

## MINUTES

### **EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING**

**Held September 23, 2017 at Belgrade Gardens, Akron, Ohio**

**Regional Executive:** Terry Muich

**Regional Competition Director:** Albert Flanhofer

**Regional Membership Director:** Cheryl Getzy

**Regional Secretary:** Ryki Woods

**Regional Treasurer:** Peggy Stephens

#### **Attendees:**

Corvette Cleveland, Inc. - Albert Flanhofer  
Buckeye Corvettes - Barb Kukasky  
Mid-Ohio Corvette - Dan Gallagher  
Tiretown Corvette - Peggy Quine  
North East Ohio Corvettes - TR Aldrich  
Fun Center Corvette - Mickey Ouellette  
Medina Corvette - Richard L. Brooks  
Kanawha Valley Corvette - Charles R. Stephens  
Competition Corvette - Fred Dugach

#### **Guests:**

Sue Hamilton	Steve Hamilton	Mike Willis
Jackie Stoutenburgh	Dave Kukasky	Warren Obert
Eric Flanhofer	Carol Engel	Michael Getzy
Fred DeGordon		

The meeting was called to order by RE Terry Muich at 9:39 am.

The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chuck Stephens.

Terry Muich announced that Treasurer Peggy Stephens was returning checks she had received for the dinner which was supposed to be after the Memorial dedication. However, this dinner has been cancelled. Fred DeGordon will give an update on this event later this morning.

A moment of silence was held for Bonnie Bartsch from Buckeye, who passed away since our last meeting.

The governors present then introduced themselves.

The minutes from the last meeting were brought up, Terry Muich asked if there were any corrections needed. A motion was made by Chuck Stephens, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as printed on line.

### **RMD - Cheryl Getzy**

The total membership of NCCC is 19,028. They have mailed out 854 membership packets. Only the new members are to fill out the NCCC forms, that is what is required. Cheryl mentioned that the club forms are usually in the club newsletters. The NCCC application form can be found on line on the National website.

The data base will close on the 15th of October and reopen on the 17th. At that time we can start our renewal process. Anyone going in for the next two weeks will be new or late applicants. After the 17th of October will be the actual renewal time. Cheryl is requesting that all clubs have their stuff done by the end of November, which gives her two weeks to finalize all 14 clubs. Everyone can start handing out the forms, getting the checks to their treasurer and after the 17th of October you can go in on your governor's screen, click them off, and double check that the information is all correct (address, email, car type, etc.). And then Cheryl needs that submitted to her. Once the governors fill out their page, all the members will automatically get an email telling them that they are entered. This is new. Some members may not know this is happening and wonder why they get this email, it is just letting them know that their information has been processed. All zip codes should be updated for 9 digits, which can be found on the USPS site. Fred Dugach pointed out that this site will also check and make sure you have the address correct. When the new members or renewals are entered, you need to remember that you need to put the check number on the governor's screen and then be sure to click submit to the RMD.

Also discussed at the last meeting was that the Sergeant at Arms position is opening on the NCCC board and there are two different candidates running; Deb Shaffer and Gary Foster and for Vice President of Competition, Bill Docherty and Joe Keller are candidates. Rita Robinson is running for Secretary. Debbie Lindsey, who has always done the sponsorship charity stuff is resigning, so they will be looking for a member to

handle that position. If anyone is interested, go on the National website, pull up the position and read the duties you will have to do.

FCOA membership was 2,221 members, we added 93 new members for a total of 2,314. Children in this organization can be infant up to 16 and after they turn 16 they can join a club as youth. The cost for FCOA is a one time pay of \$10. There has been a decrease due to some of them turning 16. They can remain as a youth member until they are 25, as long as they are in school. There were no questions for Cheryl.

Terry Muich mentioned there were instructions put out at the meeting for renewal and if anyone needs one, contact him and he will copy it for them. He thinks they may also be on line. If anyone has any questions on membership and renewal, Terry suggests they go on line and go under FAQs. As a follow up on the voting, Terry said the ballots will be sent to the governors on October 1st. Terry also mentioned those who were running for office; Bill Docherty and Joe Eller for Vice President of Competition and Jim Walton for Business Manager with Rita Robinson for Secretary and he also mentioned the By-Law changes which should have been sent out to all the governors.

### **RCD - Al Flanhofer**

Fred Dugach attended the meeting for Al. Al mentioned that we are getting close to the end of the 2017 competition season and need to start thinking about 2018 already. Our next meeting will be here (Belgrade Gardens) on December 2nd and we will bid on next year's events at that time. Al will make out a calendar, and if anyone has dates they would like to hold for next year, send them to him and he will pre-fill those dates out and mail them to the governors right before the meeting.

Al mentioned that he has had a few complaints this year about some of the events only being 2 sanctions or 3 sanctions and the amount charged for these events, so that is something we might want to think about for next year. When registering for a show, Al knows that the governors are checking the waivers for signatures because he has had two situations where the person went on line and got the word document and printed it out and pre-filled it out with two names, but the second person did not sign the waiver and it turns out that this person did not even attend the event. So, at least Al knows that the governors are checking the waiver forms. Speaking of registration forms, on the East Ohio Region website, there is a word document where you can fill out all the information and print it that way. Al is thinking about changing the form a little bit, for instance, on the form it says "receive results by email", since no one is really sending results by email, Al feels that we can drop this item from the form. Also, the information about the factory rated horsepower, displacement, etc., he would like to delete this as well since it is on the tech sheet. He also suggests everyone look at the form and if anyone has any comments, email him and he will make out a new form and bring it to the next meeting. Also, on the National registration form, there is nowhere at the bottom for signatures. Do we need signatures on ours? The feeling was yes, we should have signatures on our form.

