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## MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

June 4, 2005

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta, at 10:22 AM at Esber's in Canton, Ohio. The following clubs and officers were represented:

Aurel Ouellette, Fun Center, RMD, Gov.	
Alan Moore, Tiretown Corv., RCD,	
Bob Thomsen, EOCS,	Diana Fultz, Competition Corv, Gov
Chuck Heretta, Buckeye Corvette, RE, Gov.	
Rich Brooks, Medina, , Gov.	Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleve, Gov,
DeVaughn Rader , Pioneer Corv. Asso. Gov	
Ken Jecmen, NEOVC, Gov.	
Bill Wood, Kanawha Valley, Gov.	

Rich Brooks made a motion to accept secretary's report as sent out, seconded by DeVaughn Rader. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read, a motion to accept was made by Aurel Ouellette, seconded by Elaine Heretta, motion carried.

Remember when event is over to send a copy of results to Bob Thomsen and also \$1.50 per entrant, (not per car) NCCC or non-NCCC to Bob Thomsen.

Hall of Fame: No report available

EAST OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES DIRECTOR: Bob Thomsen

No report yet because we have only had two events to date.

Rich Brooks asked about points for Medina at 2 Concourse (Progressive and Lally) events that were not shown on the report. Bob will check this out.

Website: Chuck reported for Bob Kirsch. Bob Kirsch will update the low speed and championship series information as soon as he is given the information. If you would like to have something posted to the website please send Bob Kirsch an electronic copy, it is easier for him to get it posted that way. When sending a flyer to Alan if doing it electronically, please send a copy to Bob also for posting. If you send a hard copy to Alan please send a hard copy to Bob Kirsch.

The current schedule posted this meeting date for low speed events should be disregarded. A new one will be posted after the meeting today.

The first low speeds in the region will be July 17, 2005. The Concours and rally schedule for the region is as printed.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Aurel Ouellette

Handed out East Ohio region membership dated June 4, 2005, NCCC membership report dated May 7, 2005 and a FCOA membership report dated may 4, 2005.

There was also a pamphlet "Guidelines for a Governor" handed out. If you have a specific membership person in you club it is recommended that you make them a copy of this pamphlet or give them this original. He would also like for the governors and clubs to look over this information, if you feel anything needs to be changed or updated let Aurel know so he can bring it up at the national meeting.

East Ohio currently has 16 clubs with 814 members. East Ohio goal for the year is 910 members. Club with most members it Tiretown with 109 and Corvette Cleveland is right behind with 108 members.

Some of the car shows Aurel will attend this year and try to bring a display are: Mahoning Valley C.C. June 19, 2005, LakeShore C.C. June 25, 2005, Buckeye Corvettes July 10, 2005, Fun Center Corvette Club July 16, 2005 and CORSA for Corvette Cleveland July 24, 2005.

Rich Brooks asked if anything had been done to try and get the clubs in the Columbus area into NCCC. Aurel has made a couple of attempts but at the moment there seems to be no interest.

At NCCC meeting May 7, 2005, national had 285 clubs with membership totaling 17,423. NCCC membership goal for this year is 20,000.

NCCC meeting site bid was voted on for years 2007, 2008 and 2009. St. Louis was the selected site. Aurel did not get to see the ballots but he was made to understand the vote between St. Louis and Indianapolis was very small less then 10 votes. There may be some controversy over the vote because it seems preferential voting was not used.

At the March meeting Aurel handed out a promotional DVD if you did not get one contact him for a copy. Part of the display is a DVD player but there is no monitor, if you want the DVD to run at a show a monitor will have to be provided.

Scholarship applications were due May 4, 2005 that was this year's deadline.

Rich asked if anyone had watched the DVD yet, a couple said they had. The comment was without voice over it was not much help. Medina and NorthEast showed at their club meeting and it was hard to hold anyone's interest or attention. Comment was need a voice over and explain what people are seeing.

