

MINUTES

EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

JULY 18, 2009

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**NEXT MEETING @ ESBER'S RESTAURANT
OCTOBER 17, 2009 @ 10:00 AM**

SCHEDULE OF 2009 MEETINGS:

REGIONAL:

March 7, 2009 @ 9:30 at Quality Inn & Suites, Richfield, OH (Banquet)
May 9, 2009 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
July 18, 2009 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
October 17, 2009 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
December 5, 2009 @ 9:30 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH (Bidding)

NATIONAL:

August 8 – 16, 2009 at Convention in Colorado Springs, CO
September 11 - 13, 2009 in Saint Louis, MO
November 13 - 15, 2009 in Saint Louis, MO
February 26 - 27, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO
April 30, May 1, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO
July 24 – 30, 2010 at Convention in West Palm Beach, FL
September 10 - 11, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO
November 11 - 12, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO

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PRESENT:

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, Buckeye Corvette Club
Chuck Stephens, Regional Competition Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club
Peggy Stephens, Regional Membership Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club
Sue Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer, Buckeye Corvette Club
Don Burk, Governor, Competition Corvettes
Elaine Heretta, Governor, Corvette Cleveland
William Wood, Governor, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club
Ken Rutherford, Governor, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club
Alan Moore, Governor, Tiretown Corvette Club
Bob Kutty, Hall of Fame, Corvette Cleveland
Bill Quine, Hall of Fame, Tiretown Corvette Club
Constance Green, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Bob Thomsen, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Tim Obert, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Sharon Burk, Guest, Competition Corvettes
Gail Moore, Guest, Tiretown Corvette Club

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

Chuck determined that a quorum has been met.

Chuck Heretta made an opening statement that, over that past couple of years, the East Ohio Region has had its share of problems, from expulsion of members, attitude problems, language problems etc. We all need to remember that everyone is a volunteer; no one is being paid to represent our clubs. Constant criticism and attitude that he has seen for the last 15 months has escalated to the point where it needs to stop. Everyone makes mistakes. Making constructive comments and presenting ideas are fine. He does not promote negative attitudes and constant criticism from people who are great at criticizing but do nothing in this region. Check out the flyers and you will not see their names, but are the first to bitch that something is not done right. We need to re-examine ourselves and act as adults. There are always problems when you have more than one person involved. The volunteers try to do their best. Please keep this in mind during the course of this meeting.

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, brought the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Chuck introduced the board and all present introduced themselves.

Chuck advised that Alan Moore is the new governor for Tiretown Corvettes Club. He also advised that Buckeye had a 19 year old member killed in a car crash and will pass this along at the National meeting. If your club has any deaths, please e-mail the information to Chuck.

SECRETARY:

A motion was made by Bob Kutty to dispense with the reading of the minutes with corrections. Page 2 – remove Terry Sells from the HOF committee meeting. Page 3 - correct spelling from “Ruyun” to “Runyan”. In the next paragraph, correct “you club” to “your club”. Second was made by Don Burk. Motion passed.

TREASURER:

Treasurer’s report for the period of May 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 was read by Sue Hamilton. Extra reports were available on table. Chuck Heretta and Sue spent some time reallocating the amounts that should be in each fund. Ken Rutherford made a motion to accept as read. It was requested that the term “Governor’s meeting expense” be corrected to “Regional Officers expense at National Meeting.” Bill Quine asked why the \$175 K & K Insurance expense came out of the General Fund. Chuck explained that this was not budgeted out of competition. This was a pre-paid expense that will be recouped from Kanawha Valley after the event. In the past, profits from events were put into Competition Fund. That should not be. The profits should go back into the General Fund from Regional events. Ken Rutherford asked if we can show the profits/losses from regional events. Chuck has asked that the treasurer show the actual expenses versus the budget. This will be done by the next meeting. The question was asked if the region pays for donated sanctions. The General Fund pays \$25 for each regional sanction fee to the Competition Fund – or the Chuck Stephens fund. The rebate from the National Council is put into the General Fund; however, this is available should it be needed. Second was made by Elaine Heretta. Motion passed.

CHARITY:

Elaine Heretta there has been no National meeting since our last Regional meeting. If you are

interested in tickets, please use the green sheets from your membership packets for your discount.

