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## MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 2007

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta at 10:05 am at Esbers, Canton OH. .

The following clubs were represented:

Bob Kuty, MVCC, gov.

Terry Sells, TTCC, gov.

Ken Rutherford, Mid OH, gov.

Aurel Ouellette, FCCC, gov.

Dan Lundblad, BCA, gov

Ken Jecmen, NEOVC, gov

William Wood, KVCC, gov.

Ric Keller, Lakeshore, gov.

Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleveland, gov.

Bob Kirsch, Corvette Cleveland, webmaster

Mark Thurin, Corvette Canton, gov.

Peggy Stephens, Pioneer Corvette Assn., RMD

Chuck Stephens, Pioneer Corvette Assn., gov., RCD

Chuck Heretta, BCI, gov., RE

Karen Stamm, TTCC, Sec/treas

Introductions were made around the room. A quorum was met. Chuck Heretta asked that his email address be corrected be in the July minutes. Correction was made. The Stephens also have a new email [address—stephecr2@windstream.net](mailto:stephecr2@windstream.net). A motion was made to accept the minutes by Bob Kuty and seconded by Terry Sells.

A protest from the Red Leaf Run was the next order of business. Chuck Stephens gave the names of the 6 governors who were removed from the incident. They were: Terry Sells, Aurel Ouellette, Dan Lundblad, Ken Jecmen, Ric Keller, and Mark Thurin. Five of the six governors will be chosen to hear the protest. Because certain people could benefit from the outcome, Chuck Heretta asked that Chuck Stephens be removed from monitoring the protest. (Chuck is second or third in points, and the outcome of the protest could effect his standings). As RCD, this would be his normal job. Chuck wants to make sure there are no improprieties, and has asked former RCD, Alan Moore to monitor the proceedings. The protest was filed this morning by Steve and Sue Hamilton, BCI and signed by Pat Rutherford, TTCC, and Chuck. Chuck said that the rule book protects both sides of the protest. Alan said that all statements will be made in private. Terry said that he had received a call from one of the parties involved in the protest and asked that he be removed from the proceedings. Alan said the committee will hear the protest, a decision will be made, no records will be made of anything said, the only records that will come out of the protest will be the final decision. The protest involved the Red Leaf Run. One of the entrants who had finished the rally made a phone call to another entrant who was

still out on the rally. The couple who received the call will get a DNF, and the couple making the call will be eliminated from the event. Alan asked that all information remain in the meeting.

The treasurer's report was given. Bob Kuty made a motion to accept the report, and Terry Sells seconded the motion.

#### HALL OF FAME-- Bob Kuty and Bill Quine

Bob has ballots for anyone still needing them. You have until Dec's meeting to nominate someone. He also has an abbreviated version of requirements for being nominated into the HOF. Bill reminded everyone that the nominator and /or the governor must sign the ballot. Peg Quine is a carryover from last year, and Bill asked that all ballots go to Bob because of that. Bill had 50/50 tickets for sale. Chuck reminded that the proceeds from the tickets goes to support the HOF.

#### REGIONAL EXECUTIVE-- Chuck Heretta

At the last national meeting of this year, we will get results from the voting for the 2009 convention. Business manager was the only contested office for this year. George Gallant, Manny Montgomery, and Dennis Patrick were the 3 candidates. Ballots should have been marked with a first, second and third choice in order to be counted. As of January 1, all national minutes will be sent via email. They are in the process of looking for a new national meeting site for 2010, 2011, and 2012. The proposals will start in Nov., be announced at the Feb. 2008 meeting, and be voted on at the May meeting. Meeting dates for 2008 are Feb 29 and March 1, May 2 and 3, convention 6/21-6/27, Sept. 12 and 13, and Nov. 7 and 8. There will be no sanctioned events on these weekends. They will be looking at a budget for 2008 at the next national meeting. The budget is not balanced. It shows a deficit at this time. Ken Rutherford asked about the possible dues increase. It can't happen at this time because clubs are in the renewal process, but there may be a standing rule proposed that will be effective for 2008.

