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EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2011

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NEXT MEETING @ HOLIDAY INN EXPESS WADSWORTH, OHIO MARCH 3, 2012 @ 9:30 AM

SCHEDULE OF 2012 MEETINGS:

REGIONAL:

May 19, 2012 July 21, 2012 October 13, 2012 December 1, 2012

NATIONAL:

February 24 – 25, 2012 in Saint Louis, MO May 4 – 5, 2012 in Saint Louis, MO June 23-29, 2012 Convention in Topeka, KS September 7-8, 2012 in Saint Louis, MO November 9 – 10, 2012 in Saint Louis, MO

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PRESENT:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, Buckeye Corvette Club, Inc., Governor Chuck Stephens, Regional Competition Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Proxy Peggy Stephens, Regional Membership Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Sue Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.

EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.

Warren Obert, Governor

Mike Bracanovic, Guest

EO-010 BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.

Al Etzel, Hall of Fame

Carol Etzel, Guest

Roger Flading, Guest

Jim Hamlin, Guest

Elaine Heretta, Guest

Terry Sells, Guest

Bob Thomsen, Guest

EO-013 MID-OHIO CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

Terry Muich, Governor

Ken Rutherford, Guest

EO-033 BLENNERHASSETT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

Dan Lundblad, Governor

Bill Boxter, Guest

EO-052 MAHONING VALLEY CORVETTES

Dan Lyden, Governor

Dave Farcas, Guest

Doug Lawrentz, Guest

Dave Millich, Guest

EO-057 MOUND CITY CORVETTE CLUB

EO-068 TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB

Alan Moore, Governor

Tom Geul, Guest

Gail Moore, Guest

EO-083 LAKESHORE CORVETTE CLUB

Ric Keller, Governor

Dave Comparette, Guest

Robert DiCarlo, Guest

Dan Kelly, Guest

EO-096	NORTH EAST OHIO VETTE CLUB
EO-104	FUN CENTER CORVETTE CLUB, INC.
	Aurel Ouellette, Governor
	Mickey Ouellette, Guest
EO-116	MEDINA CORVETTE CLUB
	Dan Gallagher, Governor
	Patrick Adams, Guest
EO-147	CENTRAL WV CORVETTE CLUB
EO-148	CORVETTE CLUB OF WEST VIRGINIA
EO-223	KANAWHA VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB, INC.
EO-257	COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSOCIATION, INC.
	Don Burk, Governor
	Sharon Burk, Guest
EO-258	CORVETTE CANTON, INC.
	Mark Thurin, Governor
EO-571	CROOKED RIVER CORVETTE CLUB
	Tim Obert, Governor

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

The meeting was called to order by RE, Chuck Heretta at 9:35 AM. Dan Lyden from Mahoning Valley announced that Dave Campolitto passed away on Wednesday. Chuck announced two births; Aaron and Angie Quine had a girl and Matt and Michelle Valentine had a boy. It was determined that we have a quorum. The Governors introduced themselves. Chuck stated that the order of business would be different today due to 2012 bidding.

SECRETARY:

Terry Muich motioned and Pat Adams seconded to accept the minutes as sent. All were in favor.

TREASURER:

Sue H. went through the Treasurers report...see attached. Mark Thurin motioned to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Don Burk. All were in favor.

BIDDING:

Chuck Stephens reviewed what a Closed Weekend is –a minimum of three sanctioned events over two days, Saturday/Sunday - and what a Preferred Date is – one sanctioned event and you ask for preference. The only Club that requested a date is Blennerhassett – May 26 – due to having to work with the City of Parkersburg and the park. Each Club now has 10 sanctions to bid. Chuck Heretta went through the 2012 calendar and gave dates that have already been set and no sanctioned events may take place on them - National meetings, etc. Sanctioned events may be held on the day of Regional Meetings but cannot begin until 4PM. The bidding commenced with Buckeye Corvettes bidding first.

Chuck Heretta noted that there is a list of Governors going around the room that Sue would like for them to make sure that the contact information is correct.

COMPETITION:

There was a brochure in regard to wheel to wheel racing at Convention in Topeka – this is not so. Christy Brandenburg is the new contact for Brown and Brown Insurance. Patrick Dolan from the NCCC Charity Committee is up for nomination to the NCM Hall of Fame. Letters of support need to be to Hal Belamy this week. Record Drags will be held May 22 and October 1 in Oklahoma. The hotel will host the Hospitality Room at the February Governor's meeting in St. Louis. Chuck S. will meet with Alan Moore to clarify and publish the rules for the new "Street Champ Series" award. Each Club can bid 10 events for 2012. It is suggested that we put the time zone (Eastern) on flyer. The Speed events class/group chart is now on the website with the new things added. It is self-explanatory. There is a new rule in regard to persons that help prepare a car for Car Shows and Concours. One other active NCCC member who helps clean, prepare, and display the vehicle will be allowed to compete and earn same points as the owner. Both entrants must attend the driver's meeting, remain at the event, and attend the awards presentation. This person is NOT the spouse/companion. We will have to watch this at PC Car Shows and Concours. There is "new language" in regard to clear vinyl window clings and graphics – this is to be judged as paint. Workers will now receive travel points the same as an entrant. There was some confusion in the reading of this rule by Chuck S. in that he thought a worker would receive travel points only if they had traveled with an entrant. Discussion

