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MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

October 21, 2006

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

Aurel Ouellette, Fun Center, RMD, Gov.
Alan Moore, Tiretown Corv., RCD,
Ken Jecmen, NEOVC, Gov.
Chuck Heretta, Buckeye Corvette, RE, Gov.
Terry Sells, Tiretown, prxy Gov.
William Wood, Kanawha Valley, Gov.

Bob Kutty, Mahoning Valley, Gov
Dan Lundblad, Blennerhasset, Gov
Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleve, Gov,
Ric Keller, LakeShore, Gov.
Chuck Stephens, Pioneer Corv. Asso. Gov
Emerson Royer, Canton, Prxy, Gov.

Introductions were done around the room.

Bob Kutty made a motion to accept the secretary's reported as printed/emailed with any corrections if needed, seconded by Chuck Stephens, no corrections were needed, motion passed.

Mickey gave the treasurer's report, then stated the dollars she would be transferring to the Jeanne Kutty scholarship fund and the banquet fund. She asked if she should also transfer dollars to "zero" out the East Ohio Championship Series fund and the timing fund. At this point Chuck Heretta announced he had a \$200.00 check donated by Corvette Canton to use at the region needed. Bob Kutty made a motion we "zero" out the East Ohio Championship series fund and deposit the rest into the timing fund, Ric Keller seconded, motion carried. Thank you very much from the East Ohio region to the Canton Corvette Club.

Mickey also asked if a 50/50 was done at the events discussed for Hall of Fame, the 50/50 did not get done.

Hall of Fame: So far only one person has been submitted. If you have someone to nominate, you can get the form off the website and turn into Bill Quine or Bob Kutty. Nominations must be in by the December meeting.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Aurel Ouellette

East Ohio membership report list handed out, plus member-at-large in the region, the NCCC membership report and the FCOA (Future Corvette Owners of America) were all handed out.

The East Ohio region currently has 16 clubs with 871 members, our goal for 2006 is 960. Buckeye Corvettes has the most members with 150, followed by Corvette Cleveland with 112 members.

Aurel had an opportunity to attend a meeting in Wooster for a group of people looking at forming a club in that area. Richard Dansby is looking at spearheading and organizing this effort. There were about 25 persons present. They are currently looking at writing by-laws and were provided samples from Buckeye and Fun Center Corvette clubs. Their next meeting is November 14, 2006, 7PM at Red Ferris Chevrolet in Wooster. They have contacted some of the previous members of Cardinal Corvette Club. They are going to discuss and vote on joining NCCC at this next meeting. Aurel asked for some of the members of local clubs and the regional officers to try and attend this meeting and go to the next meeting. We would like to show our support as a region and let this club know they will have help getting this done and help doing events.

They already have some people interested in running for offices for the new club. One of these people is Ken Rutherford.

At NCCC meeting September 8, 2006 in St. Louis we had 283 clubs with 18,308 members. The membership cards for 2007 have been approved by General Motors and are on order. Everyone should have already received the summer issue of Blue Bars, the convention issue will be mailed after the November meeting. The deadline for the winter issue of Blue Bars is December 1, 2006.

Starting January 1, 2007 all NCCC minutes will be sent via email to governors/regions. If governor does not have an email address they will need to find someone in their club who has one to receive minutes.

Renewal packets for membership were mailed out October 1, 2006 if you have not received it yet let Aurel know immediately. Your packets should contain; cover letter from VP membership, (2) instruction sheets for 2007 renewals, 51% sheet, 2 copies of club membership list, club information sheet, charity committee club contributions and an updated sheet on Standing Rules changes. If you have any questions or are missing anything let Aurel know immediately.

The renewal deadline is November 27, 2006 so that Aurel can meet the NCCC deadline. Please verify your member's address and any other changes. NCCC will mail to the address turned in and if the packet is returned it will be sent to the governor to locate the person on the packet.