WEBMASTER:

Bob Kirsch was not present. The website has been updated. The treasurer has paid Bob for the second half of 2009.

Elaine Heretta commented on the Facebook issue from last meeting. If someone lists that they are a member of EOR or NCCC, it shows up on their Facebook. This doesn't seem to be a problem.

Bill Woods mentioned that the website for NCCC is okay and can access other regions through this site; however, the East Ohio website blocks him out. He can access this from home, but not from work. No one else seems to have this problem.

HALL OF FAME:

Bob Kutty has nomination forms. A timeline needs put together. Nominations open in July and close in October. Bios should be ready for December bidding meeting. The forms will not be e-mailed this year. They will be mailed with return envelope. Bob and Bill Quine will work on getting this to Bob Kirsch to set up on the website.

MEMBERSHIP:

Peggy Stephens reported that the East Ohio Region presently has 16 clubs with 868 members. Top (largest) clubs are Buckeye Corvettes with 168 members, Corvette Cleveland with 120, Central WV Corvette Club with 82, Tiretown Corvette with 79, Competition Corvette with 75 and Lake Shore with 65. There are 10 clubs with less than 60 members.

Chuck and Peggy Stephens will be at the Corsa Car Show on July 26, 2009 with the NCCC display. Check this out to see if you would like to have the display for your club functions. Request this from Chuck and Peggy in advance.

Additional luggage tags are still available. Let Peggy know and she will get them in St. Louis in September. You can still purchase 50th Anniversary luggage tags, shirts, pins and patches on the website (corvettesnccc.org). Starting this 2010 renewal year, there will be no perks sent to members. You will still receive plastic membership cards, but, starting in 2011, you will receive paper cards. NCCC will be able to print these cards on a laser printer. This will save even more on postage costs. Peggy will let everyone know if pins will be available for purchase for the 2010 year. Most likely, they will be based on pre-orders as in the past.

Membership application forms are now two-part rather than four-part. This saved \$500.00 in printing costs.

Sylvia Hoaldrige is working on getting a periodical postage rate to reduce the costs of mailing the Blue Bars. She is also working to limit the number of color pages. The convention issue this year will not have regional articles due to the space needed for convention articles. The deadline for articles for the summer Blue Bars issue is May 31, 2009. Please consider sending your newsletters, electronically if you want. Make sure you reference "Blue Bars" in the subject line.

The 50th anniversary celebration will be held in conjunction with NCCC 2009 convention in Colorado Springs, Colorado from August 8th through August 14th.

Joan Thomas is looking for club profile information, patches (old or new) or anything you would like to share with NCCC. The deadline to get this to Joan is August 1, 2009.

Peggy reported that a committee, of four people, has been chosen to update the RMD guidelines. They are Barbara Harris, Dick Runyan, Ron Scott and Bob Bowen.

NCCC-Duntov Performance Award has some revisions being made. The award selection committee shall be appointed as needed because this award doesn't come up each year. The second change is the applications and documentation from eligible clubs must be given to the VP of Membership anytime after the current year renewals and no later than the beginning of the NCCC membership committee meeting of the second scheduled NCCC governor's meeting of the current year.

If your club loses one of your NCCC members, please get the information to Peggy as soon as possible.

The RMDs are trying to add an area for youth or sponsored members. These are the children we are losing from FCOA when they turn 16 year old. Article 3, Members – Section 3, Item H. refers to the child of any primary or spouse/companion member who is at least 16 years of age and resides with the primary or spouse/companion, shall become a member upon payment of dues equal to spouse/companion. They are entitled to all rights as spouse/companion except the right to hold regional or national office. They are trying to decide if these children should be called youth or sponsored members. A person sponsored by primary member 16 – 21 or 16 – 25 and full time student with mailing address same as primary, shall be come youth or sponsored member. The upper age limit may be extended for special circumstances such as an older child with handicaps. Application must be made and approved by the RMD and the VP of Membership. If approved, they would become youth or sponsored member upon payment.

As of August 1, 2009, you may want to hold new member's applications until after September 1, 2009. These people get the remainder of this year plus next year for the same price.

Elaine asked if she understood that if you were in National Council and no longer own a Corvette, you can still be a member of National Council, however, you do not earn points etc. Why couldn't these people be under this category? Peggy will check into this.