determined that a worker would receive travel points the same as any entrant would. Members can now receive points as a chairperson AND as a co-chairperson in the same Competition year. Chuck H. questioned the "language" of the new rule – can be interpreted that there is no limit on the number of "chairman" points that one can receive in a year. Rule was read again and determined that this can happen "once" during the Competition year. Event chairperson and cochairperson, Concours judges and all other workers must be at the event to receive points. Rallye checkers and Rallye co-checkers do not have to be at the event to receive points. Ken Rutherford stated that this is why you have a completely different/neutral person to check the Rallye for you and they are entitled to points. Alan Moore said that the thing they haven't looked at is, when do they sign the waiver. Several stated that the waiver must be signed the DAY OF the event and that is the ONLY day it is good for. Chuck H. asked that a clarification request be written up in regard to this. Chuck S. said that he would do this. Chuck H. said that the new clarification form states that an answer will be given in writing. The insurance/waiver is only good the DAY OF the event. The only way that you can get points is if your name is on the waiver. Terry Muich asked if you would be covered by the insurance if you were checking a Rallye. Chuck H. said no, because it is not an event. Events are only covered by NCCC insurance the day of the event. If you have an event on August 18, that insurance is only good on August 18th. If you are checking that Rallye on the 15th, that IS NOT the DAY OF the event. Chuck S. will write a clarification request so that we will be provided with an answer as to how this should be handled. Pat Adams asked for the definition of "Rallye Checker." Chuck S. read the rulebook definition for "Rallye Checker." Rallye Checkers shall work in pairs and are responsible for checking all rallye route instructions, clues, and questions. They shall check the rallye prior to the start of the event on the same day of the week and similar time as the actual rallye. Pat Adams still questioned asking about the checking of the rallye the day of the event. The rallye must be run on the day of the event before the entrants are sent out to be sure no roads have been closed, no signs have been removed, etc. These changes will be given to the entrants at the driver's meeting. Pat questioned when the rallye is originally set up. Chuck H. said that person in not the Checker. Pat and Chuck H. each gave examples of persons going out to "check" the rallye. All Rallye route instructions and questions must be checked by someone other than the Rallyemaster. These persons are called Rallye Checkers. The Rallye must be run by at least one pair of Rallye Checkers so that ambiguous or misleading instructions, mathematical errors, etc. may be discovered and corrected prior to the day of the event. Most Rallye problems will be avoided by the use of Rallye Checkers. Ken Rutherford asked about a question in the latest Blue Bars in regard to Rallye waivers (page 14) that dealt with the waiver specifically for Rallyes – we no longer need to use it. Chuck H. clarified that ALL of our events are considered "competition." Parades, homecomings, etc. are considered by Brown and Brown to be a "rallye." Brown and Brown has a different set of terminology for what we do than we are used to. We should use the regular waivers for everything, although the old "rallye waivers" may be used for parades and homecomings if you still have them. Participants under age 18 still need to have the parental consent waiver signed by one parent. What is written in Blue Bars can be misleading. You still need to have waiver signed at any NCCC "rallye event." It becomes a problem of terminology and gets confusing. You don't sign the "rallye waiver"; you sign the "COMPETITION waiver." There was a question in regard to giving rides to kids at the Children's Home. Chuck H stated that you are opening yourself up for problems because you can't get a waiver signed by a parent; usually that is the reason they are at the home. You

should be very careful. Terry Muich stated that this is private property and the kids that are there are under the guardianship of the Home. Chuck said, again, that forms need to be signed to protect ourselves. He suggested that Terry go to the Home ahead of time and have a stack of them filled out. Terry stated that since the event is sanctioned in 2012 he will contact Brown and Brown to get the answer. Chuck said the more notice you can give them the better off you are. He also said that the Buckeye Parade chairperson takes waivers to the high schools where they participate in Homecomings - they welcome it – they understand the liability. NCCC insurance is third party liability insurance. Tom Guel questioned the number of lines on the waiver - it has shrunk from 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11. Chuck said to use as many as you need, just be sure to number them so that you don't lose one during the course of the event. Tom stated that he has made one with just lines on the back. Chuck said that all the wording must be the same on the front and back. Chuck S. said that they prefer that the waivers are signed in blue ink. Chuck S. read the final standings of the clubs in the Region and the Team 200 finishers for men and women. He reminded the Governors that he will need the sanction request forms back by January 15th.

MEMBERSHIP:

Peggy reported there are 17 clubs as of December 3, 2011. She mentioned NCCC and the East Ohio Region have lost another member, David P. Campolito of Mahoning Valley Corvette Club. He will certainly be missed. Our region has 858 members. Before renewals started in mid-October, we had 945 members.

As of November 11, 2011, NCCC membership total was 17,318 with 268 clubs. We are ahead of last year. We have 276 NCCC clubs, which is a loss of 8 clubs. NCCC has 290 lifetime members and 422 members-at-large. Buckeye Corvettes remains the largest club in the East Ohio Region with 187 members.