#### COMPETITION-- Chuck Stephens

Chuck listed the top men, women and club points standings as of 9/1/07 for national. He also listed the regional standings for men, women and clubs. Chuck went over clarifications involving spoilers and taking off wheel center caps on C-4's-6's for racing purposes. The decision on wheel caps will be made by the RCD and the event chairman. Chuck will forward all clarifications to the governors. Chuck also discussed an incident where a large number of members did not sign a waiver. It is not known if the waiver was lost. Make sure that the waiver sheets are numbered when turning them in. A question came up regarding if a person is covered under the insurance if they do not sign the waiver. The person is not covered, but any damage they may do is covered. K and K will cover damage but not the person.

Chuck read a letter that Lakeshore received concerning their last car show. The letter was from a club that is not NCCC affiliated. It concerned the club's feelings on how many of the show awards went to Lakeshore members, among other things. Lakeshore sent a response stating some facts and numbers on which clubs had winning cars. Chuck said that Pioneer members do not enter their cars in their yearly show. They pay the entrance fee, but put their cars on display only. The club also makes sure that cars do not win more than one award. Ken Jecmen asked what could the clubs do to make them more competitive. He also said the amount of awards given per show need to be more even between shows. Chuck Stephens said there is disparity in points between car shows and concourses. This is something that national is looking at in the new rule book. Elaine asked if the voting on the rule book was warm body, and Chuck said it would be. In order for your vote to count, you must be present.

Ken Rutherford questioned how competitive poker rallies were when you could do a rally without even being in your car. Pat Rutherford also questioned why teching at a rally isn't being done when the rule book calls for it. Chuck H. said that the Medina poker rally was run incorrectly because the rally was done without any driving involved. He also said that a concentrated effort is being made to be sure that a poker rally must involve time in your car. Chuck S. said that it was proposed that the point scoring be changed for rallies. Poker rallies would be scored like a car show—3 points for entering.

#### CHARITIES AND GRANTS-- Elaine Heretta

Tickets will be available in November for next year's convention car. The car will be black on black, and the cash option has been raised to \$30,000. Last convention's winner traded the car for a convertible in a different color.

#### WEBMASTER-- Bob Kirsch

He thanked all governors and officers for getting him flyers and points. He suggested for next year's flyers that they all be on light colored backgrounds, keep them generic, use the NCCC flyer in the rule book as a guideline. Chuck added that using directions are easier to use than trying to read a map. Also include a full address so that you can mapquest it.

#### MEMBERSHIP-- Peggy Stephens

Peggy went over membership reports for the region and for nationals. Blue Bars should have or will be arriving soon. A suggestion came from the RMD's meeting to start sending in articles of interest to the clubs. A variety of suggestions was given. Peggy said the club membership lists should be in the renewal packets. Please make sure all information is correct on the lists. If you find any errors, fill out a membership application and send it to Peggy with your renewal forms. Peggy needs the renewal packets by 11/15. If she doesn't get them by that date, they will have to pay new member fees. If anyone would like to use the NCCC display, let Peggy know, so she can get it to you. Peggy went over membership numbers for FCOA. FCOA is in the process of making a new dash plaque with the new logo. Elaine questioned why the FCOA packets go out so late in the year. She also questioned whether the packet information was geared to all FCOA members. Peggy will get the 2008 membership pins and calendars at the next meeting. She will have those items for each governor to take back to their clubs at the next regional meeting. If you are not here at the meeting to pick them up, the mailing expense will fall on the region. It is each club's responsibility to get the pins and calendars to each member. Starting in 2008, the membership cards will go to a 5 year card. In 2009 and forward, you will just receive a sticker to put on your card. New members will receive a rule book when the 2008 ones come out or when more of the current books are printed. Peggy will be getting a limited quantity of 2007 pins. The governors should let Peggy know how many you need for your clubs. NCCC is working on some ideas to get some new members in. One idea was to give the primary member a raffle ticket, but that defeats the purpose of raising money. If anyone has any ideas, get them to Peggy. There is also the possibility of raising the dues in 2009. Aurel asked what NCCC was going to do with the additional revenue if there is a dues increase. Peggy said that she wasn't sure. Chuck said that the 2007 budget was balanced, but the proposed 2008 budget was off by approximately \$40,000. Everything is costing more to operate. NCCC missed their window of opportunity to vote an increase in dues for 2008. That vote now can't happen until the Feb. meeting for an increase in 2009. Possibly combining the regions is another idea on a way to save money. If there is a dues increase, the proposal was for \$5 across the board. Chuck said that the dues structure is a standing rule that can be changed at any time, not just in