Also, if you go to the East Ohio Region website, there is a waiver form on there and if you go to that one, we added a column for the NCCC number as well as name and duties

so everyone will put their number on the form. This is to help for the names which are sometimes illegible.

At the last RCD meeting, they talked about one rule change and it is a rally rule change, relating to answers to questions, clues and similar items should be a minimum 100 yards before or after the clue. The change would be to change the word "should" to "must". This change passed.

If you go on the website for the current Competition Manual and print out the tech sheet, it was about 1-1/2 pages. The new tech sheet dated September 2017 is down to one page. This can be found online under forms on the National website under competition forms. This is for autocross and drag races.

Also, at the RCD meeting there was one protest filed Nationally that they took 5 RCD's aside to make a ruling on. It wasn't our Region. What happened was that in another region they had an event that got cancelled due to weather, so they rescheduled the event 45 days out and somebody couldn't make the new date and they protested it because when an event is cancelled you have to notify the Vice President of Competition (Dale Samuelson) within 48 hours of the event being cancelled. The club didn't do this, it got protested, the protest was upheld and the club basically lost the 7 sanctions for this show. So Al wanted to make everyone aware of that, there are some things in the rule book that everyone might not know, but they might come up. This was discussed briefly. Al was not exactly sure of why the event was cancelled, other than weather. Fred Dugach said they were very vague about why the event was cancelled and they weren't taking questions. This club was in Michigan and Terry said that the rumor he heard was that it had to do with the 45 day rule and not only was the date changed, but the venue was also changed. Al then said that the person from the club had been at our Bowling Green event and she was giving him updates and it was because they had not notified Dale Samuelson, which the rule book says you are supposed to do, and someone didn't like the date they were rescheduling to, so they filed a protest and it was upheld and the new date was cancelled.

Fred Dugach then spoke some more about the RCD meeting which he attended for Al. He requested clarification for some of the rules because it seems like there are all kinds of "must do" things, but no explanation if you don't do this or that. The only one explained was that if you don't sign the waiver, you don't get the points. If you don't sign the registration properly, if you don't sign the tech sheet properly, if something is not filled out properly, it doesn't seem like there any repercussions. The bottom line was that everyone agreed that the people at the local levels have far more control in administration of these events and the documents. If you want to change the registration form, we have the right and can do anything we want with it. It also seemed like everyone there also agreed that the tech sheet was the most important part and actually should be used to do the registration with instead of the other way around. Unfortunately, that will take too much time, so we are probably going to continue the same way.

If there is a protest, it has to be done before the end of the day's group of events. It has to

be filed in writing and accompanied by a \$15 fee along with the paperwork and it has to be sent to the chairperson and the governor, RCD or whoever is at the event. As far as protests go, if there is a rule or something that is broken or appears to be broken, the best solution is to try to resolve it before it gets to the point of protesting it. If it goes to a protest, either party stands to lose points.

Tech is not closed at the time we say it is going to be closed. In case of a problem with a car, it can be reopened and any car can be re-teched throughout the entire days events for any reason, even if a car/driver wins, you can have it re-teched. We indicate a window for tech, however if something occurs throughout the day, then the car can be re-teched.

It doesn't seem like it really matters how you sign the waiver, as long as you sign it with your name, if it is exactly the same as the NCCC, However, it does matter when the governors put it in the data base. Cheryl asked if, for instance, someone puts Robert (Bob), is that how they have to sign it. The answer is yes. You can change the membership information by requesting Cheryl to change, but this must come from the member. Fred then pointed out that there are a few problems with how we do our online registration. One of which DNS, for people where there are 7 events during the day and someone decides not to run the last couple of events and they don't tell anyone, it comes up a DNS in the timing system so they get 2 points for this. The whole idea behind the DNS was if someone comes up to the line and their car breaks and they can't run, that's a DNS and they get 2 points for that. However, if they don't show for the last couple of events, even though the timing system shows DNS, they should not get the 2 points. Therefore, that has to be deleted before it is uploaded.

The other thing on online registration is that there is some confusion about how the numbers are entered. That was the biggest problem that occurred. When you enter an online registration, sometimes the car numbers aren't right. Therefore, you have to make sure they are right before you go any further. Also, don't hit "enter" until you fill out the entire form. Chuck Stephens asked how we verify the car number. Fred said when you do an online registration, there is a place for the EO number and as soon as you tab out of that field, the form is automatically filled out. Whatever comes up on that sheet is the car number you are going to get. If you want to change it, you have to do it on the form. Al Flanhofer said that the way the data base is set up now, there is a RCD screen he has access to and there are a couple of fields, like high speed expiration (they don't give out cards anymore), it is online. There is also a place for anyone's car class and car number. That is in the database now and earlier this year Al put in all the numbers people requested and copied it and pasted it into a spread sheet and mailed it out to all the governors. Chuck asked how we handle it if we have out of Region people coming to events and they want certain numbers. Al said he thinks our Region people get to keep their numbers. Fred said that when he is doing online registrations, he selects a group of numbers not being used and if someone is registering, they are given the next open number in line. So they fill out the form, pay the registration, etc., and they show up with a certain number, but unfortunately they are assigned another number and that is the problem we are having right now. Therefore, Fred is telling Walt the form needs to be changed to rectify this problem. Al said in the RCD screen, there is a button and he can

automatically assign the top 15 men and women numbers based on their previous year's finish. Al said they have talked about this at the RCD meetings and many of the RCD's say there is no problem having multiple cars with the same number.

