

MINUTES

EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

GALAXY RESTAURANT, WADSWORTH OHIO

DECEMBER 4, 2021

Regional Executive: Terry Muich

Regional Competition Director: Ray Valentine

Regional Membership Director: Cheryl Getzy

Regional Secretary: Karen Santagata

Regional Treasurer: Sue Hamilton

Governors:		Guests:		
Buckeye Corvette Club, Inc.	Barb Kukasky	Holly	Baker	Mid-Ohio
Competition Corvette Association	Sharon Burk	Richard	Brooks	Medina
Corvette Canton, Inc.	Mark Thurin	Don	Burk	Competition
Corvette Cleveland, Inc.	Al Flanhofer	Dave	Comparelte	Lake Shore
Fun Center Corvette Club	absent **	Mike	Curtis	Mahoning Valley
Kanawha Valley Corvettes	Charles Stephens	Michael	Getzy	Mid-Ohio
Lake Shore Corvettes	Bob Niznick	Steven B.	Hamilton	Buckeye
Mahoning Valley Corvettes	Larry K. Ward	Elaine	Heretta	Tiretown
Medina Corvettes	Tom Steinke	Chuck	Heretta	Tiretown
Mid-Ohio Corvette Club	Dan Gallagher	Phil	Kozsey	NEOVA
Mound City Corvette Club	Dave Brennan	Dave	Kukasky	Buckeye
North East Ohio Vette Club	TR Aldrich	Joe	Mattingly	Buckeye
Tiretown Corvette Club	Peg Quine	Susan	Mattingly	Buckeye
		Peggy L.	Stephens	Kanawha
		Ted	Vannelli	Mid-Ohio
		Ted	Zimmerman	Corvette Canton

**Note: Peg Quine and Chuck Heretta signed attendance as Proxy for Fun Center.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Regional Executive Terry Muich. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Stephens

Fun Center Corvette Club's Governor is not in attendance, but there is a quorum with 12 Clubs in attendance.

A moment of silence was observed for the following EOR members who recently passed away:

Karen Fellenstein (NEOVC)
Claudia Fiala (Corvette Cleveland)
Robert Greenleaf (Kanawha Valley)

Bob Hylton (Corvette Cleveland)
 Charles Ostrout (Buckeye)
 Bernie Schneider (Tiretown)
 Lucy Zona (Corvette Cleveland)

RMD Cheryl reminded all Governors to forward a link to her of all obituaries, so that she can change the membership database and she will forward a copy to Elaine H. for Blue Bars.

The Board was introduced. The Governors introduced themselves and then guests introduced themselves. Two lists were forwarded around – a list of Governors for Sue Hamilton and attendance for this meeting.

Secretary (Karen Santagata) – Minutes of the September 25, 2021, were emailed to all Governors prior to the meeting. No corrections were made. Chuck Stephens made a motion to accept the Minutes as emailed, motion seconded by Sharon Burk. Motion passed. Reminder by Karen to please limit individual conversations during the meeting.

Peg Quine mentioned that she is the Proxy for Fun Center and will sign the attendance as such.

Regional Membership Director (Cheryl Getzy) – All the renewals are completed, new or late can be added until 12/10. The database will shut down on 12/15. Non-renewals from last year who renewed this year are considered as last members. However, Cheryl did not kick them back. EOR was the first region to complete the membership entries. NCCC has lost a lot of people – 16,000 down from 19,000. EOR has a total of 978 members -

Buckeye	165		Mahoning	65
Canton	43		Medina	18
Competition	75		Mid-Ohio	65
Cleveland	196		Mound City	19
Fun Center	7		NEOVC	58
Kanawha	88		Tiretown	71
Lake Shore	108			

By mid-January/beginning of February, membership cards should be mailed to each individual member. Governors should remind their members to look for an envelope/ mailing from NCCC with the new card. Everyone who has an email in the database should have already received the electronic version. If a household as only one email address, only the primary person will receive the electronic version. If secondary member has a different email entered, then the second member will receive his/her card. Governors are able to send an electronic version to a family member/companion who does not have an email on file. If a card is lost, Governors can also send a replacement electronic version at any time. If stated on the flyer of an event, a membership card can be required at registration. On the electronic version *only* will high speed certification information be included. It is common practice for the RCDs to look online at the high-speed certification information. All spam emails are kicked back to NCCC – it could result in NCCC being cut off the internet.