November. The bylaws create the effective dates on when that can happen. Peggy has some past issues of Blue Bars and some membership applications. Bob asked if the membership fees and head tax could be in one check. Peggy said that it could be in one check. Sanction fees should be in a separate check. Checks need to be made out the East Ohio Region/NCCC. Elaine asked if the head tax that is still owed should be in a separate check. Peggy said it should be. Elaine asked how Chuck would vote on the dues increase proposal. He said he would weigh the issues of what they are going to do with the increase and are they going to trim the budget enough. He would do what is beneficial for the EOR. Alan brought up the point to the governors that they should attend the meetings to keep informed or by reading the minutes if they aren't able to attend the meetings. If the governors see an issue that they want to vote on, call Chuck. You have the right to call Chuck and tell him how your club wants to vote.

**OLD BUSINESS--** Chuck H.-- The EOR has a Governor's Subsidy Program that each club can use one time. The program is for a one time use by the club, not by each governor. The program pays up to \$150 for a governor to go to a national meeting.

The EOR 2008 banquet will be at the Galaxy on March 8. The DJ will be \$300 and is the same one that Buckeye has used in the past. Menu choices will be finalized in the next few weeks. The centerpieces are finished. The hotel that we originally planned on using was the Ramada, but plans are for the hotel to be closed at the time of the banquet for remodeling. The Holiday Inn Express will be used instead. Room rates will be \$89.99 for a king or two queen, \$99.99 for an executive suite, or \$109.99 for a whirlpool suite. If anyone has contacts for door prizes, please let Karen know. Chuck said to make sure that when you are reserving your hotel rooms, make sure to mention that you are with the corvette club so that we are able to get the special rate, no matter what you get your rate through. Cutoff date for hotel rooms is February 8, however, the rate will be honored after that date. Prices will be ready at the Dec. meeting.

Ken Jecmen said that NEOVC recently lost a member, Fred Schullo, in September. His widow is looking to sell their corvette. It is a 2002 coupe with 32,000 miles on it.

**NEW BUSINESS--** Chuck H. said to make sure to mail in the NCCC ballots so that the EOR region has a 100% return on their ballots.

Regional elections—A year ago, we changed our bylaws and operating procedures to split up how the officers are elected. Last year we elected the RCD and the RMD to a two year term. This year we elect the RE to a two year term. We went through the balloting process of nominations at the last meeting. To Chuck's knowledge there were no other names on the ballot besides his. At this time, according to parliamentary procedure, Chuck can ask the secretary/treasurer to cast the ballot for the parties that are on for RE. Karen cast an affirmative ballot for Chuck to continue on as RE for the next two years.