One other thing mentioned at the meetings is that the starter is supposed to check three things, that there is a sticker on the window, that they have a helmet on and they have their seatbelt on. Those are the basic requirements of a starter, as well as making sure the field is clean before the cars are sent out.

Al said that having another classification for the Grand Sport was talked about again. It was brought up, but voted down. Fred said that what they wanted to do was change the 2017 Grand Sport from a Class N to Class J/K and everybody agreed that it should not happen. Fred thought all C7's should be in a class of their own because it is difficult for the other cars of previous generations to compete with them. Al said they don't want to have any more classes. Chuck Stephens pointed out that this argument has been ongoing for a while. One thing Dale brought up was that he would like to revamp all the rules for Competition. Fred pointed out that doing the timing, he is finding out that there are little obscure rules, for instance, Al & Chuck Heretta were in the same group 1 and there were no sub-classes in that group and that meant that a 1958 base model would have to compete all the way down through the group to a 2017 Grand Sport. So there are some things that need to be changed.

### **Treasurer - Peggy Stephens**

Terry asked if everyone had gotten the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to suspend the reading of the Treasurer's Report, seconded and passed unanimously. The report was then up for discussion.

Fred Dugach pointed out that as a result of past autocrosses, we may have to revamp the timing lights and there may be an expense for this. Peggy pointed out that there is a line item for timing lights repair and this is in the proposed budget under Competition. Chuck Stephens pointed out that there is \$371 still floating in the Memorial Fund and could we put this in the General Fund. Peggy pointed out that for the Memorial dedication, we will have to rent chairs, the podium, etc. since this is not an actual funeral, so we will have that as an expense for this event. Terry pointed out that Peggy was nice enough to track the money for the Memorial even though it was not a Region type event. She was just keeping track of the funds so that money is not the Region's money, it is for the Memorial. Therefore, Peggy said we need to wait and see what the expenses will be. At the beginning of this idea, Fred had said if there was any extra money left, he might start with a Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The money is separate from the Region's funds. Al Flanhofer brought up that Corvette Cleveland has volunteered to have pins made to hand out at the ceremony (300 pins), they were going to pay for this out of their club funds (\$740), so if there is any money left, can it go towards these pins that Corvette Cleveland is having made up. Fred DeGordon said he would cover that when we get to the Memorial discussion.

Terry then moved on to the Proposed Budget. Peggy said it was pretty much what it has

been in previous years. The General Fund Income comes from our head tax fees and that is the only actual income which goes into the General Fund. Going on to the General Fund Expenses, that is mainly for the RE and RMD awards, office supplies, etc. The item she would like to see changed is "Secretary/Treasurer Expenses" for office supplies since the two offices are now split. So there probably needs to be a "Secretary" line and a "Treasurer" line. That was open for discussion. Also, we have the NCCC meeting reimbursements for the National meetings for the RMD, RCD and RE which is \$50 per meeting and that comes to \$600 because they go out there 4 times. The Banquet Subsidy was raised to \$1,000. The Regional Party is the Chili Cook-off and there is \$500 put back in that because of the increase in the head tax fees, Peggy put that back in. And next is the Website Expense, which is \$150, which brings our General Fund Expenses to \$3,250 which is well covered by our General Fund Income.

Competition Income, that money comes out of our sanction fees, we have 14 clubs at 10 sanctions at \$25 per sanction, which totals \$3500. Then we have the money which comes into us from the NCCC for the 200 club which is \$1,100 for our reward rebate. Peggy pointed out that the last couple of years it has been a little bit more, but she just put \$1,100 because this is unpredictable. That totals \$4,600 for income. Competition Expenses are for the RCD awards and office supplies, which is allotted \$3,500 for the shirts, plaques, jackets, etc. The trailer license is \$65.50, the insurance is \$315, followed by the timing lights repair of \$300.00. The next item is labels/posting sheets/wristbands/batteries associated with the low speed events and \$250 is projected for this. Peggy did point out that AI has started charging for the posting sheets. Next is the AxWare contract which is the program for the computer for the timing which is \$169 per year so the total on that is \$4,599.50, which is pretty tight with the Competition income.

The Hall of Fame is doing pretty good. Income is the 50/50 from the Governor's Meetings, (4 per year with an average around \$30), the 50/50 raffle from the Banquet which Peggy estimated at \$100 for that, however, Mickey has indicated that the 50/50 from the Banquet will go to the Banquet fund. The Chili Cook-off 50/50 drawing is earmarked for the Hall of Fame and that is estimated at \$150 for a total of \$370. Hall of Fame Expenses are the awards and the meals for the people who are initiated into the Hall of Fame and that totals \$200, so expenses are \$200.

