

JULY 26, 2008 EOR MINUTES

Governors, proxies and guests present:

Jack Eakins, Mahoning Valley, Gov; Aurel Ouellette, Fun Center, Gov; Ken Jecmen, NEOVC, Gov; Don Burk, CCA, Gov; Ken Rutherford, MOCC, Gov; Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleveland, Gov; Mark Thurin, Corvette Canton, Gov; Chuck Heretta, BCI, Gov, RE; Chuck Stephens, KVCC, RCD; Peggy Stephens, KVCC, RMD; Rich Brooks, MCC, Gov; Terry Sells, TTCC, Gov; Richard Keller, LSCC, Gov; Sue Hamilton, Sec'y/Treasurer; Bob Kutu, EOHF, Guest; Constance Green, Guest, Mickey Ouellette, Fun Center, Guest; Alan Moore, TTCC, Guest; Gail Moore, TTCC, Guest; Louis Michalovich, Medina, Guest; Pat Rutherford, MOCC, Guest; Sharon Burk, CCA, Guest.

CHUCK HERETTA, Regional Exec, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. A quorum was met. Chuck Heretta introduced the board and Sue Hamilton as the new Secretary/Treasurer. Bob Kutu made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and Jack Eakins seconded. The minutes were passed with three corrections - spelling of name (page 1) from (Ken) Gueiser to Geiser and Jean (Kutu) to Jeanne. Under new business, (page 3) in regards to male MVP, correct from RCD and RE decided to meeting held and everyone decided no MVP given for 2007.

Treasurer's report was given by Sue Hamilton. A motion was made by Ken Rutherford to accept with no corrections. Rick Keller seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mickey Ouellette mentioned according to the By-laws, the Jeanne Kutu Fund must always maintain a balance of \$1500. Elaine Heretta is to check with Patrick Dolan to determine when the Jeanne Kutu Scholarship Award was last given. Ken Rutherford questioned the funds available in the Competition Fund. Chuck Heretta explained the reallocation and correction of amounts in each fund. The fund, actually, has more money than what was budgeted for 2008.

CHARITY – Elaine Heretta

Elaine discussed ticket sales for Transplant games in July.

Elana Siebel, Treasurer for Charity Committee, not doing well – has cancer of the stomach.

Elaine will have tickets in September or November for give-away car. The last car was won by person in Little Rock, Arkansas. No word yet if they took the car or the money.

WEB MASTER – Bob Kirsh

Not in attendance. Updated forms for results are on NCCC website and they are very easy to use. They are Excel forms.

HALL OF FAME – Bob Kutu

Nominations open in July. Bob Kutu passed out the forms. These must be returned by the close of the December meeting. Only three persons can run. Regional Secretary will mail out the ballots or they will be sent by e-mail.

MEMBERSHIP – Peggy Stephens

Peggy reported that we are still trying to meet our regional goal of 960 members. In order to reach that goal, we need 69 new members. NCCC has lost 257 members with total now at 17,854.

Peggy read the top clubs with Buckeye Corvette in the lead with 145 members, Corvette Cleveland second with 120, and Central WV Corvette Club with 80. We have eleven clubs with less than 60 members.

Peggy requested that clubs hold new membership forms from now until September. In this way new members will not need to pay again at the end of the year.

Blue Bars is requesting information regarding fallen members. Bob Kutty questioned how far back. Peggy responded as far back as information available. Please e-mail any article you want published to Sylvia Hoalridge by August 31st. Extra copies of Blue Bars were available on the side table.

Any club that wants NCCC display, advise Peggy and she and Chuck will be available and will man the display.

FCOA member as of April 30, 2008 was 2,647 with 23 new members added and less 13 children reaching the age of 16, making total as of June 18, 2008 2,657. Florida region is growing in leaps and bounds. FCOA packet is distributed once per year.

Elaine Heretta advised that Judy Spada (BCI) had a minor stroke and is in the hospital.