FCOA had 2,938 members as of January 1, 2011 and 2,846 as of November 10, 2011. The Midwest Region remains in 1st place with 529 members. East Ohio Region is in 6th place with 166 members. Corvette Cleveland remains at the top in the East Ohio Region with a total of 43 FCOA members.

Please throw away membership applications that are not dated May 2010 in the upper right hand corner. Peggy will send an email reminding you the membership database will be closed down on December 15th. When the database comes back up on December 16th, anyone who didn't send in their renewals before this date will be considered late renewals and will have to pay \$35 to renew instead of the \$25 if they had renewed on time.

You should have the fall issue of Blue Bars by the end of November. The winter issue deadline was November 30th. John Gibson has been added to the Blue Bars staff. He is not an NCCC member. Anyone interested in ordering 2012 collector pins can send in the order the same as last year. The order form should be on the NCCC website: corvettesNCCC.org. If you want Peggy to pick them up in St. Louis, please put her name on the form.

The distribution manager, Larry Higgins, now has the member's address printed directly on the

packet envelope instead of using stickers. This has helped speed up the mail process. Renewals are going very well. He had already sent out 15 clubs packets.

Peggy said they talked about clubs that do not turn in their proxies or attend 3 of the 5 Governors' meetings. The by-laws state a club would not be in good standing so their insurance could be in jeopardy. One idea was suggested that the proxies be sent to the RMD with the club check at renewals and that the RMD must have the proxies before the club is allowed to renew. The RMD committee didn't reach a final decision in this matter.

Peggy stated they talked about clubs that do not have the minimum number of members. It was decided to allow these clubs to renew but the RMD is to tell them they must try to get the number of members required before the next club renewal because we really do not want to loose any clubs. This is for the newer clubs not the grandfathered clubs.

Peggy said they had a discussion concerning when a member actually becomes a member in NCCC. It appears we are going to need a by-laws change to clarify this issue.

Chuck H. questioned when a person becomes a member. He feels it should be a "program" change and not a by-law change to remedy the question. As it is now, the Governor assigns the NCCC number and can give it to the new member immediately. The RMD's wanted to be the ones to assign the numbers, but Walt Jenkins wouldn't do the program that way. Chuck H. reminded the Governors to throw away the old 4-part forms so Peggy doesn't have to redo the applications.

Break from 11:15 to 12:15

HALL OF FAME:

Al Etzel stated nominations were opened in July and normally close at this meeting. Al has received no nominations, so has extended the time until the end of December. He will need to get bios out on any nominees so the Governors can present them to their clubs and get their votes in.

CHARITY:

Elaine Heretta said the 2012 raffle car will be a Grand Sport, cyber gray in color featuring the 3LT Heritage Package. She has tickets for anyone interested, but suggested that members use the "green sheet" that they will receive in their membership packet. The 2011 raffle car will be pictured on the 2012 membership card.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

Chuck Heretta said that Doug McMahon, Director of Public Relations, has developed a new brochure entitled "Why NCCC" which will be available on the website soon. He is looking into getting them printed in bulk so the Regional Officers and Governors can have them. The NCCC Finance Committee has found that the 2011 Convention in Tinley Park lost almost \$6,000. There were 65 cancellations, which is more than normal. \$17,261 was refunded. Chuck H. stated that he doesn't know whether that loss includes the \$5,000 advance. NCCC is in the process of being audited by the IRS. Bernyce Molenda has spent a week in Akron with the IRS

Auditors and the accounting firm that did the 2009 tax return. She was not at liberty to discuss what is going on. The details were sketchy and very little information was given out at the meeting. FCOA is now 20 years old. The Vision Committee continues to work on the direction of NCCC for the future. Dennis Patrick has collected financial information from the last 20 years to see the trend of where our money has gone. Some of their suggestions have been implemented with Blue Bars. The Editor now has three people helping her with the work load. You will see some gradual changes in Blue Bars. Articles are always welcome. They can be submitted to the email that can be found on the NCCC website. There was also discussion in regard to clubs that are not in compliance with the requirement of being recognized at three National meetings. No one wants to lose membership or clubs, but by the same token, it is not really fair to Clubs that do what they are supposed to. We do not a have a problem in this Region with proxies although it is an ongoing struggle for some Regions to get representation at meetings. If you look at the actual attendance, you will see that the actual "warm body" count at the meetings is much lower that the number of proxies. In the coming year, the RE's will be looking into electronic proxies. Since we now have electronic Membership, it may be possible to have electronic proxies. These proxies would go directly to the RE. There will need to be a bylaw change because at this time we cannot accept a non-original signature. When Chuck asks for proxies, he asks for five of them with original signatures. The forms cannot be duplicated. They are not particular as to the color of the ink. The electronic ballot did pass. We also have a written ballot the way the bylaw is written. There may have to be some corrections made there. The new VP of Competition is Paul Haak. Alan thinks he was the real winner – LOL. Kathy Brisbois is the new Secretary. Hal Tumbleson and Ron Ruston were reelected to their positions of Business Manager and Sgt. at Arms. They are all two year terms.