Peggy asked for questions. Mickey asked about the line for expenses for wristbands, stickers, etc. aren't the clubs reimbursing for that and should there be a line item showing that money coming in as well as the line item showing the expense. What it amounts to is that the clubs basically replace the items they use. All expenses we had in Bowling Green will be shown as expenses from the General Fund when Peggy does the next report. AI mentioned that they have been trying to keep track of what each club uses when they have a speed event, that they replace what they use which should come out of their expenses, which Terry says has actually been working well this year, because when they did an inventory before they went to Track X, there were sufficient supplies and those used were replaced. Mickey pointed out that the SOP say that if there is an outgoing expense there should be a counterbalance for income. Terry said that realistically we could almost take that expense out, since the items are being replaced as

they are used, not actually reimbursed monetarily. Fred Dugach brought up that he didn't see any line item for repair of the trailer. Terry said that basically that goes on as an "as needed" expense, just like the lights, and that would come out of Competition, as problems cannot be predicted, like flat tires, etc. The roof vent had to be replaced and Terry was reimbursed for that which comes out of Competition Fund and Fred bought steps for the trailer which also comes out of the Competition Fund. As far as the line item, that was probably there to initially stock the trailer, but as it stands now, the items are being replaced by the clubs using them, so it is just a rolling inventory. It was suggested to just take the item "Labels/ Posting Sheets/Wrist Bands/Batteries" out of the proposed budget. Mickey then asked if the clubs are replacing the inventory in lieu of giving money to replace these items, and yes that is how it is being done. The clubs putting on the events are putting the cost on their expenses. Therefore, when the clubs replace items, they do not show up on the Region's Income. It is difficult to estimate, so each club tries to judge what they will use and replaces the items as they hold the events. Terry pointed out that the idea of keeping the supplies in the trailer is so that everything is in a central location, but it is easier for the clubs to put the cost of replacing things used for their event on their own expenses.

Al Flanhofer said that the last couple of years Corvette Cleveland has put on events with Tiretown. Al told Peggy Quine how many labels, etc. they thought they would need, he purchased them, gave Peggy the receipt and she reimbursed him out of the receipts for that day. Mickey said she understood that, but she didn't understand how the clubs are paying back the expense. Chuck Stephens said it comes off the clubs' expense. Mickey said that all this takes is a change to the SOP and it wouldn't have to be discussed further.

Mickey read the SOP "The club/region will also reimburse the equipment operator for the replacement of supplies needed to run the timing equipment,... Appropriate receipts for expenditures must be forwarded with a summary of expenses". So if the Region puts on an event they need to replace and if an individual club puts on an event, that club needs to replace it. As it stands now, rather than reimbursing the Region, the clubs have just been replacing the supplies themselves. Terry said they did an inventory in the spring and go back and revisit it and check what is there. Realistically, the clubs have been buying extra when they use the supplies, so we have usually ended up with more than we started with. Chuck Stephens pointed that when a club puts on a speed event, they need to check the inventory to make sure that they have everything they will need for that event. For example if there are only 50 wristbands, the club will buy more than 50 and doesn't charge the Region for the extra.

Peggy asked if we were going to take out that line item and Mickey said we need a proposal to take it out. Terry said that after we agree on the proposed budget today and the governors take it back to their clubs, we will vote on it at the last meeting in December. Fred indicated that they have put ads on their website to fund the website. Eric Flanhofer said he could do that for the Region website if we want to somewhat clutter things up with ads. Fred said to take a look at Competition's website, it is just a line with ads at the top of the page. Terry asked if there was any more discussion on the Proposed Budget, the proposal was to take the line item out re supplies for the trailer and



Peggy Stephens pointed out that we also need to consider splitting the Secretary/Treasurer line item to Secretary and Treasurer. The governors need to take these proposals back to their clubs and let us know the decision by email. The decision was made to put \$125 for Treasurer and \$25 for Secretary. It was pointed out that this is just a proposed budget, if expenses arise which call for larger amounts, the difference can be paid out of the General Fund. This is just a guideline which we are going to try to stay within for 2018 spending. Rich Brooks made the suggestion to take the "/" out of this item and put an "&" sign in. So, Terry asked the governors to go back and ask their members about the Secretary and Treasurer for their office supplies and about taking off the \$250 line item from Competition for expenses for supplies for the trailer and we will vote on the budget at the end of the year.

### **Banquet**

Joyce Ciach was not present, so there was no report at this time.

### **Hall of Fame - Mickey Ouellette**

Mickey has set a date of November 17th to have any nominations by that date. The qualifications are on the website and you can also get the forms to nominate and also listed are the members already in the Hall of Fame. There are three names left from last year which will automatically go on the ballot and they are Janice Sudia, Tom Geul and Ron Austin. More members can still be nominated, but we can only put one more on the ballot. You can read the guidelines and can nominate anyone as long as they meet the guidelines. The question was asked if there was a minimum number of years someone has to be a member to qualify. Mickey said it was 5 years in NCCC and 10 years in the Region. The new Hall of Fame guidelines are on the website in the SOP. There is also a note section there as well.

Terry mentioned that we will be doing away with the old website and everything will be entirely on the new website, so the webmaster will not have to maintain two sites.