Spring issue of Blue Bars was mailed in protective plastic cover, most received their copy in good condition this time and were pleased with it.

Do not open any email you get from Sylvia Hoaldrige (or marked Blue Bars Editor) she has a virus. Carolyn Montgomery the NCCC secretary will send an email when it is OK to open email from Sylvia or to send Sylvia emails.

The Duntov committee received three (3) applications and winner will be announced at the convention.

Offices up for election in November are: V.P. Competition, Business Manager, Secretary, and Sergeant of Arms. If you are interested in any of these positions the nominating committee is Diane Bowen, Pat Brown, and Terry Brennan. You can check the national website for application forms.

The 2006 membership cards have been sent to Carlson marketing (For GM) for review and approval.

Northeast Ohio Vette Club needs to cash a check before the new treasurer comes into office because they are getting ready to close the books.

FCOA has 2209 members, East Ohio Region has 140 of these and Corvette Cleveland has 50 of these members. If anyone has any questions about FCOA you can contact Pat Kelly at [FCOAKIDS@aol.com](mailto:FCOAKIDS@aol.com).

Bill Quine had mentioned at the March meeting about a company to look for display to be used for region, the name was ANKOR. He has tried various spellings of this. Chuck said this is an advertising agency and Aurel could maybe check locally for an advertising agency.

DeVaughn asked if could get a copy of the membership report for his club. Aurel doesn't get a hard copy anymore but he will email a copy from what he receives to DeVaughn.

Charity and Grants Committee Report: Mickey Ouellette

Roger Mitchell stopped in to the meeting and mentioned that the National Corvette museum would have a presence at the Florida convention, and a question had been raised, would they be allowed to sell raffle tickets. His answer was no we needed to protect and preserve our raffle ticket sales. Several donations to scholarship fund were made at the meeting. Thirteen (13) scholarship applications were received this year, announcement will be made at convention. An audit will need to be done for 2003/2004 after new treasurer takes over. NKF affiliate has not been heard from since first call. Hardship fund dollars were raised from \$250.00 to \$350.00 effective immediately.

Chuck mentioned the \$1000.00 we made at regional banquet went to Grants fund and Patrick Dolan thanked East Ohio region for getting this part done.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Chuck Heretta

A couple of by-laws changes were submitted, but they were very vague and last minute to the regional executives. The people were not at the meeting to explain the intent so they had to table them temporarily. In part one dealt with the problem we had a year ago and the punishment and suspension part of it.

NCCC announced that the webmaster Joan Thomas has come up with a website contest. Time for judging is from June 16, 2005 to July 16, 2005. Check your national minutes on the last page it will give you the outline to be entered into this contest. Some of the things they will be looking at are; Overall first impression, Overall appearance, ease of navigation, timely and current information, identification of the club, location of the club, etc. Please check website and national minutes for entire list. There is a particular way it has to be done and form to be filed out. This is strictly for clubs not for regional websites. ZIP Products is the sponsor for 2005 and the first, second and third place club winners will have to agree to have ZIP logo on their website.

Some regions/clubs are publishing results on the website and this can cause problems as things can be traced. A decision was made a couple of years ago in the East Ohio Region that results would not be published on the website. For Championship series it was decided we would give overall winners but not specific category winners.

Meeting site business referred to earlier, in preferential voting you have to put a 1, 2 and 3. When they counted the ballots they only counted the 1's. On the first ballot there is no way that two clubs could be close and still have 51% of the vote plus 1 club. After the meeting Chuck went to the person in charge of the meeting site balloting and explained what was going on. She said they did not use preferential voting they did not count properly they did not count preferential ballots. Chuck then went to the Parliamentarian and asked if anyone had asked him any questions, the parliamentarian thought the committee knew what to do. The ballots were not destroyed at the time Chuck asked the question. (There was a motion to destroy the ballots made at the meeting.) Chuck has not heard anything else to date.