COMPETITION:

Chuck Stephens advised there has not been a National meeting since our last Regional meeting. Jack Sherman sent an e-mail that they are unable to run their two rallye events on August 30, 2009. They are within the 70 day limit to reschedule or cancel. Chuck will send request to Jack Wilson, VP of Competition to reschedule these and take as EOR rallyes. Bill Wood has three rallyes October 24th. The region will add a Poker Run which will increase the rallyes from 3 to 4. Chuck will ask Stan Wolfe to add a Poker rallye on October 25th.

All results have been updated except Aurora. Men's standings: fist place is Chuck Heretta;

second place is Ted Vannelli; third place is Dennis Arthur; fourth place is Chuck Stephens. Women's standings: first place is Elaine Heretta; second place is Linda Vannelli; third place is Peggy Stephens; fourth place is Carol Etzel.

Club standings: first place is Corvette Cleveland; second place is Buckeye Corvettes; third place is Mid Ohio; fourth place is Competition Corvettes.

So far, with the events put on, we are running at a profit.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

Chuck Heretta reported that there has not been a National meeting since the last Regional meeting. You still need to mail a printed and stamped newsletter and flyer for insurance. Please go back to the old way for insurance documents and waivers. Chuck Stephens takes care of sanctioned events.

Convention is August 8, 2009 through August 14, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regarding the March 2010 Regional Banquet, Lakeshore has been set the first weekend of March at a Sandusky location (Castaway Bay).

Hall of Fame vote was amended at the last meeting to 75% approval of votes cast.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck Heretta asked if there was a list of serial numbers of everything the region owned. The response was yes except for the new box. Chuck asked that that information be given to Chuck Stephens and all items and numbers also be given to the secretary.

The convention 50th anniversary party will have a toast, in remembrance of Jack Eakins, on Sunday evening. There is a 1975 convention engraved wooden box still sealed. Does anyone know what this is? No one seems to know. This could have been a gift to National officers. This will be opened at convention.

There was a question, by e-mail, from a member of Medina Corvette Club if the financial records have ever been audited. Does the region provide for this? It was also suggested that the financial reports only be accepted after the audit. This cannot be done as regional reports must be accepted at the meeting to be put into the minutes. Chuck Heretta suggested that an audit committee of 1 officer and 2 regional members be set up for this purpose prior to the new fiscal year. Chuck asked for input and no one responded. Alan asked if it was okay to be done internally on a yearly basis as it is cost prohibitive to go to an outside firm. Bill Quine agreed. Chuck Heretta asked the governors to take this information to their clubs for input and to find volunteers.

Bill Wood discussed his proposed Regional By-law changes and proposed Standard Operating Procedure changes. Everyone has received printed copies of proposed changes. There have been a lot of changes that have been made by motions that have not been updated. One of these changes was how we elect regional officers. Regional Executive is elected in the odd years and

the Regional Competition Director and Regional Membership Director in the even years. The Secretary/Treasurer is an appointed position. The staggering of years eliminates having an entirely new board in any given year.

Chuck Heretta mentioned that the By-laws and Standard Operating Procedures need updated from past changes. All governors received the current documents. Chuck is asking the governors to research old minutes for any changes/proposals.

Bill Wood has proposed By-law changes and Standing Rules and Operating Procedures changes. Attached to these minutes are the printed proposals. The By-law change is replacing Article VI, Section 7B. Bill has proposed a new EOR Competition "Program" Director. Elaine Heretta asked if this would be a "points-tracker." She responded that she does not believe this extra person is needed. Bill will amend that this person and the RCD could be the same person. The comment was made that this change hinges on the return of the Champ Series.

Chuck Heretta summarized that what Bill is trying to do is put the wording in the By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures that allows us to do what we have been doing all along. Bill Wood mentioned that Workers and MVP programs just existed and were not in writing. This allows the RCD to choose to continue with overseeing the MVP and Worker program or allows him to appoint someone to handle this task. This does not take anything away, only adds another vehicle to appoint someone to help. Chuck Heretta asked the governors to take this back to their clubs for comments.

Broke for lunch break at 11:50

Resumed meeting at 12:25

The first change to the Standing Rules and Operating Procedures deals with Awards relating to Most Valuable Participant. The second change deals with the Championship Series. Take back to clubs and will discuss again at the next meeting, October 17, 2009.