Peggy discussed pins, calendars, membership cards. Pins must be purchased and calendars will not be printed. Peggy requested orders from club governors for pins. Cost, at this time, is unknown.

Meeting site for 2010 through 2012 NCCC Governors meetings will be St. Louis again.

NCCC is planning a 50th Anniversary celebration in fall of 2009. Joan Thomas is planning to put information on NCCC website and at NCCC50@CORVETTESNCCC.ORG.

Peggy asked the governors to discuss with their club members putting their e-mail addresses on the NCCC membership list. These will not be distributed to anyone other than NCCC webmaster. Platinum sponsors will use these contacts through our webmaster not the sponsor.

All governors should have received an e-mail requesting a list of regional officers since start of East Ohio Region. Peggy needs their name, current address, or last known address, phone number, whether living or deceased, their e-mail address and if man or woman. If woman, did they have a name change? Chuck Heretta asked why this information is needed. Peggy believes this is for the 50th anniversary. Peggy has most information from 1976 forward. Jeanne Kutty had done some research and produced a blue book and Chuck Heretta and Bob Kutty discussed where this might be and how she obtained the information. Peggy asked that Bob check for the master lists that Jeanne should have had. Any information you have should be sent to Peggy.

Jack Eakins had past editions, as far back as 1964, of Blue Bars for viewing.

COMPETITION – Chuck Stephens

Chuck Stephens mentioned Jack Wilson, VP of Competition is doing a good job. Chuck Stephens advised at meetings at convention they discussed by-laws/rule book allowing

rescheduling of events due to natural disasters such as floods/tornadoes. Committee unanimously agreed to allow these specific events to be rescheduled, if possible, for 2008 and the committee will address language for the governors to decide in November to cover natural disaster situations.

Chuck Stephens advised that the committee addressed behavior and ejection from events, loss of points and if they were barred from other events even the same day. Rules/sportsmanship clause will be put into the rule book.

Chuck Stephens advised the committee discussed changing from 70 day sanction request requirement to 30 days. It was voted to keep as is due to the time limit to get things in.

A shorter tech form was discussed whereby major items could be checked. When signed, this would indicate that everything else was okay.

The committee discussed revamping bonus points at speed events. Chuck Stephens will put into a form to present to governors to vote on. The discussion suggested changing points to 11 for FTD, 10 for second FTD and 9 for third FTD. Also discussed were points for ralleys and concourse events and making them more balance with speed events.

The committee discussed the difference in points for Chair and Co-chair at events. If a Chair or Co-chair runs an event, they should get the higher of the points. Example: If they would have received 7 points for the event, they should automatically get 9 points because they were chairperson. This has created confusion and nine of the committee wants to change back to the way it was.

Committee discussed disallowing a club their 100 points if no one from their club attends. One of the RCDs didn't feel it was fair to give their sanction events to another club and still get the points for their club when no one was there. He felt that the club was buying sanction events from another club. Chuck Stephens explained the region's position of using these sanctions to balance events.

Question: Is a host club permitted to reduce fees, provide dinner, offset lodging or provide similar substitutes in lieu of awards? Answer is yes and this applies to all events.

Question: Is a host club required to state any arrangements in lieu of awards on the official flyer? Yes. This was clarified at September 2004 competition meeting. All clubs must pay the same fee; no reduced fee for host club. Reduced rate if you attend two day events is allowed. Chuck Stephens will enforce what is on the flyer.

Fun Fest 09/19/08 – 09/21/058 Mid America – will be giving out \$50,000 in gift certificates and discounts on purchases.

Check out www.Haggarty.com for Corvette insurance; discounts given – 5% for NCCC if not a daily driver and approximately 2,500-3,000 miles per year. They will give club support.

Travel points discussed. Chuck Stephens wants them thrown out. Discussion continues on this matter.

Note: C5/C6 the ARM bushings are wearing out quickly.