The next NCCC meeting is at convention, it will be a Sunday meeting. Chuck has proxies for everyone who is not going.

REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Alan Moore

Alan handed out new competition schedule. The first low speed events will be July 17 at Mansfield GM plant. It will be 4 low speed events. The new schedule is posted on the regional website. The Tiretown moved their events into October, Competition is doing Saturday August 20, 4 speed events and 1 on Sunday August 21, 2005. The other 3 speed events on Sunday will be regional events. Tiretown is October 1 & 2, there will be 1 regional event on Sunday. Please check the website for any other events and official schedule and places for the events.

Ken Jecman asked a question about regional number being assigned. Regional number to be used for the whole season are for speed events only. We have not done any speed events this year yet only rallies and concours/car shows. The reason for assigned numbers at speed events is because of the new timing equipment and region can enter all the data at one time and keep for the whole season.

The car shows on July 16, for Fun Center, has limited parking for trailers.

Having to move events around created a problem for Championship series. Presently we only have 4 speed events for Championship series. Elaine made a motion to bend the rules and have 2 championship series events on one weekend, one on August 20 and one on August 21, 2005. Bob Thomsen seconded.

There was much discussion and numerous suggestions were made. Chuck asked the question didn't the Champ Series rules say something about if you ended up with only 4 events for the season then that is what you run. Bob Thomsen answered yes according to Section II, Scheduling if only four events in a particular category are bid there will be only four events. Chuck said we have just started the season and if every one knows there are only four then we would run only four. Then there was more discussion as to we bend the rules every year we either need to stick with the rules or drop them. Alan Moore made the comment he had a problem with Champ Series, he thought it had about outlived its usefulness. People who attend 50 events get as nice an award as someone who runs 5 events. More suggestions were made to move events and create one more day, take an August 6 event to August 28, 2005. It was decided to run with four speed events this only year, Elaine rescinded her motion, Bob rescinded his second.

Results are fairly reasonable this year. Some entrants are complaining they are not getting all the results.

At the national meeting in May there was one clarification: In Group II E, F & G can you replace the front leaf spring with an after market leaf spring that is right type and corner weight adjustable? (like the one available from Vette Brakes). Answer "NO", it is not a stock configuration. Next part was if the adjustment ends are replaced with stock ends, can I use it? Answer "NO". If not what class would this frame be legal for? That would be Race Prepared, Race Prepared Altered Frame.

Helmets were discussed again. SCCA has put some information out about wearing a full-face helmet with an air bag equipped car. NCCC has been unable to find any information out on this subject to date. No helmet manufacture will comment on it. They are unable to find out if it is becoming a problem with vehicles. As for now they are continuing to look into this situation. For now NCCC just wants to make you aware that SCCA has put information out about a concern for drivers wearing a full face helmet in cars with air bags, doing damage to jaw and neck.

High speed drivers school were discussed. Right now RCD's are asking any club that wants to put on a high speed drivers school to bring their information to RCD's meeting first. This should include their curriculum and what their plans are. They will decide on a case by case basis and give a yes or no.

Alan is on a committee with Rene Cardenas, they are taking Corvette Cleveland's curriculum, set up for last years drivers school, and make into standard with a few modifications. This will probably become a standard for National Council to put on high speed drivers school.

Bill Wood asked about the high speed being put on by another region but in East Ohio territory. Alan said this was legal. Any region can put on an event physically in another region's area as long as they notify the RCD of that region. The RCD has the right to say no, but there was no reason for him to say no in this case. Most drivers school will be done during the week for two reasons: 1) they are usually non-sanctioned. 2) Tracks are much

cheaper to rent during the week versus weekend. If you want any information on this low speed event you can check the East Region website. All regions are trying to put everything on their websites so that it will be easily accessible to most. Alan sends everything to Bob Kirsch to place on our website.