Cheryl reminded everyone to make sure members who sponsor children in FCOA to update the addresses of the children as needed. There will be contests with the children this year.

Regional Competition Director (Ray Valentine) – Ray reminded Al Flanhofer that he/Corvette Cleveland owed Buckeye a check for the autocross event – taken care of.

NCCC RCD’s want to change the Competition Rulebook to separate the speed events and car shows, concourse and rallies to make it more competitive for more people. As Ray pointed out in his article in Blue Bars, racing does dominate those who chase points. The other issue that was discussed was the C-8 Convertible and how to judge it in concourse with the steel plate over the engine. Any suggestions are welcome. The C-7 Grand Sports

from 2017, 2018 and 2019 are going to be classed as MM beginning with the 2022 season.

Also discussed at the NCCC meeting was the detailed tech process and how it is to be accomplished within a short time at the events that require cars to be teched. It was suggested that there be a Tech Team established. Bob Niznick asked if this was only for racing. Per RE Terry, EOR is going to follow the NCCC rules to the letter going forward – for all events. This includes jacking up cars to check wheel bearings or anything else in the NCCC rules. There will be one area set up for tech and the drivers will be responsible to get their cars to teched. Ray said that he took the word of drivers this past year and any disagreements were worked out between drivers and Ray.

It was brought to Ray's attention that on the waiver sheet there is a signature required by a witness line (can be found on EOR web page under Forms). That person needs to witness anyone signing that page. No more signing for someone else. EOR also includes the EO# on the waiver form to assist the Governors when completing and inputting the results into the NCCC competition database. **Everything must match – name as on the membership card + EO# = good entry.** This alleviates mistakes when handwriting is illegible. Governors need to pay attention to how members are signing registration and waiver form, and everything should match. If there needs to be a change (e.g., Robert to Bob - Matthew to Matt – Mike to Michael – Robert (Bob)), the Governor should talk with member and decide on the correct name for that person and the Governor will make the change in the database. RE Terry suggested having a master list of people responsible for a certain waiver sheet. At the end of the day, all waiver sheets on the master list should be combined and then sent to the RCD identifying the event on the top – name of event, date, hosting club. The waivers are for the insurance company. RE Terry stated this is for fun, but we need to abide by the Competition Rules.

There was a lengthy discussion on when sanction payments are due. The way that Ray did it last year was a Club knows what was bid on then all sanctions should be paid for those events the club bid on as soon as possible. The money needs to be there prior to RCD Ray approving the flyer. HOWEVER, RE Terry reviewed the minutes from March 2021 and at that time RCD Ray said that all sanctions that are bid today all sanctions must be paid today. Peg Quine stated that Tiretown always paid sanctions in January. Treasurer Sue said that all but 2 Clubs have paid their sanctions already. Peg would have to pay out of personal checking account. There was discussion about payment of sanctions in the past – it has been different. But per the Rules and the Bylaws, the RCD sets the date the sanctions are paid. For the 2022 season, all sanctions must be paid today for all sanctions bid today. If no payment is received today, the Club cannot bid and will be out of sequence. If bid 5 sanctions, then the Club only has to pay for those 5 sanctions. Chuck Heretta asked if the Bylaws contain a specific date for when the sanctions have to be made – no specific date is included. RCD Ray stated at the March 2021 that all bid sanctions must be paid today. The historic information states that the sanctions had to be paid in December. However, Chuck pointed out that RCDs in the past set specific dates. RCD Ray wants to accommodate the Clubs – he is fine with bidding and then send a check in January. RE Terry reiterated what he sent in an email to all Governors establishing that the RCD sets the date. If you bid for sanctions today, a Club must pay today, including the head tax/dues. Barb Kukasky brought up when a Club did not want to pay for the bid sanctions according to the rules at that time – they were not permitted to bid on sanctions. Peg Quine provided a check to Treasurer Sue for the sanctions that will be bid by Tiretown.