The 2012 Rulebook passed. As per instructed by the Governors of the East Ohio Region, Chuck voted the proxies against the Rulebook. It was a "package" vote, not line by line. In regard to the IRS audit, NCCC made a payment to the IRS of \$7,603.44 to stop penalties. The Governors voted to pay Bernyce for expenses she incurred in regard to the audit. There will be an appreciation party on Friday evening at the February Governors meeting hosted by the hotel. The agent from Brown and Brown has changed. The deadline for articles for the next issue of Blue Bars was November 30. Sylvia welcomes articles. The Charity Committee is once again hoping to get Clubs to achieve 100 percent in raffle tickets sales. One \$10 tickets must be purchased for every NCCC member of the Club. Scholarship applications must be in Patrick Dolan's hand by May 1st. Patrick is a nominee for NCM Hall of Fame. A letter of support can be sent to Hal Belamy this week and will be forwarded to the Museum. Patrick, George Gallant, and several others in our organization were very instrumental in getting the Museum off the ground and keeping it afloat in the early years. He taught the Museum how to make money at raffling cars. Sponsorship, Debbie Lindsay said it is getting harder to get money year after year. There is a survey from Michelin on the website. Sponsors look at these things to see if they are getting a good bang for their buck, so take a moment to do the survey. Michelin brought a transporter, cars and drivers to Convention in Tinley Park and only 65 people participated in their tire test. When Michelin goes to the Porsche Convention, the cars are provided by the Convention. They have told us that NCCC is the only Convention they go to where they have to bring their own cars. The Website contest opens January 1st. It will be judged by three independent judges. A budget was approved for 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

Banquet guidelines are available electronically. Let Chuck H. know if you would like them forwarded to you. This is the meeting that we entertain proposals for the 2013 Regional Banquet. The Governors subsidy plan is in effect. A club can use the subsidy once in the cycle. \$150 will be refunded to a Governor who has attended NCCC meeting in St. Louis and provides the proper receipts. It has been used three times this year. It is designed to help Governors get to National Governors' meetings so that they can see how things operate and will continue to attend.

The 2012 banquet is being hosted by Alan and Gail Moore. The Banquet dinner will be at the Galaxy party center in Wadsworth. The flyer has been sent out. Everything is moving along nicely and they tentatively have a speaker, Amy Ruman. She is a member of Tiretown who runs the Trans Am Series races. She will be running a brand new car in 2012. She will give us a ladies' perspective on racing. Alan and Gail would like to do an update of the East Ohio Region history. They did this for Tiretown's 50th anniversary. CCA did this when they hosted the Banquet in 1993. He handed out forms to all clubs. It is not available electronically. What he handed out was actually a copy of the 1993 form and he would like it updated. Alan would like a color copy of each Club's insignia in the next few weeks. Tim Obert noted that he did an update in 2005 when Corvette Cleveland hosted the Banquet and would send that to Alan. The Banquet will be March 2nd and 3rd at the Holiday Inn Express/Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth. Please let Alan and Gail know if you are bringing door prizes. Snacks are always welcome for the Hospitality Room on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Mail dinner reservations to Sue Hamilton with checks made out to the East Ohio Region. Make your room reservation by February 1st to guarantee the room rate of \$79.

The 5th annual Chili Challenge had about 110 people in attendance. There were people there that weren't there in the past. People seemed to stay a little bit longer this year. The 50/50 income was donated to St. Michael's Church for the use of the facility. We sent our \$3,000 payment to the Museum via certified mail. This was the 3rd of 5 payments for our acre of land.

NEW BUSINESS:

This is the meeting where we will accept a banquet bid for 2013. Terry Muich said that he and Ric Keller have been tossing the idea around. Mid-Ohio and Lake Shore will look for a site acceptable to both clubs. Chuck H. said the information will need to be presented at the March Regional meeting.

The Bylaw and Standing Rule Committee, Aurel Ouellette and Dan Lyden, have been working with Chuck H. on the updates. Aurel and Dan were chosen for Aurel's experience and Dan's new perspective. They would each ask a different set of questions. They had very lengthy phone calls and many e-mails with Chuck H. Chuck explained the document that the Governors received. He said they took suggestions from the Governors and Regional members as to what they wanted to see changed. Chuck did not send out the complete document as he wanted no confusion or multiple documents floating around. The entire set of By-Laws and Standing Rules will be sent out when it is completely finished. The last revision was either in 2001 or 2005. Chuck H. has been researching minutes from the last several years to find items that have been