Rich Brooks asked if the chairperson for each event was still responsible for mailing or emailing the results from each event. Alan said yes, they still have this responsibility.

Ken Jecman commented that Tom Fetchik from NEOVC does a very good seminar on concourse and car shows. It is very explicit as to category and what is needed to be in a certain group and class, they usually have 20 or more attend. It usually takes about two hours. They were wondering if it could be offered on a regional basis. Alan has already talked to Tom. They have discussed getting together next winter and setting up a seminar for the region. They had been looking at the afternoon of the regional banquet, but Corvette Cleveland has made plans for a mini convention. They will get together and plan another date before the season gets started next year. Elaine said Chuck and Bob Kirsch have done the same type of thing and maybe all three could work together on this.

Bill Wood asked in a concourse what class is the Z06 in? it would go with the C5 and C6.

Meeting resumed after short lunch break.

Chuck asked Rich Brooks Medina Joint Vocational School parking lot. Rich has not pursued this as of yet but he will check for next year. Alan asked people to start looking around for places to race next year.

Those that received a letter about the Car show that got flooded out last year and were told they could come for free this year, the date for that show is September 18, 2005.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The 2005 banquet report was given. Rich thanked everyone who helped and attended the banquet.

Chuck Heretta gave a presentation from Corvette Cleveland for banquet 2006. The banquet will be March 3, 4, 5, 2006 at Holiday Inn in Hudson, Route 8 at the Ohio turnpike. It will be \$62.00 per night plus tax, plus bed tax, it does not include breakfast. There will be a pool party Friday night. A tentative contract was given to Megan Etzel, Chuck looked it over and asked her to go back to Holiday Inn for some tweaking. It will probably be under \$30.00 per person not sure yet. It will be a sit down dinner with beef, chicken or fish selection. Also looking at mini-fun convention at the regional banquet. More to come later.

Corvette Cleveland is still waiting for their award. Alan will attend one of their meetings to present the award.

Mid – Ohio Recap: GM had a large tent with numerous cars on display. They had parade laps for some of the Corvettes. They were allowed to run about 35 to 45 mph. Aurel worked Saturday only but it seemed pretty busy. This was basically for the Corvette Museum and National Council was there to help man booths and help where needed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The revised 2006 proposed budget was presented next. It was changed to reflect \$25.00 per sanction fee instead of \$20.00 per sanction. It was a balanced budget with no subsidy needed from the general fund. There was some discussion as to should we charge 50 cents per person per event and drop the sanction fee. There were 5382 individual entrants for East Ohio regional events last year. This is actual East Ohio region entrants. The region will pay competition fund \$20.00 per regional event starting 2005, region had not been doing this. The discussion centered around pay as you go or pay at December meeting.

Rich Brooks made the comment that we put on events for entire region and even though people don't compete he thinks non-competitors should pay something. Chuck commented that clubs do pay something now. Rich asked what part of the \$2.00 goes to competition fund, Alan answered none. Rich said maybe we should raise to \$3.00 per person and put the additional in competition fund. Alan Moore agreed with this, there were no other comments

or discussion on this. There was some discussion to go back and calculate at 50 cents per person, and bring the \$25.00 figure back in October to vote on. Discussion was held and decided October was too late to vote on this. Most governors preferred to pay in December anyway. After much discussion it was decided to increase the sanction fee.

Gail Moore asked if a decision had been made on whether top 5 would get jacket or jacket and shirt. It had been decided at the last meeting they would get both. The meeting minutes pulled out and this was verified.

Rich Brooks made a motion to increase the sanction fees from \$20.00 to \$25.00 for 2006 season. (This will be collected at December meeting) Elaine Heretta seconded, motion passed with 1 nay.

Elaine Heretta made a motion to accept the proposed 2006 budget as presented, seconded by DeVaughn Rader, motion passed.

THERE IS A MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR OCTOBER, THE DATE IS CHANGED FROM OCTOBER 1, TO OCTOBER 8, 2005.