Bill Wood continued with his proposal regarding Worker Program and MVP. He contends that you need to run 60% of the 60%. He feels that this still needs some work. Elaine Heretta and Alan Moore stated that we need to pull the high speed events out since convertibles are not eligible. Ken Rutherford stated that he won five times with the same car. Bob Kutty stated that Chairman position is not always available. Elaine disagreed. Alan Moore stated that there are not enough good awards for those that don't race. Elaine stated that worker only points could hinder top points. Alan Moore feels that we need to limit bonus points. Elaine agreed. Ken Rutherford stated that 65% will always be a racer. Chuck Heretta stated he would suggest we use 65% of each type of event, 112 events, you must participate in everything. That is a valuable participant. Alan Moore feels the proposal is too complicated. Please take this proposal to your clubs and e-mail your comments to Bill Wood. We will discuss again at the October meeting.

The only open position this term is the Regional Executive. The By-laws are not up to date regarding this procedure. Officers will be elected at the October 17, 2009 meeting. Nominations will close (15 days prior to election meeting) on October 2, 2009. You must withdraw your name by notifying the secretary at least 30 days preceding the election, which would be September 17, 2009. Qualifications are that nominee must have attended two regional meetings

within the last year prior to putting their name on the ballot. The secretary will notify the clubs of any withdrawals or additional nominations. If all nominees have withdrawn, nominations will be accepted at the election meeting and re-election of such officers will be held at the next regularly scheduled NCCC governor's meeting. Term of office starts each January 1st. Additional changes to the by-laws not updated are that no person shall hold more than one regional office and must be in good standing of NCCC and a member club. A club may have more than one member on the regional board. Chuck Heretta summarized his position. He is responsible for representing the membership of the East Ohio Region. He carries proxy votes for clubs who are unable to attend the meetings. He sets up a schedule of the meetings to be held. He also sits on the By-law Budget Committee as an ad hoc member and has the final decision. The Regional Exec signs all documents for the Region and is the official representative of the East Ohio Region.

At this time, nominations were opened for the Regional Executive position. Don Burk nominated Chuck Heretta. Elaine seconded the motion. Chuck Heretta tentatively accepted. He has until September 17, 2009 to withdraw. There were no other nominations. Chuck Stephens asked that nominations close for today. The nomination "process" is not closed. Ken Rutherford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Other issues were discussed. Ken Rutherford commented on July 4, 2009 event. He analyzed the FTD which he feels is out of hand. There are multiple FTD's per event. There should only be one FTD of the day. Auto-crossers are getting big points just to get a jacket at the end of the year. This has become a racers club, not a Corvette club. This has been sent on to Jack Wilson who has heard this numerous times and is working on it. If you have concerns, please send them to the correct person.

Chuck Heretta discussed the economy runs. He sent a note to Chuck Stephens, RCD, to think about. In the Economy Run section of rule book, page 6-2, under Master Grouping, it shows an A and B after each E class. This used to be rear end of 390 or lower which would be a B designation. Chuck can find no mention of this in this section. Is this an oversight or are we no longer using A & B? In the general outline of what an Economy run is, there is mention that you should use the section for rallyes and just insert the words Economy Run for the word Rallye. Does this also apply to the points section as there is a potential for ten points in a rallye. Chuck beat five other cars and only received nine points, and in a rallye, would have received ten points. This doesn't make sense. In this age of NCCC point's correctness, this is not correct. Chuck Stephens sent this out to other RCDs. Chuck Stephens said this is one of the matrixes that are being looked at during Convention. Should economy runs that are run like a rallye per current rule book have the points structure the same as a rallye? Chuck Stephens said there were eleven votes that said yes.

There was also a discussion regarding modified frames. What, exactly, is an RP altered frame? Are drilling holes and changing the location of something considered modifying? Yes, it is. It is now an altered frame and not an RP. Chuck Heretta asked Chuck Stephens to discuss this at the meeting at convention.

Ken Rutherford questioned the points. He can go to a car show with seven events and sit for

several hours to receive 21 points. Yet, if you work a speed event and work hard, either chasing pylons or working in the timing trailer, you only receive 2 worker points. Ken feels this is really out of line. Chuck Heretta agrees this needs reviewed. Alan Moore also feels points are out of line. Chuck Stephens thinks they will go back to the basic system.