RCD Ray set the sanctions due for 2023 season for January 15. However, it does mess up Treasurer reports. Chuck Heretta brought up that RCD Ray cannot set the 2023 sanction bidding date because RCD will be up for election prior to December. RCD Ray and RE Terry agreed to table this discussion under March 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Mark Thurin and seconded. The motion passed.

Rich Brooks wanted to return to the registration/waiver forms and the requirement of signing. However, on the NCCC form there is no place to sign. It should be taken into consideration and the form should be accepted.

Treasurer (Sue Hamilton) – Financial reports emailed to the Governors prior to the meeting including September to November 2021 report, and the final 2021 report. Keep in mind that EOR's year ends November 30 and a year-end summary is prepared annually. Sue went over the debit and credits and the various subcategories, including the proceeds from the 2021 Convention and a late payment of State of Ohio tax to the

Embassy Suites because the Hotel thought EOR was Ohio tax exempt. NCCC did pay half of the Ohio taxes and EOR paid half. In the May 2021 report, there was a blank line, but the total was there. Nothing needed to be changed.

RE Terry pointed out that Governors do not vote on accepting the financial reports because EOR does not have an audit conducted due to the expense of having an audit conducted. In October 2021, Sharon Burk and Regina Muich reviewed the Treasurer's records for the past 2 years and found them to be accurate after their review. If any Club wants the records to be audited at any time, notify RE Terry and/or Treasurer Sue.

Finance Committee - Budget (Sue Hamilton) – The proposed budget that Treasurer Sue presented at the September 2021 meeting had one change relating to the Hall of Fame as discussed. A motion was made and seconded, and the amended budget for 2022 passed.

Tom Steinke raised a question about the proceeds from the 2021 Convention and the discrepancy between what Al Flanhofer provided and the final results from Sue. Al explained the difference was between the budget and the actual amount received. We had some expenses from the EOR – hats, received a rebate from Convention shirts, and deposits for some social events were reimbursed by NCCC. The final proceeds are based on the numbers provided by Treasurer.

Hall of Fame Committee - Mickey was not in attendance. Voting is closed.

2021 Banquet Committee – Banquet Chairperson Sue discussed the 2021 Banquet that will be at The Galaxy on March 5, 2022. It will be hosted by EOR and all Clubs are asked to help. Cindy Flanhofer volunteered to print the programs. Hall of Fame will donate the cup cakes or cake for dessert. Mid-Ohio volunteered to be responsible for the table decorations. Games, basket raffle, and entertainment (Buckeye?) are still open. The speaker is lined up (Tim Lally). The hospitality room will be at the Comfort Inn next door on Friday March 4 and Saturday March 5. The Banquet Committee is Sue Hamilton, Terry Muich, TR Aldrich and Barb Kukasky. Monetary donations are accepted together with acceptance of baskets. There is a 40-room block at the Comfort Inn and all unused rooms will be released around February 1, 2022.

By-Laws Committee – Mickey was not in attendance. Mickey did send out an email that included a change submitted by Bob Niznick.

2021 Convention - Al Flanhofer discussed the proceeds again and explained some the late expenses. Dan Gallagher thanked all who helped. It was a great success!!! Al mentioned that Elaine H. did a great job covering the convention in Blue Bars.

Regional Executive Report (Terry Muich) – At the NCCC meeting, the Competition Rulebook changes failed. The 3 Bylaws passed that were voted on by the Governors. The RE receive questions about the changes online of the Bylaws and they are not able to comment or view. Walt Jenkins is going to review and discuss in February 2023 for the RE's to get read-only access.

