

# MINUTES

## EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

**MAY 21, 2011**

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### **NEXT MEETING @ ESBER'S RESTAURANT CANTON, OHIO**

**\*\*\*NOTE NEW TIME: JULY 23, 2011 @ 9:30 AM**

### **NOMINATIONS OPEN THIS MONTH**

### **SCHEDULE OF 2011 MEETINGS:**

#### **REGIONAL:**

October 15, 2011 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH  
December 3, 2011 @ 9:30 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH (BIDDING MEETING)

#### **NATIONAL:**

September 9 – 10, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO  
November 11 – 12, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO

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**PRESENT:**

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, Buckeye Corvette Club, Inc., Governor  
Chuck Stephens, Competition Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc.  
Peggy Stephens, Membership Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc.

EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.

Warren Obert, Governor

EO-010 BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.

Al Etzel, Guest, HOF

Carol Etzel, Guest

Roger Flading, Guest

Elaine Heretta, Guest (Substitute Secretary)

Terry Sells, Guest

Bob Thomsen, Guest

EO-013 MID-OHIO CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

Terry Muich, Governor

Ken Rutherford, Guest

Pat Rutherford, Guest

EO-033 BLENNERHASSETT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

EO-052 MAHONING VALLEY CORVETTES

John Callery, Governor

EO-057 MOUND CITY CORVETTE CLUB

EO-068 TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB

Alan Moore, Governor

Gail Moore, Guest

EO-083 LAKESHORE CORVETTE CLUB

Ric Keller, Governor

EO-096 NORTH EAST OHIO CORVETTE CLUB

Ken Jecmen, Governor

EO-104 FUN CENTER CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

EO-116 MEDINA CORVETTE CLUB

Dan Gallagher, Guest

EO-147 CENTRAL WV CORVETTE CLUB

EO-148 CORVETTE CLUB OF WEST VIRGINIA

EO-223 KANAWHA VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

William Wood, Governor

EO-257 COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Don Burk, Governor  
Michael Getzy, Guest  
EO-258 CORVETTE CANTON, INC.  
EO-571 CROOKED RIVER CORVETTE CLUB

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:**

The meeting was called to order by RE, Chuck Heretta at 10:18 AM. Chuck announced that Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Hamilton is in Alabama this weekend and Elaine Heretta is filling in. It was determined that a quorum was present and business could be conducted. Introductions were made around the room.

**SECRETARY:**

Don Burk motioned and Terry Muich seconded, that the minutes from the March meeting be accepted as sent. Peggy Stephens asked that the first page be corrected to read that the December 3 meeting begins at 9:30 AM and on page 4 the wording in the last paragraph be changed from "awards" to "regions." The minutes were accepted as corrected.

**TREASURER:**

Chuck Heretta read the Treasurers report that was distributed to all Governors. There were no questions. Terry Muich motioned and Don Burk seconded the motion to accept as read.

**HALL OF FAME:**

Al Etzel asked that Governors go back to their clubs to find out if there are any worthy candidates for the Hall of Fame. He apologized for not recognizing the past inductees of the Hall of Fame at the March Regional Banquet.

**CHARITY:**

Elaine Heretta stated that Scholarship Applications were due to Patrick Dolan by May 1st. He is expecting to give out between six and nine scholarships this year at Convention. The Raffle Car has been ordered. It is a white Grand Sport with the silver stripe. It is a 6-speed with the LT3 package and a charcoal interior. At the beginning of this month, only about \$1,000 had been received in "green sheet" sales and \$150 from NKF sales. This is not a Transplant Games year, so we are not worried about the sales at this time. Elaine asked the Governors to remind their members to take advantage of the "green sheets." She also has tickets in her possession if any Governors would like to take them to sell. Elaine did a compilation of donation sheets that had been turned in at the end of 2010 and announced that \$167,403 had been given in monetary donations. There were 7,505 man hours were also donated.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Peggy Stephens handed out the EOR Membership Reports as of May 21, 2011, the NCCC Membership Reports as of April 26, 2011, and the FCOA Membership Reports as of April 28, 2011. The East Ohio Region, as of May 21, 2011, has 17 clubs with 896 members. At the end of 2010, there were 907. Our goal for 2011 is 960 members. As of April 26, 2011, the NCCC membership total is 16,530 with 265 NCCC Clubs. Buckeye Corvettes remains the largest club in the East Ohio Region with 173 members, Central West Virginia Corvette Club is in second place with 103 members and Corvette Cleveland in third place with 90 members. Also, Buckeye is in 16<sup>th</sup> place nationally.

FCOA has 2,895 total members as of April 28, 2011. The East Ohio Region remains in 6th place with 175 members with Corvette Cleveland top in the Region with 46 FCOA members. Pat Kelly is behind and asked people to be patient. FCOA is celebrating 20 years.