By-Law and SOP changes were brought up next. The first By-Law change is under Competition page 6, section 11, to drop the East Ohio Region Competition Programs Director and the reason for this is we have not filled or used this position since 2011 as far as Mickey can find. She thinks it might be for the Championship Series.

Terry asked everyone to read through them and they will be voted on at the last meeting of the year in December.

By-Law change number two, if we delete the Region Competition Programs Director, under the Region Competition Director she wants to add a sentence that "the Regional Competition Director is also responsible for the Most Valuable Participant Program and The Event Workers Program established by the Region", because we need to have these things covered. The RCD has been doing the programs anyway. Terry pointed out that Mickey is trying to get the written part up to date with what is currently being done.

Fred Dugach raised the question as to why there are By-Laws and Standing Operating

Procedures and Chuck Stephens pointed out that the SOP can be voted on and changed at any time and go into effect immediately. By-Laws have to go through the voting procedure and be taken back to the clubs, explained, etc. Fred said why are there two different things. Mickey said if we just have By-Laws, you can't change them right away, which you can do with SOP. By-Law changes can only be presented by the third meeting, then you can't vote on them until the end of the year. We go by Roberts Rules of Order. So the SOP allows you to change things more quickly. Terry pointed out that basically the By-Laws are the "nuts and bolts" for the year, and the SOP is the day to day stuff which has to float and can be more easily changed. Fred asked how many clubs have this system and the general consensus was that all clubs do. Mickey pointed out that we have to follow National and National goes by Roberts Rules of Order. Fred did not think his club (Competition) had SOP, if they do, he has not seen them.

Mickey said there were only two By-Law changes. For SOP, she proposed under Regional Banquet 1 we drop the "subsidy for beverages" from the banquet budget.

Under Financial Matters, Item 4, drop the entire sentence regarding phone bills over 7 minutes, as no one turns in any phone bills any more.

Under Competition, page 6, section 11, drop the East Ohio Region Competition Programs Director, which is also under the By-Laws.

The major change she is proposing is under the Hall of Fame requirements, the proposal is that once placed on the ballot, the nominee will remain on the ballot for two consecutive years. So if they were on the ballot last year, they automatically go on again this year. If not elected into the Hall of Fame, a new nomination form will have to be filled out for the person to be placed on the ballot again. They can be re-nominated again after being off the ballot for two years. What she wants is a proposal to have the chairperson turn all the information in again.

The last one is under "Championship Series" consider moving everything to "notes" until and if we bring back this series.

Terry said we can either vote on these items today as we do have a quorum or the governors can take it back to their members.

Chuck Stephens said if there was no discussion, he makes a motion that we change the Standard Operating Procedures as read, Peggy Quine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mickey asked if anyone had the Roberts Rules of Order book, as she couldn't find on line what she was looking for. Chuck Stephens had a copy with him which he gave to Mickey.

## **Old Business**

Terry Muich said his sister is still working on getting the Region tax compliant with the IRS. She has the work 90% done.

## **Memorial Dedication - Fred DeGordon**

The memorial is in place, it has been for 4 or 5 months. As mentioned, Corvette Cleveland is handing out pins. Fred has the itinerary for the ceremony to go along with the pins. Corvette Cleveland will print these up. The date is October 14th and the monument has been approved since July 20th.

Fred is not sure how many chairs to order, the cemetery does not provide us with anything, they are letting us use their cemetery for a dedication. Fred asked if anyone had any idea of how many people were coming. Fred said he put 40 + people in at his meeting of Buckeye. He passed around a sign-up sheet, but everyone thought if they weren't going to the reception, they couldn't go to the dedication. The reception has been cancelled, because there was not enough response. We needed a minimum of 150 people and we did not get that number. Fred called the Barn and they said that was their busiest time and they would not take reservations. The Galaxy is sold out and if they were available, it would cost \$38 per person. Peggy kept a separate account for this event and with the extra \$300 Fred will secure the chairs, podium and PA system. Fred would like help setting them up in the morning so he doesn't have to pay the cemetery for their people. He has someone to sing the National Anthem, he has a group for the Colors and Volley. He had to get Federal approval for someone to do the Volley, because we are a private group. After the Volley, there will be taps and a bagpipe player. Joyce Ciach has arranged for the bagpipe player. There will be a flyover, depending on the activation of the National Guard. Father Bob, who is a Buckeye Corvette Club member, will have a priest there. Congressman Jim Renacci has declined. George Lemon, who is a member of his organization and is a retired Major in the army, is one of the speakers. So he arranged for Congressman Bob Gibbs to be there. His talk will be about the history of the cemetery. Fred had gone to five dealerships to see if he could get someone to sponsor a reception and not one of them contacted him back.

Terry asked Fred to talk at Vermilion after the driver's meeting and he did. Afterwards, five people came up to him and asked why they hadn't heard anything about it. They were members of Corvette Clubs.

The question was asked where we would meet and Fred said we would meet at the cemetery around 11:30. The ceremony is supposed to take place at 12:00. Fred will have the veterans present stand and be recognized and then everyone will stand for the National Anthem. Fred will do the introductions, and George Lemon will talk about the "solemn ground". Fred does not know at this time the exact number of cars, but we have 158 people signed up, so approximately 75 cars. We will meet at the circle around the monument area. Fred Dugach will take photos. The dedication will be under the flag. Fred will be there about 10:00 am. Fred has not heard back about media coverage.