There will be a NCCC Standing Rule change brought up at the February 2023 meeting to establish a fixed renewal date for all membership information to be completed by the Clubs. Peg Q. brought up that the EOR proposed change will be affected. She explained that her Club will struggle getting the information any earlier, with agreement by Al Flanhofer. RE Terry would like a “vote” from the Clubs on the date – either December 1 or November 15. RE Terry can take it back to the NCCC REs that our Region is comfortable with November 15 as the due date when NCCC and EOR dues have to be in. RMD Cheryl discussed the time it takes her to enter the Clubs' membership and the process. Sharon Burk brought up if membership dues will need to be changed. That will be up to the Club as to when their dues are due. RE Terry took a poll on the date by Club:

Cleveland – 12/15
Buckeye – 12/1
Mid-Ohio – 11/15

Tiretown – 12/15
Canton – 12/1
CCA – 12/15

Lake Shore – 12/15
NEOVC – 12/15
Mound City – 12/15

Medina – 12/1
Mahoning – 12/15

Kanawha = 12/15
Fun Center – 12/15 (by Peg Q.)

Rich Brooks brought up a discrepancy when a couple of members left Medina to join Cleveland. It was explained that the NCCC dues and the EOR dues are good and sent in full. However, Medina refunded the total membership due to those members – instead of just returning the Club dues paid.

RE Terry mentioned that NCCC had more new members than anticipated. NCCC took in \$136,000 more than budgeted. Also, there was a discussion at the NCCC meeting on the Competition Rulebook and how the changes were presented. If it is not stated differently, then Robert's Rules of Order were to be followed. But it was stated that the Competition Rulebook is a Standing Rule which can be changed at any time. Any Governor can submit a Standing Rule change that should state specifics – no generalizations. Contact the RCD or RE to work through a submission together. A Club member should send suggested changes to the Club Governor; the Governor should discuss with the RCD who in turn will discuss with the RCD.

Old Business – A discussion pursued about reinstating the Jean Kutty Scholarship as tabled from the last meeting. Because EOR recipients had 5 out of 7 scholarships awarded, Terry suggested that we send one check for \$5,000 to NCCC. Al Flanhofer disagreed at that time and thought EOR should reinstate the Jean Kutty Scholarship for \$1,000. Sue Hamilton brought up a possible name change to something generic. For historic information, the Jean Kutty Scholarship was set up because she was a teacher, and the scholarship was to be awarded to someone pursuing a teaching degree. Possible name changes could be Jena Kutty EOR Scholarship. There was a discussion on how the match was going to change with NCCC. There are 10 possible scholarships. Chuck Heretta brought up if EOR is going to fund a scholarship, why would EOR not want to fund a full scholarship – provide \$1,500. Chuck Stephens brought up that NCCC has an extraordinary amount in the bank account and why should they not give money. Chuck H. stated that the scholarships given are based on the number of completed applications. If there is no money sent it from local clubs, then NCCC will paid the scholarships. There is a scholarship fund set up by NCCC to follow the IRS guidelines. There are two separate tax entities – NCCC and the NCCC Scholarship Fund – which do not intermix. There are specific fundraisers for the Scholarship Fund – including tricky trade and 50/50s at NCCC meetings. Going forward this year, NCCC will add to the individual scholarships per Elaine H. to ensure each scholarship is \$1,500. RE Terry is going to get clarification from Michelle Cantelmo. Chuck Stephens made a motion to table discussion with a second by Bob Niznick until next meeting and Terry will get clarification. The motion passed. RE Terry will also ask Michelle about changing the name.

RE Terry asked if there is anyone interested in updated the EOR Website. No one volunteered and thus, Dave will continue.