Peggy reported that, due to costs, she will not be printing her reports for everyone. She will now send them by e-mail and asked that everyone print and bring them to the meeting.

There is a problem in the East Ohio Region with the membership data base. When a Governor goes into a person's Profile Page and enters information and then updates the Database, it won't let you move to another location. You have to force a Logout then go back into your Governor's screen to continue with your entry. Peggy has talked to Larry Morrison, VP of Membership, and neither Larry nor Walt Jenkins, Membership Database Headmaster, has been able to locate the problem. If you have this same issue, please advise Peggy. Chuck Heretta said that he had added someone this week and the only problem was with the Spouse/Companion screen. Terry Muich stated that he had no problems, either. He stated that it may be the "security level" of the computer. When you go into your Governor screen to enter a member, always go to the "Look Up Member" feature first. Put in the person's last name and enter. The database will bring up everyone listed under that name whether they are active or inactive, and you can see if this person has been a member in the past. This way, these people will only have one number in the system. When you make changes to your membership list, please keep Peggy informed by sending her a message so she can keep up with what is being done to the database. Always send her the white copy of the membership application along with your club check made payable to "NCCC" for the dues. If you would like to send the East Ohio Region membership dues of \$2 per member at the same time, this check is to be made payable to "East Ohio Region". It's important that the information on the database is kept up to date. If anyone has problems or questions concerning the database, please don't hesitate to call Peggy at (704-378-6398) or send an e-mail to ([stephecr2@windstream.net](mailto:stephecr2@windstream.net)). She will help you in anyway possible.

Larry Higgins, Distribution Manager, has mailed a total of 10,700 items this year at a cost of \$9,687.96. 9,342 were renew packets, 117 late renewal packets, 1,161 new packets, 33 re-mailed packets and 47 miscellaneous items. Larry stated that distribution went better with the new membership database, and he was able to get everything sent out in a timely fashion.

The deadline for the summer convention issue in Blue Bars is July 15, 2011. It should go out the end of August. Sylvia said she needs articles for this issue. Selling ads for Blue Bars was discussed – not a good idea since 75% of the magazine would be ads and that is not its purpose.

The RMD's are responsible for getting nominees for the upcoming NCCC executive board offices. The four positions open for nomination for 2012 are VP of Competition, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms and Business Manager. If you are interested in any of these positions, let Peggy know and she will contact the nominating committee or you can contact them directly; Patsy Shearer, FL Region; Jerry Limpach, WO Region; and Gail Yanko, SE Region.

If anyone would like 2011 collector pins, Peggy has a few left for sale. If you need more, she can, most likely, get them or they can be ordered directly from Dennis Patrick by e-mailing him at "corvettesnccc.org".

The RMD group has updated the NCCC Duntov Performance Award requirements and entry form which can be found on the NCCC website.

The RMD's presented a list of money savings ideas to the RE's. They had a discussion concerning these ideas with Hal Bellamy, NCCC president. So far they haven't received any replies concerning this matter. Chuck Heretta asked, in regard to the FCOA numbers, if any of the 90 children lost due to being 16 years old were picked up as NCCC members. Peggy said that it is up to the individual clubs to provide that information. Chuck asked if the data bases, Membership and FCOA, are compatible as they could be tracked that way. Peggy said that she would find out. Bill Wood said that he has six applications that need signatures and that would put the Region over 900. He stated that he signed up Will Cooksey, former Bowling Green Corvette plant manager, to Kanawha Valley and NCCC.

Peggy had new membership application forms available.

#### **COMPETITION:**

Chuck Stephens said that the matrix he sent is for your information; it is not set in stone. He would like your comments so he can share them with the other RCD's. Pat Adams has requested we revisit the MVP Award qualifications due to the fact the all of their rallyes will be run at the same time. Chuck Stephens thinks that it can be done. Dan Gallagher asked that it stay in place this year, but revisit it for next year. Terry Muich stated that it was said that the MVP Award is a work in progress. Proposals need to be in place by the December meeting. It was stated clubs should be aware of the guidelines when scheduling events. Ken Rutherford stated that he feels events should be spread out over the year instead of having 7 rallyes on one day. Chuck Heretta asked about issues that were listed on the matrix that had been rejected. Chuck Stephens said that they were not discussed, but it did not mean that they could not be revisited again next year. Chuck pointed out #28 as an example that had been rejected and wondered if it was late in the meeting and was that why it was rejected. Chuck Stephens said that, no, each one had some discussion, but for one reason or another were rejected. Terry Muich also questioned the "rejections." Chuck Stephens stated that they could be rewritten and resubmitted for next year.