Fred Dugach talked about Pat O'Brien and wondered if he would be interested in doing

anything, as he is sponsoring the Vietnam Wall Memorial Traveling Wall. Terry asked all the governors to talk to their members and get them involved with this, as they would like to have as many cars as possible. Terry sent an email to everyone in the East Ohio Region. It is free to go to the dedication.

### **Track X - Dan Gallagher**

Dan talked about the planning, the fact that our Region bought the one acre for \$15,000, so we got \$15,000 track credit. Dan talked about the problems with online registration, getting the information out to everyone, etc.

For the actual event, a number of groups caravanned down, everyone seemed to get there on the evening of Thursday, September 14th and socialized.

Dan spoke about the track touring on the 15th. He was not sure how many cars we had there, his best guess is about 100 cars. He spoke about the different runs that various people made. This was an all day event that started at 9:00 am. We started out with three pace cars and added a fourth one. Everyone got to go for at least 4 laps. Only one car blew his engine, a couple of cars went off the track, but nothing serious.

On Saturday, there was a car show with 21 cars/32 entrants and the low speed event had 46 cars for a total of 67 cars for both events. The car show finished up early and the autocross finished about 5:00 pm. By 5:30 pm, everything was cleaned up. Dan thanked everyone who helped. We learned a lot of things. There is a lot involved to put on a project like this and if anyone is planning on doing another one, Dan would be more than happy to assist and give some insight, however at the end of the day, Dan thinks we scored a B+ for the whole event. Gross income was about \$3,000 with the entry fees, kind of including the 50/50 raffle, but that is gross and there were some expenses. All in all we had 67 cars total entered in the two events, there weren't too many (maybe 3 or 4) entrants in the low speeds that were not from the Region, so this was basically a Regional event and we did have a really good turnout. Dan thanked everyone who came out and had fun. Mike Getzy pointed out that we saved \$90 each because that is what it would cost to run that track.

Terry pointed out that it was a really good weekend, a Region involved weekend, everybody helped and everyone had fun and there were no insurance claims. Terry also said he got all positive feedback.

Dan Gallagher said in closing, he started out with mentioning that we had a \$15,000 track credit to use, we used \$10,000 of that credit and therefore still have \$5,000 in the bank for further use. Dan again thanked everyone who participated and helped.

### **Chili Cook-off**

The Chili Cook-off flyer is now on line. The governors had a copy of it earlier. It is going to be at the Blue Barn Winery at 4407 Columbus Road, Wooster, Ohio 44691. It is going to be October 21st. We have the whole upper barn. They will open the doors about 4:00, they will set up tables for us, Roger will bring extension cords. there will be tables

for the chili and the deserts, they have a bar where they can serve drinks. The actual event will be 5:00 to 9:00. They will be having live entertainment. It is actually an old bank barn and we have the upper floor and there is a balcony and under that is the tasting area and that is where they have the entertainment. We are getting the facility for free, but we will be required to purchase our beverages from them. It is not insulated at this time, so if it gets cold, Terry will look into renting heaters.

Chuck Stephens asked about a report on the car show. Peggy Stephens said that Dan had reported that we had 21 entrants. Chuck mentioned that one of the reasons we did break early was due to the weather and people with medical issues, so it was better to get them out of the hot sun. Terry repeated that he did not get any negative comments.

Break for lunch at 11:37 pm

Resume 12:27 pm

The offices of RE and Treasurer are being voted on. Peggy Stephens is nominated for Treasurer and Terry Muich is nominated for RE. Nominations closed 15 days before this meeting. These must be voted on today. Mickey Ouellette said the Secretary can cast a ballot if there is only one nominee for an office. Ryki Woods, Secretary voted for the two nominees.

### **New Business**

Mike Willis from Corvette Cleveland spoke about another possible track touring. Mike talked about what a good time he had at Track X. For the past two years he has planned a trip for Corvette Cleveland to go to Spring Mountain. He would like to have another event similar to Track X and has talked to various people to find out what they liked and what they didn't like about the event and he would be willing to try to set up another event like Track X. The question was asked if this would be a sanctioned event, or just for fun. Mike was not sure how this was handled. Terry Muich pointed out that with track touring it would be almost impossible to have it sanctioned. Mike is talking about just doing a fun event, not an NCCC event. His thoughts are to try to make it similar to what they do at Spring Mountain. Mike has had several people tell him that they would like to go back to ride with someone or to ride with an instructor. Mike would like to talk to the people at the track to do something similar to Spring Mountain, so an instructor could explain the various aspects of running this type of track. If there is interest, he would be willing to donate his time to set something up and use up the rest of the money we have in the bank. Dan and Terry had talked to the people at the track and they do offer a school, they have morning and afternoon classes, so Mike can get some prices together and then maybe on a Thursday do a morning and afternoon school and they will teach you and then on Friday have a Region track touring. We have a \$5,000 credit left. Mike said what they do at Spring Mountain is that they have classes, you start off and spend about 30 minutes in the class and then they group the people (faster or slower drivers) so you get the same experience no matter what your capability is and then they work with you to teach you how to get your car around the track safely.