The committee for counting the ballots due by October 30, 2006 are; Joe Vesta, Pat Brown, Brenda Lackey and Ellouise Morrison.

Make your checks payable to the EAST OHIO REGION/NCCC. There was discussion about how membership renewal checks should be made out, we are the only region doing it this way. Chuck made comment on this, Deb Murphy brought this up a little over a year ago because of an issue that came up in an audit. She proposed the idea of the checks being made out to the region. Then the RMD would get the membership paperwork, check it mail the membership information to the VP of membership, when he says the paperwork is OK then he lets the regional membership director know and the treasurer will be notified to cut a check for the amount. This saves the checks from going through numerous hands. But it did not get passed down very well from national to local areas. But it works for the East Ohio region. We do not write a check until the club check clears the bank, then we write a check to national.

The question was asked about whether the treasurer was bonded, no they are not bonded because the expense is too high.

The FCOA has 2466 members, 156 from the East Ohio Region. In 2006 the fifteenth anniversary of the FCOA was celebrated. This organization was the idea of Don and Betty Parks.

Tim Obert asked if anyone ever kept track of 16 year olds that leave FCOA and if they join NCCC? Aurel said no this was not possible because not all have parents who are primary members. There was discussion about grandchildren about their being members. Nieces and nephews are even harder to track.

Website: Bob Kirsch unable to attend. Chuck brought up subject that National is working on website committee. They will be looking at what can or can't be placed on website and how to link along with various other things. Chuck is questioning a few of the things the committee is deciding such as what can or cannot be placed on a website site by regions. He understands if it is not in good taste that is understandable. But otherwise regions should be allowed to chose. There are things the East Ohio region we decided we will not post and among those are results, anything to do with a listing of speed. He will go to the meeting to find out what is meant by what must and what may be placed on the website according to the NCCC committee.

Bob Kirsch continues to post flyers as soon as he gets them, if they come in a file that is not down loadable he changes to PDF so everything is easy to download and print. Smitty from Lakeshore Corvettes asked that when pictures are placed on the website that the license plate be blocked out.

Charities & Grants: Eight scholarships were given away this year, one in the East Ohio region. The 2007 raffle car will be red coupe. Questions from the last meeting were answered, first what to do if you have been out of school for numerous years and cannot get scholastic references. Patrick Dolan recommended that particular person contact John Osbourne and talk to him and let him know the situation. Do not make a habit of everyone calling him this is just for special situations. Second what do you do if you graduated from high school recently and are currently in college and would like to re-apply. In most cases the professor will not be very familiar with the student, in this case it was recommended you turn in the same recommendations that you used on the first application. Others have done this in the past. Last thing discussed was scholarships are not given to nieces and nephews. Scholarships are given to primary member, spouse/significant other, children and grandchildren.

REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Alan Moore

Number one club in the nation for NCCC is Tiretown, first place men's is Jack Wilson, first place ladies is Donna Littlejohn.

The RCD's are working on the 2008 rulebook, the GRP I and GRP IS section are pretty well updated with proposals. Alan will be sending out for governors to review in the next couple of weeks. They will not be doing any changes to it but if you see something you don't understand or want to know more about please contact Alan. Also let him know of any typing errors or grammatical errors.

He will also be sending out a spreadsheet of regional points for the past year, please review this spread sheet and get back to him with any corrections. Do not tell him the points don't look right, let him know a specific event and what you think your points should have been. Ken Jecman raised the question that at the last meeting it was stated that if people left events early they could be disqualified. He wanted to know if this in fact did happen. Alan stated yes this did happen, the situation was a couple of people came to a car show, parked their cars, locked them and left for the day. Alan took their points away. Alan statement was If the person goes and talks to the chairperson and has a legitimate reason, and does not want to be gone for the majority of the event, then accommodations can be made. He will not give out points to someone who totally abuses the system.

New drag records were set this year the are Drag Prepared B, 9.66 and MOD B 10.10.