changed but not inserted into the By-Laws. He has asked the Governors for input over the last couple of years but has received very little. Once the revisions are complete, they will be dated and sent out. Chuck went over the requirements for Regional Officers and how they are elected. This is the first page of Rules. The Committee has suggested candidates attend at least two National Governors' meetings and at least two National Committee meetings within the last year for the Regional Office that they seek, or has previously held that specific Regional Office. This is in addition to attending two Regional Meetings in the last year. The exact same wording has been plugged into section 3. He has broken the revisions down into like things. He does not believe in package voting. Chuck S. questioned the duplication of sections 2 and 3 when section 3 addresses the term of office. Chuck H. thought maybe he hit the wrong button. The 2 year term of office has already been approved and is already in there. It is not something new. Chuck H. asked that they disregard the duplication of section 2 in section 3. Warren Obert questioned section 2, the election of such an officer. Is this if everybody drops out? Yes, the election will be held at the next regularly scheduled NCCC governors meeting. Yes we would have a quorum because of proxies held by the RE. This has been in the rules forever and a day. It was to make sure there was representation. Pat Adams asked if the requirements to hold an office are too restrictive. Chuck H. said no. The Committee did not seem to think so. In talking with past Officers, they feel that it is important you are there and you know what is going on with that Office; that you are not thrown into something. Example given that Chuck S. worked with Alan Moore for at least a year before he was elected to RCD. Chuck S. said that he didn't know of this rule. Alan said it was not in there at the time and he had asked Chuck to start coming to meetings so that he could become acquainted with what was going to happen. He feels that it is a good learning tool. Alan feels it is a good idea for any Officer. He gave the example of filling in for the RE once and he realized that was not what he wanted to do. It's important to see what is expected of you. Ken R. stated since these types of offices don't change very often, you need to know the people that are there. It really helps. Don Burk feels what is proposed is too strict. He feels you are limiting who can run for office under these guidelines. He stated you can run for Senate or Congress in Ohio and never go to a meeting prior to being elected. They are elected then they go to the meetings. This isn't something where you go to a meeting and listen to what somebody else is doing because you have no say so whatsoever when you at the meeting although they may get to know you they'll get to know you once you're elected and go to the meetings. If you are going to run for the Executive Offices you will go to the meetings. There's no need to go prior to. As a matter of fact, what business do I (Don) have going to an RE, RCD or RMD meeting being a Governor from Competition Corvettes. None whatsoever because I can't say anything. If (Don) said something, no one would listen to me anyway. He thinks all of this should be taken out. Chuck H. said that it is not true that you can't say anything. Don said "that means anything." Chuck said that's not true. Terry Muich attended the last RE meeting, gave his opinion on something, and the RE's agreed with what he said. Chuck S. said in the RCD meetings, if Alan has something he would like addressed, he will tell Chuck and at the appropriate time, Chuck would bring it up and then Alan would state what his concerns are. He just couldn't get up in the middle and interrupt. Peggy said that outsiders attend the Membership meeting and if they want to speak, they hold up their hand. Chuck H. said that as a member of NCCC you have the right to speak, as you do at these Regional meetings. You may also stand up at the NCCC meeting on Saturday and speak if you like. Dan Lyden said he got thrown out of an RMD meeting. He was asked why he was there and was asked to leave. Aurel said that

maybe you sat at the table instead of in the gallery. Terry Muich stated he thinks it's common sense to attend a meeting to do leg work if you are thinking about running for an office. It is not good to do it cold. There is a lot of outside work that is done and previous knowledge from meetings and communication is important when there is a lot of business at hand to be done. Mark Thurin suggested that the wording be changed to "highly recommend" and agreed that it is common sense that you would attend some of these meetings before running for the Office. Chuck said it would have to go back to the Committee. Dan said he would agree to that change. Aurel thinks it might be tough for someone to attend the meetings due to work, etc., but on the other hand, if you want the Office, you need to go. He said Peggy attended at least two meetings before she ran for RMD. If you want to run for the Office, you need to know exactly what that Office is all about. What are you going to be expected to do when you go to the National meetings? Common sense doesn't always apply to those that run for Office. You don't want someone in a Regional Office going out there and not having any idea what those responsibilities are and what they have to do and what they are going to have to do outside of meetings. There is a lot of computer activity, and if you are not computer literate, you will struggle. Mike Bracanovic asked if there was a video that a person could view to let them know what to expect. Chuck H. stated that is not a bad idea, but there is nothing like that available. The National website gives information about what each office entails. Tim Obert said that he liked the word "recommend" because you would have to decide by April if you wanted to run for an Office. There is only the May meeting, the Convention meeting, where there is not always a Committee meeting, then the September meeting. Chuck H. said nominations for Regional Office open in August. Tim sees the importance of being exposed and would like to see it changed to one meeting and recommended. Don Burk said to throw out the "one year" as it is too strict of time within the last year. Chuck H. suggested changing to "term" instead of "year." It would give you a two year window. Pat Adams said it can't be done because Chuck S. is halfway through his term. Chuck H. explained you always have a time period before things take full effect and gave the example of when the term of Office changed to two years. The Committee agreed to change the wording to "a two year window." Terry M. suggested changing it to within two years of your nomination. Alan M. suggested if you would like to attend a meeting you should attend with your current Regional Officer; in light of what happened to Dan. Dan Lyden said in light of the other proposed rule change (not discussed yet) you should begin going now. Chuck H. reviewed the changed wording. A person must attend at least two Regional meetings, at least two National Governors meetings, at least two National Committee meetings (RE, RCD, RMD) for the Regional Office within the last two years or had previously held that specific Regional Office before putting their name on the ballot for the Office. We would change the dates. The example that was given would change from 2009 to 2011. If you would be putting your name on the ballot in June of 2012, you would have had to go to meetings between June of 2010 and June of 2012. Don B. said that it is "recommend' not "must." That was what they agreed to. Gail Moore disagreed with change. Chuck H. said we are not in a quandary over which word to insert; it's "highly recommended" that the person must attend two within the two year period or not to have the words "highly recommended" in there. Gail Moore stated that if you put in "highly recommend," you give them a chance to opt out and not attend. She doesn't feel that is right. Tim Obert feels there are two options; you can go with the "recommended to attend two" or "required." He would feel better with "required to attend one" within the two years or "recommend two." "Recommend" opens it up to not go but if you're going to require it he

