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### MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

### December 4, 2004

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta, at 9:45 AM at Kent Social Service, Kent, Ohio. The following clubs and officers were represented:

Aurel Ouellette, Fun Center, RMD, Gov.
Alan Moore, Tiretown Corv., RCD,
Bob Thomsen, EOCS,
Chuck Heretta, Buckeye Corvette, RE, Gov.
Rich Brooks, Medina,, Gov.
Deb Murphy, Tiretown, Gov.
Ken Jecmen, NEOVC, Gov.
Bill Wood, Kanawha Valley, Gov.
Bob Kirsch. EOR Webmaster

Dan Lundblad, Blennerhasset, Gov Bob Schneider, Lakeshore Corv. Gov. Diana Fultz, Competition Corv, Gov Bob Kuty, Mahoning Valley, Gov. Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleve, Gov, DeVaughn Rader, Pioneer Corv. Asso. Gov Mark Thurin, Corv. Canton, Gov.

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Chucke thanked Gail for procuring the meeting place for us.

Introductions were conducted next.

Bob Kuty made a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed, seconded by Bill Quine. Motion carried.

Bill Quine made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Bob Schneider seconded, motion carried.

Chuck mentioned that for the 2004 season there were 17 events donated for the region's use. If any clubs would like to do so this year it would be much appreciated.

<u>Charity committee report</u>: Dennis McCarthy is doing better. Mickey has raffle tickets available if anyone would like some. Bill Quine reported Don Gresock is very ill and not expected to make it, he has had two strokes. He is a prior member of Tiretown and charter member of NCCC.

<u>Hall of Fame</u>: Bill Quine reported he had 3 nominees for Hall of Fame. Competition Corvette Association gave him a fourth for the list. Bill figured he would need about \$300.00 to cover cost of three (3) people being inducted. The names on the list will be Bob Kirsch, Fred Kubiak, Dick Downs, Gail Moore. You will be able to vote for three (3). Ballots will sent out by Bob Kuty. Each nominee will need 80% of vote to be inducted. Information will be posted on the East Ohio region website also.

It was announced Dick Downs can now start chemo therapy.

<u>Website:</u> Bob Kirsch said the website is up to date with everything he has. He will be putting more files into PDF. Please use the website, it is very beneficial for all.

Championship series results for overall are posted on web already.

National Council has a new webmaster Joan Thomas, and she is trying various new ideas on the national website.

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Copy of national points available from Alan for anyone who wants them. First place club is Tiretown, first place men's is Don Parks, and first place women's is Betty Parks.

New drag records set but not official yet so will be announced at next meeting.

<u>Clarifications:</u> New helmets should be out in October of this year. Question was asked if Snell 1995 would be obsolete when 2005 came out. Answer was yes and no. If not stamped with manufacturing date will become obsolete. If is a Snell 95 helmet and stamped 96, 97, 98 etc. that helmet is still good for ten years. The cheaper helmets with a tag and year is written on that does not count.

When installing a cage in a 3B car can you cut the dash to make room for the bars? 'No". Can the inner fenders be cut to allow for the cage, can the inner fenders be removed to allow for the cage, can the inner fenders be replaced with aluminum? Answer to all three questions was "No".

Can the instruments be replaced with aftermarket gauges as long as they are replaced on a one per one basis? "Yes" Can a dry sump be run in a 3B car? "Yes"

At last meeting it was asked in Group II, can you run 84 Corvette if has LT 1 motor in yet and was ruled ok. Next meeting further questions were asked, Can they keep the 84 springs or do the have to update to later springs, yes you can keep them. Can they keep the front suspension, spindles, "a" arms etc. from earlier car? "Yes" Can they update the brakes to a C5? "No" Can the lighter weight radiator for 84 be used in this car? "No" has to be later version. Can they keep 4+3 transmission? "No" has to be the later transmission. Can they run a modified 84 automatic? "No".

In an RP car can tabs welded to the frame force entrant to go into Modified Frame? "No".

A question was asked about guest at NCCC convention their running in NCCC convention events. Anyone who comes to convention must follow NCCC rules. They can run against NCCC entrants in Low and High speed events etc, but in drags they are not allow to because that would toss NCCC entrants out. In drags they must run a separate class.

The C6 was discussed again, for this year will stay classed as it is, ISJ, IJ, IIH and IIIH, it will be reviewed again at the November 2005 meeting. This will give them time to see how the cars are doing.

A participant went to an event in Southwest and did not sign the waiver, this person was number one. At the event site it was announced everyone needed to be sure and sign the waiver. They still did not sign the waiver and lost their points. It is the participant's responsibility to sign the waiver.

Michigan Region is trying to form a tri-state high-speed event series and they are asking if East Ohio would like to be in it with Nelson Ledges or Beaver run. Corvette Cleveland has some interest but would like more information, they do not know if they can be ready for 2005 season.