Because of an accident last year and the person passed away because of injuries the RCD's are reviewing Z06 and high speed harness requirements. They are looking at requiring Z06 cars running high-speed events to have a competition harness in lieu of seat belts. Alan wants all governors to mention this to their club, especially the people who would be involved and get their comments. Get these comments back to him before November 10, 2006 meeting. It will be voted on at November 10, 2006 meeting.

Numerous clubs are putting on events that are not really events. One example was a chance rally, you went from the starting point, drove 10 miles knowing the destination and then drew cards. This was considered a chance rally, so the RCD's are looking at doing the same thing with chance rallies as car shows and they will become 3 point events. Question was asked why have scoring, if drawing cards or rolling dice, you would do a score. If you do a real rally, 10 miles or more and then draw cards you would get regular points for real rally over 10 miles and 3 points for the chance rally. Bill Quine said then you should not use cards to break a tie, Alan said this is correct so they have set up a committee to look at rallies and scoring. Chuck Stephens agreed to be a part of this committee.

Bill Wood brought up that they need to look at a rulebook for competitors and social events, many people are into the social aspect of Corvettes now.

One of the RCD's came up with a really nice chart for the rulebook and what qualified as Street up to Altered Frame. If you looked at the chart and you changed something you knew what it did to your car and where it placed your car. It is very easy to read, Mike has done everything to derail it and finally at the last meeting told the RCD's if they want to continue with it, maybe it could go in the back of the rulebook as a reference. Alan told Mike he is up there as a moderator and moderator only, he has no vote in any of these issues.

Bob Kutu asked when would the rally rules take effect, this would be with the 2008 rule book.

Alan Moore would like the region to think about sponsoring a teen driving school. Northern Virginia Corvette Club held one of these last year and did a presentation for the RCD's. He would like to get sponsors so it could be free to the teens that attend.

Chuck asked at a high-speed event when does the event start? The entrant must be there prior to registration closing. Thus once you register and through tech and taken the parade lap the event for that person has started. A person can change classes if he has not been on the track. Focusing on when the event actually starts that would be right after registration. The situation being discussed dealt with Labor Day and Nelson Ledges, once the event had started and the person had been on the track, he was allowed to change cars and it was not the same class that he changed cars to. Chuck felt consequently this person should have been awarded DNF points only. Alan said he brought this up at the NCCC meeting in September because he wanted a better clarification on it, he said the rulebook did not differentiate between a parade lap and a practice lap. Chuck said the rulebook was pretty specific in that it stated parade laps are mandatory, that is why he asked when did the event start. The rulebook states the borrowed car must qualify for the same class including matching times or matching time trials. Alan stated without a protest he couldn't really do anything and the general ruling was there was no violation of the rules. Chuck asked how could there not have been a violation if he was in a C5 and he goes to an RP and there was only one event there that day? Alan stated the rulebook says no driver may enter more than one car in a timed run, if the car is to be run for exhibition, it must not precede the entrants timed run. If the car eligible for another class it must come after all timed runs. The driver is not eligible for additional points or awards, the only exception is if a car in a timed run should break down during practice or a timed run, the driver may borrow a second car to compete his official timed run. The borrowed car must qualify for the same class including matching time and matching time trials. Chuck said the car did not qualify in the same class. Alan stated that where they got hung up in the meeting was distinction between a practice lap and a parade lap. At the RCD meeting it was stated happened during a practice lap not a parade lap. A parade lap is after the event lap starts, the problem came in rulebook for entrant it said practice lap and the discrepancy where it said parade. It was decided it needed to include parade lap where it said practice lap also.

Chuck asked then what about blatantly disregarding the rulebook safety factor of blowing out oil at every event. Chuck Stephens suggested we add under tech inspection all vehicles judged unsafe by vehicle inspection committee must not be permitted to run. RCD's did not agree there was any violation of rules.