thinks two is too many but one would be very important to have that exposure. Mark Thurin asked what would happen if we had to replace an Officer and no one was qualified. Elaine H. said it would be an "interim" Officer. Terry M. said requiring it does limit it and that anyone who is thinking of it should go anyway as a common sense thing. The person running should have the time to do it. When it comes to a vote, as we saw in the last RE election, experience won out. Sue H. said that if you put "highly recommended" in, you might as well not put anything in because it puts no limitation, no instruction and means nothing. She feels that at least one should be a requirement. Ken R. stated you need to make a commitment. Chuck H. proposed a compromise. The section would stay the same down to "a person must attend at least two Regional meetings and at least one National Governor's meeting and at least one National Committee meeting (RE, RCD, RMD) for the Regional Office within the last two years or had previously held that specific elected Office" before putting their name on the ballot. That's a compromise between the two. Chuck S. asked if we were making a revision. He read the bylaws – amendment – "these bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered in part, by the Regional Board of Governors. All motions to amend these bylaws shall first be presented no later than the third scheduled meeting of the calendar year for the Region to vote. Motions to amend these shall be voted upon by written ballot at the last Regional meeting." So what we have to do if we are going to go by these at all – this needs to be put in writing, brought back. We've got the Committee in place – put it in writing, let everybody see it and it's voted on at our last regular meeting – presented at the last regular meeting – and voted on in December. Question: next year? Chuck S. "next year." Chuck H. - I know that's in there, but this Board of Governors has asked us to do it at the last meeting and that's what we're doing. Chuck S. – then the Board of Governors is going against the very bylaws you put out there. Chuck H. – The Board of Governors will tell me what they want to do. Chuck S. – the bylaws tell us what we can do and what we can't do...it just says we can't do it. It's in writing – it has to be presented to everybody and then voted on in a written ballot. Don Burk – that's the reason you don't want to put this kind of thing in writing because it haunts you. Chuck H. -we're only doing what the Board of Governors in October asked us to do. They asked us, first of all, to put together a Committee to review the bylaws and standing rules. We did that. They asked us to go through and make a recommendation to be taken care of at this meeting. We did that. Now, if the wording needs to be tweaked or something like that, we are not changing the intent of anything that the Governors asked us to do. Pat Adams stated it could be interpreted as a two part thing. One – you asked the Committee to put together all the revisions made up to that point that had passed so that we have a current working bylaw. Second would have been to make revisions to proposed and, unfortunately, if you do change the wording you are making revisions. Chuck H. - We have the Committee sitting right here. Pat Adams - If you have a revision like that, then you have to go as Chuck S. says, you have to go back through the bylaws, make those revisions according to the bylaws. Chuck H. – Whatever you want to do. Chuck S. – Can I make a recommendation as an individual Club member? I've gone through our bylaws and they really need to be revised. I don't disagree or agree with anything here, I'm just making a statement. So we won't get locked down into this discussion, even though we're in this one about the Governors' qualifications and such –why don't you appoint – you've got two people already – appoint a Committee to go through this thing line by line and update it. This could be done fairly easily. I do believe, because a lot of it's not going to change but some of it has to change. The only bona fide proposal that was ever given to our meeting last was the one that Ken Rutherford