At the national meeting they also discussed events that had to be cancelled because of weather, such as something that has to be cancelled at the last minute, these events presently cannot be rescheduled. There are several things to consider before they can set this up. They would like to set up some way to help clubs that lose events, such as what happened in Marietta last year to Pioneer Corvette Club. But they also need to be sure of why event is cancelled, like not just because of rain at a speed event.

If you do not sign the waiver you are not considered at the event. Also please remember if you are a two car class and second place participant does not sign the waiver, the first place participant is now a one car class and you would get 7 points instead of 9 points.

Deb Murphy asked if the competition directors could discuss the C6 classification at the September 2005 instead of November so that decision would be known by November meeting.

You cannot use copies of waivers for entrants to sign. You must use the ones with "red" wording on them. Also Alan needs the original not copies of the waiver. There are no longer separate waivers for rally events

Alan Moore asked if Mickey Ouellette could put the officers and their email address at the top of the minutes for all to have handily. Please see first page of these minutes for new format.

Aurel Ouellette asked could Alan explain who is and is not covered under the insurance coverage for NCCC. Is a club member covered if they are not a member of NCCC.

Chuck explained that

- 1. Club is covered if it is a 51 percent club
- 2. All NCCC members in club are covered
- 3. If member of the club but non-NCCC member that person is not covered. Did not get an exact answer on a non-club non-NCCC member.

Alan had an answer for competition events for non NCCC; club covered, NCCC covered, East Ohio covered but the person who caused problem would not be represented by K&K.

Bob Kuty commented that NCCC needs to look at spouse/companion members and promote a way for them to want to stay members.

Meeting dates for next year NCCC and East Ohio Region.

NCCC meeting dates

East Ohio Region meeting dates

February 25, 26, 27, 2005 May 6, 7, 8, 2005 July 23 through 31, 2005 September 9, 10, 11, 2005 November 11, 12, 13, 2005 March 12, 2005 June 4, 2005 October 1, 2005 December 3, 2005

Bidding followed next, Bill Quine brought out that NCCC was asking Tiretown and Troy Corvette Clubs if they would be interested in hosting a Corvette corral in May 20, 21, and 22, 2005. This would be in conjunction with the LMS races at Mid-Ohio. Clubs were asked to keep this in mind when bidding. Also Akron will be having Old time races on August 12, 13 and 14, 2005 and they would like them to do a corral also.

Remember if you want to schedule an East Ohio region event on an East Ohio meeting day, registration cannot start until 4PM in the afternoon.

Broke at 11:45 for lunch returned to business at 12:35.

Sanction request must be in to Alan by January 15, 2005. Alan made it mandatory that request for non-sanction events be sent to him. The regional points are complete and up to date.

Alan will send out information for when flyers and results will be due. Flyers are required 55 days prior to event. They can be sent in earlier also.

#### EAST OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES DIRECTOR: Bob Kirsch

Current copy of East Ohio Champ Series rules handed out and has new director listed on them. There was also a checklist for chairperson included. Any questions on the results for 2004 please contact Bob Kirsch.

There were no official changes in writing, but there were comments about raising the fees for champ series. No motion was made, no one felt this was necessary. There was also a suggestion that in concours a one car class only

get 7 points, but speed get 9 points, should concours be changed. Diana Fultz made a motion to leave as it is, no one seconded but region agreed to leave as is.

#### REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Aurel Ouellette

All renewals should have been in by meeting date. Aurel is processing the renewals as soon as he gets them. Anything not into Aurel by December 15, 2004 will pay new member rate.

Aurel had handouts for FOCA, East Ohio and NCCC membership reports. The top club for membership is Tiretown, Corvette Cleveland gained over thirty (30) members. East Ohio is 61 members down from last year.

At the November 12, 2004 meeting National Council had 293 clubs with 18,973 members.

Meeting site bids were turned in for three (3) cities, Nashville, TN., Indianapolis, IN., and St. Louis, Mo. The business manager will visit the various sites and the hotels, and make his recommendations. This will be voted on at the May 2005 meeting.

A preliminary promotional DVD for membership was demonstrated at the RMD meeting. The final video/DVD will be about 25 minutes. They are saying it should be ready by Christmas this year 2004, or at least shortly after the first of the year 2005. They are looking at two tapes one for the older generation and one for the younger generation.

Scholarship application deadline is May 1, 2005. The dollar amount may be raised.

Sylvia Hoaldridge is always looking for articles and pictures.

FCOA (Future Corvette Owners Association) has 2042 members, East Ohio region has 136 FCOA members and Corvette Cleveland has most in the region with 43 members.

Aurel has been looking to set up a regional display booth for East Ohio region, he has found one with reasonable prices and will look into it more during the winter. If you have any photos you can share and think would make good promotional display please send to Aurel.

The first club to turn in their membership this year was Corvette Club of West Virginia.

Alan Moore will put sanction request form and results form for region on the website.