Tim Obert asked what was the point if no timed run had been done yet? If there was a timed run made it could be understood. Once you go for a parade lap you are in the event. At the high speed event you must have a parade lap, but in the rulebook they just called it a practice lap not a parade lap as in the other section. Chuck Stephens said they need to consider in the next rulebook putting "on the track" instead of parade or practice lap.

Bill Quine brought up that while doing the results for the eight event weekend, several entrant forms were missing NCCC numbers. Plus on the waivers people were signing in both places instead of printing then signing this made it very difficult to find names and give people points for events. He also asked the clubs consider have a separate worker sign up sheet at events with NCCC number requested, this would help in doing results.

Dan asked if there was an alternative to Gary Kelly's excel form to do results from, they do not have excel nor have access to it. Several commented that if NCCC wanted clubs to use this format it was their responsibility to provide this program to governors. It was decided that Chuck will check with NCCC about getting excel to all governors or a way they can access it.

It was also brought up that certain portions of the form are locked and therefor causes everything to be retyped instead of being able to just copy it and move around.

Alan brought up that in reference to the Z06 and maybe needing a seatbelt and shoulder harness there was a question about the warranty still being good on the car. Ray Kraus Company has a harness bar that mounts into the bracket where stock harness mounts on each side. They have for C5 and C6 it's a bar mounts in underneath coming across, you are given the location to mount your harness'. They also have adapters that go on floor for seatbelts and you do not need to take out your stock seatbelts, it will just snap in with the harness and you can remove when not racing.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Chuck Heretta

No by-laws changes will be brought to the floor for the November meeting.

Ballots were due back to the NCCC secretary by October 30, 2006. The candidates are uncontested so you are mainly voting to have the convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2008.

Chuck checked on bonding of regional treasurer and bonding club treasurers, he never received a firm answer. Anything is possible for a cost.

We will have a new NCCC distribution manager(s), Rose and Don Schmidt are retiring.

NCCC has contracted a firm in St. Louis to store past records at a very nominal fee.

The new convention treasurer for 2007 will be Mary Bellamy.

The final convention report for Florida will be announced at the November meeting. Under 400 attended the convention per Bill Quine. Bill also added if you want to attend a convention the Nashville, TN., 2007. will be a very good one to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

The consideration of a regional membership display will be passed on to the new regional membership director. Aurel stated as long as NCCC is paying for shipping and allowing the use of display for free, we do not have to put out any dollars.

EXCELL results, Chuck Heretta will check with Gary Kelly about NCCC furnishing this product.

Regional Banquet 2007: It will be at the Holiday Inn, Mansfield. Cost will be \$30.00 per person, and there will be a selection of 3 entrees (Fish, Chicken or Beef). Fun Center is looking into having a pool party the night before. The hospitality room is on the 6th floor but there is an elevator. Room rates are \$69.00 ++. Please bring door prizes for the banquet.

Chuck asked that governors go back and check with their clubs about sponsoring the 2008 regional banquet. Bids should be presented at the December meeting if possible.

The 2007 budget proposal was presented, Bob Kutty made a motion to accept the budget, Terry Sells seconded motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Championship series director Bob Thomsen did not receive any proposals or changes from the last meeting. They have not had another meeting. It was decided to put Championship Series on hold for another year then make a decision.

MVP process has not been tweaked yet. Currently you must run a minimum of 16 events, at least 2 of each type (Speed, Concours, Rally) car shows are not included. Alan suggested that the minimum be raised. He asked that the governors take back to their clubs and discuss what they would like to see in the MVP process. He would like this in writing to him by November 25, 2006.

In December bids will be done for sanctioned events. If you need a specific date for your event next year let Chuck Stephens know. He handed out a form and will mail to those governors not in attendance.

There are three boxes on this form

1. Club will use all 7 events
2. Club will use _____ events and give remainder back to region.
3. Club will not be bidding and will give all events back to region.

He does not want your bidding dates yet, BUT if you want a particular date please indicate on the bottom of this form.