Mike Getzy pointed that the track has a version of that where you go out with an instructor and Mike Willis said that perhaps we could do some type of modified version of that for two days. If you can get 50 guys, you are only talking about \$216 per person to do this for two days. Mike Getzy offered to go with Mike Willis to get information. There are several things we could do, perhaps charge for rides, but Mike Willis would be willing to investigate and look into it. Mike Getzy pointed out that the cheapest times are during the week. Terry asked the governors to take this back to their clubs and see if they are willing to use the \$5,000 balance/credit we have towards that and we would probably do this on a week day, because they don't do the schools on the weekends and the track is booked up on the weekends. Mike Willis will check this out, and the governors need to check with their members if we want to use the \$5,000 credit we have left. This will possibly be in September or October. Chuck Stephens would like to see us put in a course for those who don't want to go to Spring Mountain, who don't want to go 130 mph down the straightaway, those who just like to go out and drive the course at 40 to 50 mph. Some of the comments Chuck got back were that there were people who were actually scared on the track and even got sick on the track. This would be a selling point for this idea. Terry pointed out that they would try to set it up like that, that a group would be set up to go 30 to 40 mph. The issue they ran into was that everyone thinks they're a better driver than maybe they actually are. Mike Willis also talked about Spring Mountain, that some of the people who went wanted to be in a slower group and it was set up like that. Chuck Stephens agreed and said we have to have something that appeals to that particular group as well as to those who want to go as fast as they can. This idea was then open to discussion. Various things which occurred on the track at Track X were then discussed. How different drivers drove, etc.

Terry said that Mike Willis will get with Fred, Dan and Terry and see what they can come up with by next meeting. The biggest thing Terry sees is that we do need to set up a morning class and specify to the lead car that this is a non-experienced, 40 mile an hour top speed group and then the people who want to go faster will just have to wait their turn. Cheryl also spoke about the grouping, i.e. C4's were with C7's and they just can't compete or keep up with them. Mike Willis then pointed out that if someone drives autocross, even though this is much slower, it gives you an idea of your driver capabilities for some type of guideline. Terry said he felt we had learned a lot from this experience, if we do it again, we will definitely have a sign-up sheet. Since the fee was \$7,900, we can't do it totally free for the Region, but if we have the track tour Friday, the more people we get signed up, the cheaper it will be per person. Terry asked the governors to take this back to their clubs and get him the input back as soon as possible. The easiest way would be to email Terry or Dan Gallagher with the input and they will then get in touch with Mike Willis. Terry will give Mike the contact names and he can start working on this as soon as possible. Mike will contact them on Monday. What the clubs will really have to decide on is do we want to use the \$5,000 track credit for this type of event. The question was asked if there is a time limit we have to use this credit by and, no, there is no time limit.

### **RE - Terry Muich**

National still has a problem with the IRS on the next to the last charity raffle car and they

are saying IRS won't give them a date for when it is finalized. Regarding Ted Vanelli's issue with Convention and how Terry wasn't getting any information, it was NCCC which was holding his money up, not Pay Pal, and after having another conversation with Dave Heinemann and Cindy Urenda, they finally sent him the information. The only way he finally got this information was by talking to Dave Heinemann. They are now trying to change things since they know people are questioning and watching.

Insurance most likely will go up next year, they don't know right now how much. They also mentioned that numerous clubs around the country are considering dropping NCCC and the rumors are that you have same core of people who don't tell you anything, they just expect you to accept what they tell you. Terry feels that things are changing now that we are doing our due diligence and confronting situations. There are many RE's that don't feel that the charity raffle that NCCC is doing is worth it. They only gave \$3,500 to St. Jude's from the last raffle. To put things in perspective, Terry thinks that most clubs in our Region have probably given more than that to their charities. That was the purpose of the last Blue Bars article that he did, to let everyone know the amount of money we give to charities. Mid Ohio just had their meeting and thanks to everyone's generosity, they gave \$20,000 to the Children's Home this year. Therefore, it is felt that National does not need to be involved in a National charity as all the clubs in all the regions are giving to their own charities and there is only so much money to go around. Discussion followed regarding the selling of the tickets for the charity car, pros and cons. Terry asked the governors to take it to their clubs and at the governors meeting, if they think it is right to tell National that they need to get out of the charity business, then do so.

January 1, 2018 the National website will be shut down for maintenance and will be shut down for at least a week, maybe more. Everything will be down. They are basically changing everything on the website and are going to Go-Daddy. Terry does feel that the National website is getting more user friendly and he gives a lot of credit to Fred Dugach for helping Walt with the website.

This past year there have been seven claims on our insurance, only minor stuff. The biggest one they talked about, on which we have to do due diligence is they had an outing after a club meeting and they hired a company to come, with like a tram/golf cart with wagons behind it and they were shuttling people back and forth to the parking lot and the owner of that company's son was running one of the trams and he thought it would be fun to "whip" the group around and it turned over and a bunch of people had to go to the hospital, so they turned it into their insurance company. Their point on that was that if you hire an outside contractor or if you go to any other venues, you need to do due diligence on how they are covered and for what. Our insurance is getting tighter and tighter all the time. If they request an insurance waiver or binder at your venue, you are still covered, and from what Terry was told by our insurance company, is that you are covered, if you need a binder sent to the other company, you need to contact Legacy Insurance.