ROUNDTABLE:

Corvette Cleveland – Elaine Heretta discussed club member correspondence regarding the speed events on July 11, 2009 at the airport. Correspondence stated the speed events did not have the necessary runs per the rule book. Elaine responded to member that, due to weather (lightning) and for safety reasons, the RCD shortened the number of runs. Chuck Stephens stated that they had a successful day because it was a safe day. All events went well. Last year we had 5-non NCCC participants. This year we had 17. Chuck Stephens was not satisfied with course. There was a one and one half hour delay, which is not acceptable. There were four people in the lightning picking up cones. There was poor communication from the timing trailer and starter. There were 208 runs (just NCCC people) and 44 DNFs. This means something is wrong. Corners not established. We are high profile out there; not like Lakeland. Chuck Stephens had invited the National Guard, and was happy they did not come because this was a disaster. Chuck Stephens sent a letter to all NCCC drivers stating (1) thanking everyone for coming; (2) apology for the way things transpired, and (3) learned tough lessons and these things will not happen again. Chuck Stephens will throw rules out for the safety of the participants and workers. He did his best. Alan Moore, who was RDC for nine years, said we all make mistakes. Bill Wood asked why he didn't file a protest at the event. The upset member had two chances – one to finish the event and not DNF and one to file the protest at the proper time.

Chuck Stephens went to Parkersburg and ran with SCCA. He will discuss with them this winter to do joint venture. Bill Wood questioned the number of participants to make this workable. There were 36 NCCC and 17 non-sanctioned NCCC. Elaine asked if we paid the airport. Yes, plus the extra insurance. Costs were approximately: \$100 for airport, \$175 for Insurance; \$100 gator; \$102 for awards; \$102 for timing; \$53.50 for port-a-johns; and \$1.22 for postage. This is approximately \$600 profit each. Chuck said we could possibly do away with gator next year and get men's and women's port-a-johns. Alan Moore stated he thought the gator is worth it.

Elaine also mentioned their Corsa event on July 26, 2009.

Competition Corvettes – Sharon Burk mentioned their Halloween rallye on October 31, 2009.

Tiretown – Alan Moore mentioned his rallye and picnic next week.

Mid Ohio – Ken Rutherford stated he was disappointed with statements and comments that their poker rallye was not fair. According to the NCCC rule book, picking all 5 cards at one time is not correct. He felt that Pat did this correctly. Chuck Stephens spoke with Terry Sells about how many decks of cards were used and was advised there were five and you drew your cards and she stapled the cards to a paper. Chuck Stephens was told incorrectly about when the cards were drawn. Using five decks at one time, rather than 5 separate decks at different locations does not have the same chance. Ken read the rule book about the cards “assembled.” Elaine stated that this was the best poker rallye yet. Each participant drew one card at five different locations. Chuck Stephens stated again that he was told incorrectly. He was told that five decks were put into one pot. Ken said he will never chair another event. He thought Chuck Stephens put his nose in where it should not have been. Chuck Stephens

offered his position to Ken at anytime. Ken said Chuck should read his rule book. Ken does not like the way this was handled. After hearing the correct way, Chuck agrees with Ken that it was done correctly. This discussion became heated and Ken Rutherford accused the board of being a “cliques”. Don Burk told Ken that, after 42 years, he should get over it. Chuck Heretta asked that everyone stop the argument and, at this time, he asked the secretary to remove his name from the nomination for Regional Executive.

Kanawha Valley – Bill Wood asked Elaine about Labor Day. Elaine stated that they have been changed to low speeds at Lakeland. Bill advised of his non-sanctioned event on August 12th
Buckeye – Chuck Heretta had nothing to say.

Next regional meeting will be on October 17, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Esbers.

Mahoning Valley has their show in Austintown.

Hall of Fame 50/50 drawing of \$22.50 was won by Bob Kutty. \$22.50 will be deposited into HOF fund.

Meeting closed at 1:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan M. Hamilton
Secretary/Treasurer East Ohio Region

ADDENDUM: At the Convention, Chuck Heretta reconsidered the removal of his name and has asked that his name be put back on as a nominee for Regional Executive.