In the past two years, Chuck has had four regional meetings. However, for 2008, he will go back to five meetings because there is too much time between the March and July meetings. He asked the governors to get any dates that a club definitely needed for an event to Chuck S. as soon as possible so they can get together a pre-scheduling calendar. They need this information by 11/15. They will do the pre-scheduling calendar around these dates. The next regional meeting will be 12/1. It will start at 9:30, it is the bidding meeting. A tentative calendar will be put together for 2008 competition season. Remember that the competition season runs from 1/1 through the second week in Dec. The calendar can be stretched out further than what we use. If a club is not going to be using any or/all their sanctions next year, please consider donating those sanctions to the region so we put on regional events. The money that comes from those regional events helps to pay for things like the banquet, competition

awards, and also keeps our dues from being raised. There is some confusion about regional events. If a club is asked to include a regional event in with their events, it is meant to help draw more participants. There is a formula for how the proceeds are split between the host club and the region. After all expenses are paid out, the money is split, the club cuts a check back to the region for their portion and we move on. This has been very beneficial for the region, and we would like to continue the program. If the club is not interested, just say so before committing to it. If a regional event is added to a club event, the region will help.

The Regional Chili and Appetizer Cookoff—This is designed to bring people in the region together to eat. Bring chili or an appetizer for people to sample. It will be at St. Michael's church in Akron on 11/17. The region will supply beverages and table service. There will be a flyer out this weekend. It will start at 5:00, and you can come earlier if you are bringing food. This is also a welcome home celebration for Kay Alexander who will be home from Germany. This will be a social evening for the region. The cost of the hall will be a free will donation to go to the church.

ROUNDTABLE-- Mahoning Valley, Bob Kuty. Nothing to comment on

TTCC, Terry Sells. Thanked every who raced and worked at their events in October.

Mid Ohio, Ken Rutherford. Announced that their event next year will be the fundraiser for the Village Network in Wooster.

Blennerhassett, Dan Lundblad. Thanked anyone who attended their car show at WVU-P. they made a \$1000 donation to cancer research.

NEOVC, Ken Jecmen. Their full focus will be on membership for 2008.

Lake Shore, Ric Keller. Added ten new members.

Corvette Cleveland, Elaine Heretta. Through the Corsa show, the club has 2 certificates for a driver's school at Mid Ohio. They will have tickets for sale at the Chili cookoff.

Pioneer, Chuck and Peggy. They thanked all attending their events in September. All the money they raised goes to local needy kids in the area for Christmas.

BCI, Chuck. The club lost Ewing Chevy as their sponsor in March. Their new sponsor is Skipco Auto Auction.

Incident at TTCC's speed events on 10/7. The regional rule is that all who participate also helps work the event. No foul language will be tolerated as well. When Chuck approached Jim Fultz about not working, he answered Chuck with foul language and said he would get out of line. He proceeded to put his car into reverse, laid twelve feet of rubber and hit the car behind him. He shot across the parking lot, Chuck went to him and told him to pack up and leave. The ending problem from all of this was that an innocent bystander's was hit. If anyone saw anything, they need to get in touch with Elaine or Chuck to give their information to the detective handling the case. Chuck then read the letter that the region will be sending to Jim Fultz banning his from any NCCC event for the rest of his natural life. If any club allows him to attend any event it will void their insurance with NCCC. Each governor will receive a copy of this letter via email for their club records. This letter becomes part of the minutes. Ken Jecmen asked if he was liable for the damage to the other car. The problem here is that the incident occurred on private property. Police reports were taken. Ken Rutherford made a motion to send the letter to Jim Fultz. Bob Kuty seconded the motion. These actions were overwhelmingly approved by the governors. The letter will be sent to him via certified mail. Brendan Rose, owner of the damaged car, can to Fultz to small claims court to pay for the repairs. A similar letter will also be sent to Fultz's boss banning him from any future NCCC events.

Chuck Stephens thanked Alan and anyone who helped with writing the letter.

At the last meeting, two versions of the 2008 were proposed. Anyone with questions or

adjustments should contact Mickey. No one did, so at this time we will implement version two. For next year, we are looking at an income of \$6825 and will be spending \$6825.

50/50-- \$65 collected. Jane Lundblad won and gave her half back to the HOF.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47. Aurel made a motion to adjourn.

Respectively submitted  
Karen Stamm, EOR secretary/treasurer