The "rescheduling" issue was addressed. The May 7th speed events that had been scheduled to be held at the Williamstown Airport were cancelled on April 19th due to the FAA not allowing events to be held at airports without the request being in writing 90 days beforehand. Alan stated that Chuck Stephens should have waited until the day of the events to cancel them as per the rulebook. Chuck Stephens gave his version of the issue. Chuck Heretta gave a timeline of what happened and the correspondence that ensued. He feels that we should follow the letter of the

rulebook. Heated discussion ensued. Each Governor was asked to state their feelings. A motion was made by Terry Muich and seconded by Ric Keller to withdraw the rescheduling of the May 7th speed events to September 4th. There are ten clubs represented today. Six voted “no” and four voted “yes.” The events will be allowed to be rescheduled.

## LUNCH

Meeting was not adjourned so a quorum is still met.

### **REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:**

Chuck Heretta stated that the National meeting site will continue to be St. Louis. Sixteen of the seventeen clubs in the East Ohio Region returned their ballots. Chuck suggested that to ensure receipt of NCCC e-mail you unblock the spam folder. Doug McMahon, Director of Public Relations, has stated that he will not be “just a sender” of the NCCC display. Chuck thanked Elaine, Alan, Gail, Warren, and Don for assembling the hospitality room at the Spring NCCC meeting. Those that follow will have a tough act to follow. Sylvia Hoaldridge has asked for “associate editors” to step up as she needs help. Chuck questioned Bernyce Molenda, NCCC Treasurer, in regard to money that has been advanced to the Topeka Convention. There are eleven or twelve entrants in the newsletter contest to be awarded at Convention. Hal Belamy, NCCC President, asked that the Governors and the Vision Committee look at reducing the number of members of the Executive Board. Chuck stated that some of the cutting needs to come from the top. Clean-up of verbiage in the Standing Rules and By-Laws was completed at the Saturday meeting. There was a discussion in regard to proxies and electronic voting. Who would the ballots be sent to and how they will be counted is the problem.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Regional Banquet guidelines are available on-line on the East Ohio Region web-site. The Governor subsidy is in place. Lake Shore used it in February and Mid-Ohio used it in April. Only one club may use it per meeting. The recap of the 2011 Regional Banquet was given. The report was attached to the Treasurer’s report. We will talk to Bob Kirsch in regard to advertising members’ businesses on the web-site.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2012 Banquet proposal was given by Alan and Gail Moore. Tiretown is not hosting the next banquet; Alan and Gail are handling personally. The Moore’s proposed that the Banquet be held at the Holiday Inn/Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth. There were no questions, so the Banquet will be held in Wadsworth on March 3, 2012. Chuck would like to get back on schedule with the Banquet proposal being made in December and that we vote on it in March. The proposal will now need a budget and will be sent to that Committee.

Bob Thomsen has researched purchasing a small “concession/display style” trailer to be used for timing and equipment storage. Ric Keller gave information on Lake Shore’s trailer. He said that

the club carries insurance on it. Brown & Brown is looking into coverage for this sort of thing. Ken Rutherford said that he just missed a trailer of this sort for \$650. Once the equipment becomes “part of the course” it is covered at \$0 deductible. Terry Muich suggested that a committee be set up to guide the search and authorize the purchase in the event that one is found and we need to act quickly. The size needed is 6’x12’ with a side window.

Ken Rutherford would like us to update the Regional By-Laws and Standing Operating Procedures. Chuck said that we have had some changes, but have not had a reprinting. Alan suggested that it be sent to the Governors for a review. Chuck said that he has done that, but to no avail. He said that our Region seems to have a very lackadaisical attitude toward meeting attendance and participation. He said that if he is an embarrassment to this Region, his office comes up for election in October. He said that e-mail is very one dimensional and that it is very important for the Governors to participate. He works for the good of the Region. Less than 11% of NCCC’s memberships compete. It is a little better in the East Ohio Region. The Vision Committee is in place to try and find out what the membership wants. We have ruled and regulated ourselves. No one should be afraid to state their case. It is very important that you speak up and be heard. You should not be just a card carrying member; you should be an active member. John Callery brought up the issue of EIN number for tax purposes. He feels it is important. Chuck said that the Region has been very careful in regard to this. We have never been bothered in this regard. Clubs should make their own decision about what they should do. The last thing you want is to have the Government at your door. Ken Rutherford said Mid-Ohio has incorporated to avoid this issue. Terry Muich stated that it is not a good idea to get an EIN number.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

KANAWHA VALLEY - Bill Wood suggested that we have a “Regional Social Award” and stated that he will be retiring at the end of the year and will begin rewriting the NCCC Rulebook early next year.

Chuck would like to begin the July 23rd meeting at 9:30 AM in deference to Tiretown’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party and the marriage of Crystal Vokac and Christopher Faunce.

The 50/50 drawing of \$34 was won by Alan Moore.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Elaine Heretta

In the absence of Susan Hamilton, Secretary