will make any changes to the website. The final points for 2007 are now on the website. He will start working on the 2008 calendar as soon as he gets the finalized one.

Bidding for 2008.

COMPETITION-- Chuck Stephens went over the top 5 points standings for men and ladies and Team 200 in the region. The complete lists are on the website. Chuck had wanted to put in changes for the new rulebook, but was not allowed to. Very few people in the region got to see the rulebook before it was voted on, and no one in the region voted for the rulebook. Any changes and suggestions that Chuck made were thrown out. The rulebook did pass by a close margin. Chuck got the new book on Wed, before the meeting, but had no time to review it.

The protest from the last meeting went as follows: Brett appealed at the national meeting. Chuck asked Mike Godfrey to excuse himself from this because he had had a lengthy conversation with Brett about the appeal. Mike did not excuse himself, rather went in and argued Brett's case for him. They threw out everything that had been done in the region. Chuck said he did not fill out the protest as it should have been, but everything that had been done correctly was also thrown out too. The appeal was upheld. Chuck said that he had pointed out that even though he had made a mistake, the hearing was to have been done fairly and in the best interest of NCCC. Chuck felt that the hearing was not done in the best interest of NCCC. Chuck said that the outcome of the protest will not deter him from doing the job of RCD in a fair and honest way. Alan Moore said that Chuck had been ripped off. The VP of Competition is there to moderate the session. He is not to have a say in the proceedings. The selected RCDs are the ones to hear the protest and are the ones to decide it. This was not what happened. The region decided to give Dennis and Lori Arthur their 3 points and to not DNF them.

Chuck gave some more information on the situation concerning Jim Fultz. He contacted a lawyer about the letter again and was reassured that everything was done correctly. If the letter had not been written barring him, and the region let him back and he does something, it goes from negligence to gross negligence. The region is covered legally concerning this situation. Chuck has a copy of the letter for each governor. Alan asked what was being done for Brendon Rose (his car was the one Fultz backed into). As a competitor, you can't collect from K and K. Liability is covered, damage is not. Bob Thomson asked where he should park his timing trailer so that he is covered under the insurance. Chuck H. will find out for him.

MEMBERSHIP—Peggy Stephens did not go over the new membership report because it was the same one from the last meeting. Nothing has been updated. The fall Blue Bars should be at home very soon. She has extra copies. Please check the club membership lists to make sure the names and addresses are correct. If there are any errors, please let her know as soon as possible so she can correct. She also has extra membership applications. FCOA has 2578 members as of 9/6. Peggy passed out pins and calendars to the governors to take back to their clubs. She congratulated Stan Wolfe and CWVCC on their 14 new members and also for being 100% NCCC. The next membership card will last for the next 5 years. This will come in the NCCC packet in Jan. You will get a sticker to renew it every year after. She sent an email out to all the governors that if anyone wanted 2007 pins to let her know. A few got back to her. She has passed those out. For any new members, the 2007 rulebooks are out, the 2008 books will go out with membership packets in the form of a CD. The decision will be made for the national meeting location at the Feb. meeting. The two places are St Louis and Nashville. Please make club treasurers aware that checks must be made out to East Ohio Region. Please send any membership information to Peggy, not Aurel. Bill Quine asked if everyone would get a CD. Chuck H. said he understood that everyone would get a copy. Chuck S. said he could get a hard copy made for around \$6. Each governor will get a club copy, as well as his own. Chuck suggested that each club make a hard copy for their records. Alan voiced concerns about altering. Chuck said the official copy belongs to the RCD.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE-- Chuck Heretta said again that pins had been sent out. The old MBNA credit card is now giving points to the card holder and NCCC, and the card is now Bank of America. You will be getting some emails from our platinum sponsors on promotions. The email list is guarded for members security. The 2007 convention in Nashville made a profit of \$34,517. The money was split between Nashville and National Council. The 2008 convention is 6/21-29 in Tulsa, OK. This will be the first time where you will be able to register for convention online. Click on 2008 convention on the NCCC website to register. The site is secured for credit card safety. Hotel registration will be handled through convention itself so that there will not be problems with people booking rooms, but not going to convention. In order to get a hotel room at convention, you will have to have a convention number. Drags will be on Mon. night, auto cross will be at Hallet, along with high speeds, so you will be able to do both. The top 15 awards for everyone will be on Sun. night this year. The awards banquet will be Fri. night and cost will be \$10. The 2009 convention will be in CO Springs. They are looking for sites for 2010. The Transplant Games are 7/11-16. Charities is raffling off a 2008 black coupe. Chuck is urging clubs to be 100% clubs to Nat. Council. Each club needs to sell the same number of tickets as they have members to be 100% clubs. You have until June to sell the tickets. The premium for K and K is going down. The next Blue Bars will be out the end of Jan. The only contested office for 2008 was Business manager. George Gallant was elected for 2008 and 2009. The budget was passed as a deficit. There was a lot of debate about the new rule book. Read Chuck's letter in the last Blue Bars. The only people who can't express an opinion as a group at a national meeting are the REs. Ken Rutherford asked if anyone ever received a copy of the rule book changes. Both Chucks said they did not, no one did. The motion for a \$5 dues

increase across the board was tabled until the Feb. meeting when it will be voted on. This is to be done because we are losing money. Chuck doesn't know where we are losing money.

Chuck H. said that Bob Thomson again did the regional timing. There is a formula worked out for expenses for his services. He can always use help. This year Peggy, Gail, and Lori Arthur all helped. There was word going around last year that the times were being manipulated. Chuck said this was not happening. This is what happens when you are too concerned about winning and not having fun. Denny Murphy said that cars need to be in the right group for racing. Something needs to be done for next year so that the cars are classes according to the rule book.

The next national meeting will be 2/29-3/2, the next regional meeting will be 3/8 along with the Awards Banquet in Wadsworth. The meeting will start at 9:30. Chuck said that the regional officers took a lot of crap in 2007. They took it in stride and tried to be fair. Rest assured that in 2008 they will not put up with it. Flyers will be turned in on time or the event will be canceled. Results will be turned in on time. Make sure as a governor, you are turning in your proxy votes to Chuck. He encouraged the governors to attend the national meetings. The region has a program to reimburse a governor for \$150 whose club has not used the program before.

Chuck again encouraged the clubs to be 100% clubs .

OLD BUSINESS-- the Chili Cookoff. The turnout was around 92 people. Most of the clubs were represented. Mark November 15, 2008 as the next one. The evening was also a welcome home for Kay Alexander. She was very surprised. Next year there will be more mingling, and we will label the chili.

Regional Banquet plans are set for March 8. The flyer is on the website. Dinner will be at the Galaxy, and the hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express in Wadsworth. Door prize donations are welcome. Tiretown is the host club this year.

NEW BUSINESS—Chuck will take proposals for the 2009 awards banquet. Esbers will be the 2008 meeting site, unless someone has another suggestion.

Make sure the NCCC club info and charity committee sheets are turned in to Peggy

Flyers are due 50 days before the event. If you get calls about your event, you do not have to give any more information than what is on the flyer.

Remember that Jim Fultz has been banned from any future NCCC event. If he is at a club's event, the event will not be covered by our insurance.

Chuck appointed Karen Stamm for EOR Secretary/Treasurer in 2008.

Ken Rutherford challenged the room to come up with ways to make things more competitive.

Ken Jecmen asked what does it take to draw new members.

Elaine still has tickets for the driver's school.

HOF 50/50-- \$110. Stan Wolfe won and gave his winnings back to the fund.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Stamm, EOR Sec/Treas