Dates to avoid bidding so far are:

February 23, 24, & 25, 2007 NCCC meeting
March 3, 2007 regional banquet
May 4, 5 & 6, 2007 NCCC meeting
June 16 through 24, 2007 convention
September 7, 8, 9, 2007, NCCC meeting
November 9, 10 & 11, 2007 NCCC meeting
December 1, 2007, Regional meeting

Competition sites are becoming limited on where we can run speed events, for now Lakeland is working out well.

Results of the 2006 elections for officers in East Ohio was announced by Mickey Ouellette; they are Regional Competition Director- Chuck Stephens, Regional Executive - Chuck Heretta, Regional Membership Director - Peggy Stephens. There was not a Championship Series Director because the series is on hold for another year.

A standing rule change was mentioned by Bob Kutty at the last meeting to make the officers terms for two years, the new officers agreed to this if the motion passed. Bob Kutty then made a motion as follows; That the regional officers become two year terms with the regional competition director and regional membership director being elected on even years and the regional executive being elected on odd years, if decision to have a East Ohio championship series director he is elected on odd years, this will start on January 1, 2007. Terry Sell seconded, motion passed.

There was discussion on a situation that will affect two clubs in our region over the next two years. They have car shows on the same weekend every year and they next two years the convention will be when these car shows are presented. They wanted to know if NCCC could change the radius and not black out the whole country. Alan explained that people are running all year long for points and if they allowed a sanction event to happen during the two weekends of convention, those competitors at convention will miss out on possibly 28 events. These clubs thought they would lose their ability to get their 700 points and move down on the bidding list for December. Chuck explained this wasn't necessary they can still have their car show on the same date as non-sanctioned and it would not hurt the quality of the event. They could then give their 7 events to the region if their club members did not want to put on any other sanctioned events and their club would still get 700 points. This was considered a good alternative.

Ric Keller said they have really been promoting NCCC membership with their club and two-thirds of the members have re-joined with NCCC, they only have about 2 or 3 not joining.

Bill Wood asked when will the new rulebook take affect, not until January of 2008.

Reminders:

We need clubs to bid for the regional banquet in 2008.

In 2007 Corvette Cleveland will celebrate their 50th anniversary. Lakeshore will celebrate their 40th anniversary. Dragway 42 is also celebrating the 50th anniversary and the owner is looking at doing some type of drag event with the Corvette clubs to celebrate. Will try to get more information by the December meeting.

Chuck also had an opportunity to meet Roc Linkov, at the Lakeland speed event weekends, he is in charge of the special events for the National Corvette Museum. Mr. Linko is very interested in expanding the drivers school program like what they put on at Putnam last year. The museum would like to look at East Ohio region and Mid Ohio Sports Car Course in 2008. They would provide instructors and put on the class. It would not be on a weekend but during the week, possibly a Thursday to Friday. This will be done at Virginia Motor Speedway this year 2007. You provide the car and it must be able to pass the tech of the track rules and at time they are stricter then the NCCC rules.

Aurel mentioned on your membership list when you line out your members not rejoining, start the line at the name not the number that way it will be easier to read and cross check

On November 14, 2006 the club starting up in Wooster will have a meeting at Red Ferris Chevrolet, try to get some members there.

Aurel presented an award to Blennerhasset who last year doubled their membership.

Alan Moore asked that the governors go back to their club members and see if anyone is interested in running Sebring , Florida next year. It would be Memorial Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, please get this information to him so he can let Manny Montgomery know.

Remember to get your forms back to Chuck Stephens.

The December regional meeting will be at Esber's starting at 9:30 AM.

Remember to come ready to bid, and to pay for your member dues first. Dues are \$2.00 per NCCC member in your club. Sanction fees are \$25.00, dues are due before you can bid an event. The sanction fee due date will be set by Chuck Stephens.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectively submitted

Mickey Ouellette
Secretary/Treasurer