Chuck stated we need to look at MVP process for next year. Presently done on 16 competition events and must attend at least 2 of each category, concourse, speed and rally (car shows are not included). The problem is the more events you go to the greater the probability you have a less chance to win the award. This can favor the person who wants to do a short season. He thinks we need to adjust the program on how to give out the MVP award. It needs to be more balanced. Chuck will get information out on how other regions handle MVP.

Rich stated since we are discussing awards again, maybe Alan needs to get some people together as a committee and look at revamping things before the next meeting. They should put this out early for the governors to look at. Alan said they would not be able to do anything with regional points and regional standings because of NCCC rulebook. The rulebook says any entrant earning 200 points is to get an award. They are thinking instead of having a Champ Series event having a concourse award, speed award and rally award.

Alan does not have much free time and would not be able to do this during the competition season.

Elaine asked when the Championship Series was conceived what was the award structure. Chuck stated the points structure then was much smaller.

Nomination of officers were next: There are four officer positions open for election: Regional Executive, Regional Competition Director, Regional Membership Director and East Ohio Championship Series Director. There are three appointed positions, point's keeper, webmaster, and secretary treasurer.

Before nominations started Chuck stated that all year he hears comments about not liking what this person is doing or how things are being handled or how they do things. But in the last four years nothing has changed at the head table except for Championship Series director. No one wants to run but all like to complain. The last time we had a contested race was 3 years ago. It gets disheartening when you continually hear this isn't being done right or that isn't being done right. But when asked if they would like to do it they all say "NO" you go ahead and handle it. No one at the front table gets paid to do this job they are all doing it to the best of the ability and knowledge. Chuck told the governors to go back to their clubs and tell their members that if they are not part of the solution they are part of the problem and the solution is activity. He has no problem with constructive criticism, but to continually criticize how a job is being done or who is doing it and not be willing to volunteer to try and do that position is totally wrong.

Nominations opened for Regional Membership Director: Chuck nominated Aurel Ouellette, Aurel accepted, seconded by Elaine Heretta. No other nominations for RMD at this time

Nominations opened for East Ohio Championship Series Director: Rich Brooks nominated Bob Thomsen, Bob accepted, seconded by Elaine Heretta. No other nominations for EOCS at this time.

Nominations opened for Regional Competition Director: Diana Fultz nominated Alan Moore, he declined. She asked Warren Obert if he was interested, he declined. Bill Wood asked Bob Thomsen if he was interested Bob declined. Alan Moore nominated John Taube, he was not there to answer, Alan will check with him. Diana Fultz seconded. No other nominations for RCD at this time.

Nominations opened for Regional Executive: Aurel nominated Chuck Heretta, Chuck tentatively accepted. Diana Fultz seconded.

All nominees have till September 8, 2005 to withdraw their names from the ballot. Any interested parties who would like to run for office have until September 23, to put their name on the ballot.

Mail in ballots will be allowed if governor or representative cannot attend the October 8, 2005 meeting. You will be notified if names are added to or removed from the ballot.

#### ROUND TABLE:

Bob Thomsen made a motion for the position of "Chief of Timing" to be an appointed position by the Regional Executive. Thereby if anyone else is interested in the position it will be open to them. Rich Brooks seconded. Motion carried. It is better if you are not a racer to do this position but that is not to say you couldn't do it if you wanted to.

Rich Brooks handed out a non-sanctioned car show flyer for July 23, 2005. All proceeds will go to American Cancer Society in the name of Dick Downs and Vaughn Austin two region members who passed away this year.

Diana Fultz thanked everyone for getting the word out about Dick Downs.

Warren said that Corvette Cleveland club members felt because the regional winner trophy wasn't ordered, it was just passed over, and also the fact that Tiretown was number one in the nation was not mentioned passed over their accomplishments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectively submitted

Mickey Ouellette  
Secretary/Treasurer