brought in and like I told Ken, when we, I talked to him about it, he missed it just by a little bit. Because in our National meetings and you guys have been there, when they make a bylaw change, they put in there what its doing, and what they're replacing or if it's in addition to. When Ken puts this thing in, if it goes in, he needs to go back in here and put on this one thing about the qualifications on the Club, because it says in here that members from the same Club can have these – that need to be deleted in order for your proposal to go through. I really think – now you guys do what you want – but I really go into this for one reason or another, and we need to really get somebody in here to look at this and do a good job on it. We don't need people – we need a variety of people – we need people that are aggressive, that really want their opinions heard and we need both sides of this – so you guys can - whether it's two, three, four, five people to get together and sit down and go through this and go over it and check it word for word and see does this apply. The one I have is outdated by six years and some of the stuff in here doesn't apply. Alan Moore – I think that's one of the problems – we should have been looking at these and my concern is, maybe now, as I listen, maybe we're trying to push to get it done too quickly. Terry Muich – my thoughts here – this is just a change in the bylaws – what would be the problem with just rewording what we discussed here – the recommendations – and voting on it next year. What's it going to hurt – I mean, we know what the provisions – anybody thinking of running for the Office knows ahead of time which direction it's headed - it's recommended that you should go to one of these meetings – I personally don't see a problem with it – once we get all this discussed and the different provisions are brought up, maybe at the first meeting it could be brought up for more discussion and then everything can be properly put in place by the third meeting next year, then we could vote on it because then the discussion would be done. By the third meeting, this is what we're going to vote on, end of discussion, this is the proposals, we've already talked it to death, it's probably going to happen and then we vote on it in December. Chuck S – I got involved in this and our bylaws state in the Parliamentary Authority that the rules contained in the current Robert's Rules and Regulations take precedence – I had to go buy a book – I'll read to you what it is – revising the bylaws. "If an organization decides to revise the bylaws, it should appoint a large committee with the most interested and vocal people. The Committee members should represent many viewpoints. Those members of the organization, who would ask the most questions and propose many amendments at the bylaws meeting, should also be appointed to the Committee. This way the Committee members can work out any disagreement at the Committee level and not go in front of the entire membership." In other words, we need both Alpha and Omega, positive and negative, you guys work it out – come back to this body, and vote on it. Chuck H - Are you saying that Aurel and Dan didn't do that? Chuck S. - No, I'm saying - I'm talking about revising the rules – I didn't have anything to do with what they done. I'm saying this whole thing needs to be revised and brought back to you Governors to be voted on. When you put that in your revision, that stuff should be in here - all these proposals. Pat Adams – May I suggest that we continue on with what he suggested and finish going through what we have – all the comments – refer back to the Committee – the Committee could bring it back as revised early next year so that we can finish this up in a timely manner. Including maybe, even the provision that we be able to amend the bylaws during the year so that we don't drag things out. An annual revision is always nice. Chuck S – You can put it in there but it's covered in the amendments – by the third meeting and then voted on. So anybody can make a proposal/revision/amendment. It really needs to go to the Committee first. Pat Adams – why should it have to go so long – wait until the December meeting? Chuck H. –

We did what the by-laws said at the last meeting. I'll read to you what it said. Chuck S. – By December 3rd goes against the very bylaws I just read to you. It has to be in by the third to be voted on by today. So the only bona fide proposal that I see was Ken's. These others – I think we could get hung up on this – I think we should go ahead and get a Committee – get four or five people and sit down and talk about this. Chuck H. – Okay, we will follow the bylaws. We will not vote on it today - on the bylaw changes – we will vote on the standing rule as we can vote on those at any time. Go to the second page under Financial Matters. Tim Obert – If I understand it right, what was proposed by Ken at the last meeting can be voted on today. Chuck H - No - itwasn't proposed by the third meeting of the year. Chuck S. – Yeah, it was. Chuck H – No, it wasn't. Chuck S – It was proposed in October. Elaine H. – That's the fourth meeting. Chuck H. – Can't be voted on according to our bylaws even though the Governors wanted us to do it in December. Chuck H. Standing Rules – Financial Matters – second page (tape change) Regional dues were \$25 per club – we've been doing it for 12 years, it was just never inserted into the Standing Rules. Is there any discussion? (Note: Regional dues are now \$2 per NCCC member per club) Don Burk asked that we vote line by line. Aurel O. motioned – Don B. seconded – passed. #5 Competition Sanctioning Fees – we are inserting the words "current Regional Sanctioning fees are set at \$25 per event." Pat A. motioned and Aurel O. seconded. This passed. The By-Law Committee has proposed the addition of #3 in regard to the breaking of election ties. "The Regional Executive will appoint a three (3) member Tie Breaker committee with one (1) alternate prior to the Regional election to break any voting ties for a Regional Officer. The committee will consist of three (3) regional club members in good standing, not current Club governors, not members of the same Club as the candidate, and not a spouse/companion of the same relationship or domicile as the candidate. The Board of Regional Governors will approve the appointment of this committee. The committee will vote only in the case of a tie. If a subsequent tie still occurs, the Regional Executive will break the tie. This committee will be disbanded after the Officers' election." Don B. said that this is a "Governor vote" not a Regional member/club vote – there is no reason to go outside of this meeting to find a tie breaker. Pat A. said it would be a tie and "hung" by the Governors themselves and that's why you would go to an impartial committee. Don feels the committee should be made up of Governors - Chuck H. has the final say, and that is okay. Chuck H. explained the reasoning for non-governors breaking the tie – so there is no one person with two votes. Don asked how many times in the past this has this happened and acknowledged that it never has. He said what we have in place worked in October and that he felt there was no reason to change it. Chuck H. stated the Committee was charged with getting rid of the "gray area" and felt they had with this proposal. He has been attending these meetings since 1971 and there had never been a tie. Alan said his club felt it wasn't right that someone could appoint themselves to break a tie. Don said it may not sound right but it is in writing. Alan feels that we need a positive way to break a tie in case this should ever happen again. Chuck S. referred to Robert's Rules. He has spoken to Dave Heinemann and Hal Belamy about the situation. It is Chuck S's opinion to go to a warm body vote twice then go to a flip of a coin or a draw of a card. Alan feels a flip of a coin is the way to go. Chuck S. said that this goes against our bylaws. Chuck H. stated when you have a Standing Rule or By-Law to address something, Robert's Rules do not apply. Don B. said it worked last month, why change it and the more rules you have, the more trouble you have. Chuck H. read the proposal again. There was no motion to vote. #3 is out. We stay with what we have. Next addition was to add the Regional Timing related equipment is stored in the Regional Timing

Trailer. Don B motioned and Terry M. seconded. This passed.