RE Terry discussed Track X IV and the fact that we lost money because of Covid and various refunds. There is new management at the NCM track, and the price has been increased to \$10,000 a day (from \$7,500). NCM did allow EOR “extras” as we have been down there several times. A suggestion was made by NCM/Matt about lead-follow versus open track which requires corner workers, ambulance, etc. The cost for open-track 2-day event would be \$27,500 – which would require 55 drivers at \$500 per driver if we were to do. RE Terry would coordinate it if everyone is in agreement. All monies would have to be received prior to RE Terry signing the contract. We can use Motorsports.reg for registrations. Cancellation used to be within 60 days for full refund. The normal track cost is \$500 for four laps, plus possibly lunch. Terry pointed out that this would not be funded by EOR – it would be paid for prior to any agreements are signed. Governors should make inquires to members and elsewhere and let Terry know with all monies will be due no later than a date certain. Terry is willing to organize if interest is there. Money talks – B***S*** walks. We could also possibly do something Nelson's Ledges if interest is there.

(Note: Lunch was served at this point, but discussions continued. Due to extra noise, the next topics are covered very briefly.)

There was a discussion about the timing trailer and the fact that the lights are ancient. Lou Carr is waiting to

pay for the damage that he caused – just waiting for the cost. Terry and Reggie have been getting quotes on new timing lights which could be wireless. There is money in the budget for updates to the timing trailer, which would include lights and a new computer. There was an update in 2021 of Axware software. A discussion was had about using an outside source, but then the region is limited to availability of the outside source, and it can be costly. A ceiling of \$5,000 will be used which will include timing lights and a computer. A motion was made by Chuck Stephens for a \$5,000 ceiling with a second. The motion passed.

There was a limited discussion about the timing trailer and the fact that it needed to be cleaned, cleaned, organized. Terry is going to get together with others in the spring to redo the entire trailer.

Chuck Stephens asked about the date for the website competition which has since been cancelled.

Chuck Stephens discussed the possibility of not charging sanction fees in 2023 because of the funds received from Convention. Chuck made a motion for 2023 that funds be transferred from the General Fund to the Competition Fund to suspend all sanction fees paid by the Clubs, which was seconded by Bob Niznick. Cheryl asked about new clubs which Chuck said would be included. Sue asked about giving head tax/dues for free. Chuck and Bob Niznick both receive questions from members about what the EOR does for all members. Peg Q. asked if money would be given to all Clubs no matter if the Club used the sanction fee or who donate their sanctions to another club or region. Chuck said that this was the only fair way he could think of. The motion passed (10 approved, 3 opposed including Fun Center).

Chuck Stephens brought up Page 3 in the Standing rules regarding Financial Matters relating to the approved budget for the RE, RMD and RCD (or their proxy) are reimbursed for travel to the NCCC meeting. The current expenditure is set at \$50, and Chuck is suggesting that it be raised to \$75. Chuck made a motion raising the reimbursement for RE, RMD and RCD (or their proxy) in the Standing Rules for travel to NCCC meetings from \$50 to \$75 beginning in 2022. The motion was seconded by Dave Brennan. The budget can be amended to include the increase in 2022 and will be voted on at the March 2022 meeting. The motion passed.

A break was taken, and the meeting resumed at approximately 1:00 p.m.

By-Laws Committee – The Bylaw change that was previously discussed and sent out by Mickey needs to be voted on which relates to the payment of dues in the Payment of Dues/Finance.

The original language – Dues shall be payable in advance on or before the last scheduled regional meeting of the year prior to the sanctioning events in the following year.

The proposed language change – Dues shall be payable in advance on or before the first Saturday of each year prior to the sanctioning events in the following year.

A vote was taken – 1 in Favor, 12 opposed.

2022 Bidding – RCD Ray read the rules and procedures for the bidding. Dan Gallagher helped Ray due to Ray's health issues. Sue confirmed all dues and sanction fees have been paid. Al reviewed all the dates reserved for NCCC, Region meetings and holidays. Any sanctions paid for but not used, can be bid later – can combine with another Club. **See attached for bid list.