Results can be sent by e-mail; however, original waivers are needed before Chuck Stephens can send out the results.

The committee discussed allowing metal cars, motor cycles and go-carts to enter our events. K & K Insurance was contacted and additional cost is approximately \$530 per event (not per day). Therefore, three events in one day would cost \$1,590. K & K also advised that coverage goes hand in hand with owner's liability and go-carts carry no liability insurance.

Mid Ohio is offering a Driver's Education on August 18 and 19, 2008 at a cost of \$295. You will need to provide your own vehicle.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE - Chuck Heretta

There was no meeting at the convention. At the National Meeting, work has begun on the budget.

Chuck Heretta reminded everyone, in order to have insurance coverage at any event, the flyer must be printed and postmarked prior to the event. A postmarked copy must be maintained.

Chuck Heretta reported on the convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Attendance was relatively low with approximately 400. The committee did a nice job, parties were great and weather was good. It only rained in the morning the day of the concourse. 2009 Convention will be held in Colorado Springs.

Paperwork for \$1,000 Scholarship for NCCC is needed by 05/01/09. Forms are on website. It doesn't need to be student's first year of college.

Museum director, Wendell Strode, has been invited to September governor's meeting. He needs information from clubs with their participation in Museum. E-mail Chuck Heretta with the number of annual and/or lifetime memberships. A new Blue Bars editor is needed.

COMPETITION - Chuck Stephens

Chuck Stephens announced standings in the region. Chuck Heretta and Elaine Heretta are leading the top ten men and women. Ted Vannelli and Peggy Stephens are at second. At this time Buckeye is in first place with 2242 points, Corvette Cleveland in second with 1961 points and Tiretown in third with 932 points.

OLD BUSINESS - Chuck Heretta, RE

Don and Sharon Burk, Competition Corvette, are in charge of the Regional Banquet. They have a speaker from the Museum and a DJ, at a cost of \$200. The site is the Richfield Banquet and Conference Center and has a hotel available with indoor swimming pool. The dates of the banquet are March 6, 2009 with the hospitality room available and Friday night pool party and March 7, 2009 is the banquet. Budgets are being put together.

NEW BUSINESS – Chuck Heretta

Chuck Heretta mentioned that there is a Governor's Subsidy available to all governors to attend the National Meeting in St Louis. This subsidy is a one-time fund of \$150 to encourage attendance. If you attend, just turn in your receipts for reimbursement up to \$150. Mickey Ouellette will help determine who has used this to date.

Regional budget committee will be putting the new 2009 budget together for governor's approval at October regional meeting. Governors may take to their clubs for discussion. Any suggestions or concerns should be sent to one of the committee members, Secretary/Treasurer or Mickey Ouellette.

Chuck Heretta explained the need for club support for other club events. Each club plans on income to run their club from these events. Better attendance is needed to refill the coffers.

Bob Thomsen is training Peggy Stephens and Lory Arthur to help out with timing. Matt Valentine and his friend, John Dunlap, are also assisting. The system runs very well.

Chuck Heretta mentioned that the pylons being borrowed from other clubs are getting beat up and is not fair to those clubs. The region needs to think about purchasing more. The approximate cost is \$5 for an 18" cone. Chuck Heretta believes the region would need to purchase approximately 150 cones. Chuck Heretta suggested that clubs not using their cones, as they do not put on speed events any longer, may want to donate their cones to the region. The region has the money to purchase as many as needed, however, the old ones should be put to use to eliminate the extra expense. Chuck Stephens volunteered to store all cones (and timing equipment) and transport them to all speed events since he attends most events. This would eliminate the money paid to Bob Thomsen to transport the timing equipment. Chuck Stephens would only charge if a club is putting on a non-sanctioned speed event and needs the equipment. Chuck Heretta asked the governors to talk to their clubs about donating their pylons and e-mail their thoughts to him.