We have one proposal on where to hold the National meetings and that was from the Westport in St. Louis. The rates are going up.

Terry then asked if any clubs had patches in the NCCC display at the Museum in Bowling Green. If you want them back since they took that display down, Joan Thomas has the patches and if you want them back, email Terry and he will contact her to get them. They didn't specify a time limit.

The National budget is out, it is on line, they don't have it budgeted in for mileage costs for governors and officers reimbursement because the new IRS mileage rate is not out yet. They dropped the proposed membership from 17,000 to 14,000 and here again, it is just a budget. They are saying that as it is forecasted out, they will actually be \$17,000 in the black this year instead of losing money. They have \$30,000 in the Scholarship Fund, you can get the information on line. They gave out 7 tire certificates at Convention. As mentioned, numerous clubs are thinking of dropping NCCC. No names were mentioned. There will be no plant tours in Bowling Green until at least 2019. There is speculation about mid-engine cars, etc. At the hotel Terry stayed at, the Hampton, there were a bunch of guys staying there who were working on the paint booth.

Regarding Competition, so far Nationally, Buckeye is in fourth place and Corvette Cleveland is in second place. They wanted to make sure that Membership collects the money before the member gets put in, since they have been having some issues putting the members and then the check bounces, or they don't get the money, so you have to go back in and take them out, so what they are saying now is make sure you have the money in hand before you enter anyone in as a new member. Cheryl Getzy pointed as a reminder, Regional head dues are now \$5.00 per person. National does have a Grants and Hardship Fund, for instance for the clubs from Texas and Florida, there is a form on National that you can submit and they will review it.

Competition Corvette was one of the few clubs that had a newsletter in the competition and they reopened it again, but there were only seven clubs that entered in the newsletter competition. Competition didn't even get in the top five.

They are still pushing for the "Families Helping Families". There is criteria if you sign up for that, this is available on line also.

There were 37 applicants who applied for scholarships and 10 were awarded and one went to the East Ohio Region.

In 2018 for the next car raffle, it opens on line in January and closes in June. The governors are getting the online ballots for Convention in 2019. July 15th to 20th is the 2018 Convention in New Orleans. Registration will be open February 1st for the 2018 Convention. Judging from history, if you are planning on doing a speed event, be sitting at your computer at midnight on January 31st.

The By-Law changes will be sent out to the governors and the voting will open up October 1st. Check your governor's website. Terry has a copy of the By-Laws and asked if anyone wanted him to read what the changes will be, and the general feeling was they



did not need to be read.

Cheryl asked if there were any figures on money made at the Convention. Terry said that at this point they think they might have made \$14,000, but all the numbers are not in yet. He was curious about any track credits that might have been used. Terry would like to see a complete breakdown so we can see what events actually made money and which ones did not.

Also, Aaron Quine was going to try to get with Tim Obert, talking about possibly having the East Ohio Region put on the Convention for 2020 or 2021.

The Convention for 2019 will be in Denver, Colorado on July 7th to 12th. This bid will be voted on by the governors on October 1st if it is to be accepted. When Aaron talked to Terry, he said he would like to see some younger people put on a Convention.

Terry got a report from Dave Goebel, the Museum Ambassador about the go-kart track. Terry also mentioned a low speed which had been held in St Louis where the runs were about 2 minutes.

For the Museum donors, \$100 and up, 20% of the names increased and the largest number of donors are from NCCC, They have a display for the Lifetime Members and most of them are NCCC members. The Museum has an acres owner's wall, and again, most of them are NCCC members. Bricks and benches also are all mostly NCCC members. They did give him two more \$50 gift certificates to Mid America. They expire August 30, 2018. Terry asked how we want to handle distributing these and the consensus was to have them as raffle prizes at the Banquet.

### **Round Table**

#### Al Flanhofer - Corvette Cleveland

Al asked everyone to come to Lorain County Speedway, tomorrow, Sunday for the low speed autocross they are putting on with Tiretown.

#### Mickey Ouellette - Fun Center Corvette

No report

#### Peggy Quine - Tiretown Corvette

Reminded everyone about the autocross tomorrow at Lorain County Speedway

#### Fred Dugach - Competition Corvette

No report

#### Rich Burns - Medina Corvette

Reminding everyone about the rally on October 1st. The street that Swenson's in Fairlawn is on, the sign was there when they started planning the rally, but now it is not there. He will bring extra registration sheets if anyone wants to sign up for the Halloween Rally, and you will have to get out of your car for this rally.

Dan Gallagher - Mid-Ohio Corvette

On October 7th they are having a total of 4 PC car shows at Chevy of Wooster. There will be pulled pork sandwiches at this event for entrants, free of charge.

TR Aldrich - North East Ohio Vette

No report

Chuck Stephens - Kanawha Valley Corvette

Talked about how good Track X was, involving all the clubs. Also, there was an article in the paper about Longaberger that on the 25th the Homestead was going up for bid.

Chuck called them and they said that is true, but Longaberger has a binding lease on that property for the next 14 years, so they will be there.

Barb Kukasky - Buckeye Corvettes

No report, but she did thank everyone for their help during her first year as Governor.

The 50/50 drawing was held.

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryki Woods  
Secretary, 2017