RE Terry read a letter from RCD Ray Valentine who is resigning as RCD effective immediately. **Thank you for all Ray did for the Region.**

RE Terry read the section relating to the appointment of an officer due to vacancy and appointed Dan Gallagher to finish out the term of Ray. A vote was taken – 11 voted in Favor, 1 abstained.

RCD Ray Valentine gave an explanation of the reason of his resignation due to his health and he needs to take time for himself first. **Thank you again Ray!!! You will be missed.**

Round Table –

Lake Shore Corvettes – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay positive.

Corvette Canton – Next year will be a good year. Merry Christmas

Mound City – Merry Christmas – hope to see everyone next year.

Kanawha Valley – Appreciate everything Ray did for the Region and all prayers go to Ray. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Competition – Stay healthy, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

NEOVC – Happy Holidays

Corvette Cleveland – Merry Christmas

Buckeye – Would like to see more participation and Merry Christmas

Mahoning – Governor elect Mike Curtis was introduced and welcomed. Sincere appreciation to Ray for everything and well wishes to Ray. Merry Christmas and a great many miles in the New Year. Ray gave good advice to Mike – stay positive.

Tiretown – Merry Christmas and thanks to Ray for the time.

Mid-Ohio – (Sarcastically) Thanks to Ray. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Let's have a fun, prosperous year and stay health.

Peg Q. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bob Niznick seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Santagata
Secretary

See next page for attachment of Bid results.

	First Round		Second Round		Round Three	
Corvette Cleveland	July 31/PC Car Show (2 sanctions)		May 22/PC Car Show (4 sanctions)		Sept 18/PC Car Show (1 sanction)	7 sanctions used
Buckeye Corvette Club	August 6/PC Car Show (6 sanctions)		Oct. 9/PC Car Show (4 sanctions)		n/a	10 sanctions used
Mid-Ohio Corvette	July 2,3, 4/Speed Events (4 sanctions)		July 23/PC Car Show (2 sanctions)		n/a	6 sanctions used
Tiretown Corvette	June 5/PC Car Show (3 sanctions) (Preferred)		Sept. 17/Speed event (3 sanctions)		July 2, 3, 4/Speed Events (2 sanctions) Out of region/over 150 miles	6 sanctions used
Corvette Canton	July 30/PC Car Show (5 sanctions) (Preferred)		May 1/PC Car Show (5 sanctions)		n/a	10 sanctions used
Competition Corvette	May 28, 29, 30/Speed Events (7 sanctions)		July 3/Speed Event (3 sanctions)		n/a	10 sanctions used
Lake Shore Corvettes	July 16/PC Car Show (5 sanctions)		June 25/PC Car Shows (3 sanctions)		August 28/PC Car Show (2 Sanctions)	10 sanctions used
NEOVC	August 7/PC Car Show (7 sanctions)		July 2,3, 4/Speed Event (3 sanctions) donated to EOR; proceeds to Competition Fund for Timing Trailer repairs		n/a	10 sanctions used
Mound City	May 28, 29, 30/Speed Events (7 sanctions)		Passed		July 2, 3, 4/Speed Events (3 sanctions) out of region/over 150 miles	7 sanctions used
Medina Corvette	July 24/PC Car Show (7 sanctions)		Sept 3./Rallye (3 sanctions)		n/a	10 sanctions used
Mahoning Valley	June 26/PC Car Show (7 sanctions)		Passed		n/a	7 sanctions used
Kanawha Valley	May 28, 29, 30/Speed Events (7 sanctions)		July 2/Speed Events (3 sanctions)		n/a	10 sanctions used
Fun Center	August 13/PC Car Shows (3 sanctions) (Preferred)		June 5/PC Car Show (2 sanctions)		July 2, 3, 4/Speed Events (3 sanctions) Out of region/over 150 miles July 4/Speed Event/(2 sanctions) donated to EOR	10 sanctions used
	NOTE - July 2, 3, 4 Weekend will be low speeds in morning and time trials in afternoon.					