Regarding the East Ohio MVP award, Alan brought up at the last meeting he saw some inequities in the program. Alan asked that it be tabled. We had discussed changing the points of those in one car classes to "9" but he found those persons may not be beating anyone and it wasn't right. He would like more time to investigate it. Any suggestions to the MVP need to be in writing by January 15th and will be decided on at March 3rd meeting before the Competition season begins.

Regarding the Street Series Champ proposal, Alan Moore would like to change the rules so anyone achieving the top 15 in men or women be eliminated from this award. He would like this to be an award for those who don't compete all the time. He would like those who achieve Team 200 be eliminated from this award. The idea is to get new people out competing. Dan Gallagher questioned the requirement of Chairmanship for the award. He mistakenly thought this applied to the Street Award. It actually deals with the MVP. Chuck S. stated there are more people participating; they are just "different people." There are less people in Team 200. Any suggestions need to be to Chuck S. by January 15th so changes can be made at the March meeting. Alan and Chuck S. will talk about them. Elaine H. asked that the 7 point issue in the MVP award be addressed in regard to those that earn FTD bonus points. She asked that it be calculated the way that our old Championship Series was. Alan said he would look into it. Warren Obert asked whether we should change Team 200 to Team 300 because of the increase in the number of sanctions per club. National is the one that has set Team 200 and there has been talk about changing it for quite some time due to the expense.

Bill Wood suggested we use the Blennerhassett shows to have a Regional picnic in the park. Elaine H. said many of the entries at that show are non-NCCC and there is a group that comes in to sell food as a fundraiser. Alan said there are many other events in the southern area and he would be willing to help with putting it on. Chuck H. stated the weekend of August 11/12 would be the perfect time to hold the picnic. There is ample time to get something planned. The Region has funds to implement this. Alan would like to see the evening of the 11th as the time for this. Chuck S. said there is a Veterans' Park nearby that we could look at. Chuck H. reminded us of the picnics that Fun Center used to put on after their Saturday speed events. Someone from the West Virginia area needs to pick up the ball and get it publicized.

Bill Wood thinks we need to train corner workers before an event begins. We either need to put experienced people out with new people or get there early enough to explain the ropes. Chuck H. said training could take place at Club meetings so people know what is expected of them when they get there. Alan stated racers need to be more conscious of the fact these may be inexperienced people and they need to go out and show them what to do. Chuck H. said Clubs should keep in mind how many events they are having in a day and what happens when heat takes its toll on new people who are our working the event. Bill Wood suggested using reflective vests. Bob Thomsen firmly believes that the club sponsoring the event should be responsible for providing as many workers as possible. They should be warned ahead of time of the time frame. Ken R. said some training needs to go on before they are sent out to work. Chuck H. said the best way to learn is to go to other Clubs' events and participate.

Bob Thomsen will have decals for the timing trailer made. He would like Governors to e-mail him their decals so he can get pricing to have each club decal made and attached by May 28th. Alan Moore has already requested a color logo form each club for the Regional Banquet and volunteered to have it enlarged and quoted.

ROUNDTABLE:

Canton Corvette: Mark Thurin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kanawha Valley: Bill Wood wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

NEOVC: Ric Keller brought Lake Shore's new membership director with him today

Mahoning Valley: Dan Lyden said the club lost a member, Dave Campolitto, who owned his car for 46 years. They have met with Greenwood Chevrolet to promote their Club to new owners. They are changing their meeting day to the third Thursday from the third Sunday.

Blennerhassett: Dan Lundblad said he would be glad to participate in the picnic idea.

Competition: Don Burk said he is glad to begin a new year. Thought the Club would lose lots of members but actually gained them.

Crooked River: Tim Obert said he is excited for their event weekend. Crooked River's goal is to offer an event for everyone and hopes it works out. They may be put something on Saturday evening.

Corvette Cleveland: Warren Obert wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fun Center: Aurel Ouellette wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mid Ohio: Terry Muich said he is looking forward to the New Year; it's always interesting.

Medina: Pat Adams introduced Dan Gallagher as the new Governor.

Tiretown: Alan Moore wished everyone Happy Holidays; thanks for votes and happy he didn't get it. He offered help for WV picnic.

Peggy – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope next year is better than this one.

Chuck S – Said there are 22 events for the Region. Sanction Request Forms are online.

Sue Hamilton wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Chuck H. said to celebrate happy, healthy and wisely.

The next meeting will be in Wadsworth on March 3rd. The NCCC meeting is February 24-26. Do not wait until the last minute to make reservations for St. Louis. You should make a reservation because they close out; you can always cancel.

The 50/50 drawing amount of \$50.50 was won by Dan Lyden.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Susan Hamilton, Secretary Tape transcribed by Elaine Heretta