Several comments were made about the 51% Sheet being on line and how helpful it was.

# REGIONAL EXECUTIVE - Chuck Heretta

Newsletter contest team set up, it will be the same group as last year. If interested you can go to national website and get rules and information there.

Election results were announced at Saturday meeting, all national officers who ran were elected because they were uncontested. However there was one problem, George Gallant who ran for treasurer suffered a heart attack and it is not known if he will be able to do the job. Jay Hommer was asked to continue until George could let NCCC know what he is going to decide, the board agreed he would not have to make the decision until May 2005 meeting.

The standing rules changes all passed, as for by-laws changes the one for how MAL's are charged passed, the clean up language of spouse/companion passed. However the Move of membership renewal from December 15 to November 15, failed.

The convention for August 2006 to be in Florida passed. The cost will be \$250.00 per person and room rate of 104.00 plus taxes per night. Convention for 2005 will be July 23 - 30, St. Cloud, Minn. There were inquiries for 2007 to be Nashville.

Be sure to check your renewal packets for a coupon to get your standing rules changes and by-laws changes.

As far as insurance and who is covered and who is not covered the best advice he can offer is try and get as many of your members to join national council as possible. Bob Kuty asked Chuck Heretta to put a letter together stressing this and other points and maybe members would sit up and take notice. It was noted it was not the speed events where most claims came from but car shows and concourses.

In 2004 as of national meeting there were no claims filed. But when Hal Bellamy went to K&K to do negotiating for next year, Hal was told Virginia Surety no longer wanted to insure National Council. The reason they no longer want us as a client is because of the stuff not controlled by the rulebook such as parties, cruises, etc. Events are only covered if the are hard copy printed and mailed to someone, not emailed to someone.

The discounted price for National Council insurance for 2005 was discussed.

The board of governors passed a budget for 2005. This was also discussed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing yet on new club in Columbus area, Aurel has been trying to set up a date to attend one of their meetings and give information to them. They are going to try and get together with him after first of year.

Bob Kuty suggested we invite them to driver school in April.

The regional banquet will be March 12, 2005 at Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth. Flyer included with the minutes and is also available on line. There will be a pool party Friday evening. Dean Daugherty is a guest speaker.

Please bring banquet bids to March 12, 2005 meeting if your club would like to bid on 2006 banquet.

<u>Regional timing and communicators</u>: Bob Thomsen hasn't bought the software yet, he will get and prepare during the winter months. He has the new cable for the display now. We will get lifetime care with new program and get automatic updates.

Bob Kuty, Bob Thomsen and Bob Schneider won the door prizes donated by Alan Moore, all donated the prizes to Medina Corvette club to be used as banquet door prizes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2005 meeting site(s) for East Ohio region meetings were discussed, Bob Kuty asked about using Georgio's. This would not work for spring and summer meeting. The region decided to go back to Esbers, Chuck will contact Esber's and make sure dates are available.

Hall of Fame: Fund for the Hall of Fame was discussed. It was decided that the Hall of Fame Committee will start selling 50/50 ticket at Regional Banquet meeting and dinner on March 12, 2005. They will also sell at the other regional meetings during the year. Chuck will get the tickets for the 50/50 sales. Also one of the regional events will be selected for funding the Hall of Fame.

Warren Obert asked about trying to keep sanction numbers in order they are run rather then first place getting events number 1-7, second place 8-14 etc. It would make it easier to know which events have been run and to keep individual track of points. Alan will try to do this for 2005, in other words April 17 events with have competition sanction numbers 1, 2 3 etc. Remember results are due to competition director and championship series director within 15 days of event.

Everyone who has a competition number from 2004 will use the same competition number in 2005, this makes it easier to load the timing system.

Bretton Rebol asked the region if there was any interest in getting a group display together for the Cleveland Autorama. The dates are January 21, 22 and 23, 2005. The cost is \$50.00 per car and he was asking East Ohio to foot this part of the bill. Chuck asked if there was still space available, per Bretton space would be made for the group. You would have to put your car between 8AM and 6PM Thursday and take out Sunday at 8PM. Rich Brooks suggested that maybe the region only pay half and the entrant bringing the car pay the other half. Per Bob Thomsen it is quite an effort to get into and out of the car show. The final decision was rather then try and rush to get this done in the next 6 weeks it be worked on more and try for 2006. Bretton said he would be willing to chair this and come up with display ideas to help win a prize that could replenish dollars used by region.

Round Table discussion:

On July 24, the first weekend of Convention, will be the Corsa car show.

Bob Kuty suggested NCCC needs to do more to keep spouse/companion interested in keeping their membership in clubs.

Bill Wood suggested we take one of the regional events go to Columbus and do a car show or cruise in to get interest and show the clubs there what else we can offer.

Mickey requested anyone who wants money put in the budget for 2006 to please let her know by the end of February 2005.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectively submitted

Mickey Ouellette Secretary/Treasurer