Nominations for regional positions are now open. The two positions open are Regional Membership Director and Regional Competition Director. Each position is a two-year term. Aurel Ouellette nominated Peggy Stephens for Membership Director and Rich Brooks seconded. Peggy accepted. Rick Keller nominated Chuck Stephens for Competition Director and Jack Eakins seconded. Chuck Stephens accepted. Nominations remain open until September 26, 2008. Each nominee has until September 11, 2008 to remove their name. A nominee must have attended at least two regional meetings within the past year.

MVP discussion:

Discussion continued from May meeting. Chuck Stephens wants to revamp the award so it is earned not given because of point average alone. Now, must attend a minimum of 16 events (2 speeds, 2 concourses, etc) and no worker or travel points apply. Chuck Stephens wants to award to a person who displays sportsmanship, helps at events and takes responsibility at events. Chuck Stephens said we have three options; revamp system, keep as is, or throw out the award. Under the present system, the points can be manipulated to win. Ken Rutherford also believes the old MVP system should be revamped. Should car shows count? No one likes to put on or attend concourses. Rich Brooks commented that we cannot change until National changes. How can the region change when we are tied to National? Chuck Heretta asked for comments on what we can do with the MVP. Ken Rutherford suggested we make a motion to shelve the MVP. Don Burk seconded the motion. Elaine Heretta stated that if we shelve this and then in January we have a plan, we can't use for one year. Chuck Heretta said there must be a plan in place by December. Ken Rutherford wanted to know what was in the rule book. Chuck Stephens suggested we have guidelines and let clubs nominate for award. Alan Moore was against this as it would make this a popularity contest. Bob Eakin and Bob Kutty asked how many clubs put on

concourses and are interested in the MVP award. Aurel Ouellette said they do not put on concourses and Rick Keller said they used to. Rich Brooks questioned if someone is working on bringing back the Champ Series then the concourse could work again and so would the MVP award. Rich volunteered to help with Champ Series as did Terry Sells. Terry Sells wants to take this information to his Executive Committee and thinks more types of events would generate more competition and more interest. Several governors left the meeting at this time with nine remaining; therefore, a quorum was still met. A vote was taken; three were in favor of shelving the MVP and five were opposed. Motion was defeated to shelve the MVP. Chuck Stephens is working on criteria for MVP nomination for discussion at next meeting. Alan Moore suggested we could vote at the annual banquet because there are no events prior to that. Written proposal will go out with the electronic minutes or Chuck Stephens can mail them to the governors.

Chuck Heretta asked if there was anything to correct on Standard Operating Procedures. Alan Moore mentioned people getting all of the awards in speed events were getting Champ series. Chuck Stephens mentioned we could balance points out more by number of events being held. Elaine Heretta feels that travel points should be abolished within the region for points standing. Alan Moore and Chuck Stephens advised this could not be done as it would be against NCCC.

REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE

MAHONING VALLEY – Jack Eakins commented low attendance at convention. We had 13 members from our region attend and only 400 from the nation.

TIRETOWN – Terry Sells mentioned that if you keep taking things away, there is nothing to offer new members.

FUN CENTER – Aurel Ouellette thanked all participants at their car show. They had 37 cars and it was a profitable event. A Member at Large from Toledo attended with his C6 Z06.

MEDINA – Rich Brooks introduced their new president. Rich commented on low participation at convention. Location is important. With economy in decline, participation will probably get worse.

LAKESHORE – Rick Keller would like participation at their car show to support our troops. Any donation would be appreciated for the soldiers, especially, flea collars for their legs, used DVDs and toothbrushes.

COMPETITION – Don Burk mentioned they had low speed events coming up.

CORVETTE CLEVELAND – Elaine advised Corsa event is tomorrow.

BUCKEYE – Chuck Heretta mentioned their car show in September.

50/50 ticket was pulled – Terry Sells won \$32.00.

Next meeting will be October 11, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Hamilton
EOR Secretary/Treasurer