

**MINUTES**

**EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING**

**Held March 4, 2017 at Comfort Inn, Wadsworth, Ohio**

**Regional Executive:** Terry Muich

**Regional Competition Director:** Albert Flanhofer

**Regional Membership Director:** Cheryl Getzy

**Regional Secretary:** Ryki Woods

**Regional Treasurer:** Peggy Stephens

**Attendees:**

Corvette Cleveland Inc. - Albert Flanhofer

Buckeye Corvettes, Inc. - Barb Kukasky

Mid-Ohio Corvette Club, Inc. - Dan Gallagher

Mahoning Valley Corvettes - Glenn Stevens

Mound City Corvette Club - David T. Brennan

Tiretown Corvette Club - Peggy Quine

Lake Shore Corvettes, Inc. - Richard Keller

North East Ohio Vette Club - TR Aldrich

Fun Center Corvette Club, Inc. - Mickey Ouellette

Medina Corvette Club - Richard L. Brooks

Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc. - Charles R. Stephens

Competition Corvette Association, Inc. - Fred Dugach

**Guests**

Fred DeGordon

Roger Flading

Michael J. Getzy

Doug Lawrentz

Carol Engel

Jackie Stoutenburgh

Ken Okeson

Warren Obert

The meeting was called to order by RE Terry Muich at 9:30 am.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Stephens.

Terry mentioned the passing of Jim Ripley and asked for a moment of silence.

Terry welcomed everyone and asked the officers and Governors to introduce themselves. There were 12 Governors present.

The officers were asked to reconfirm Ryki Woods as Secretary for this year, an appointed office. She was confirmed.

Terry announced that there will be a presentation for the Governors after the meeting regarding using the internet, the website, etc.

The minutes from the previous meeting were mentioned. Peggy Quine pointed out that Tiretown is one word. A motion was made by Fred Dugach, seconded by Chuck Stephens and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as corrected.

### **RMD - Cheryl Getzy**

There are 1,172 members in the Region and a total of 17,614 members in National, with a total of 250 clubs. Cheryl mentioned that this number will usually decline during the season. A couple of clubs were lost and a couple were also gained. There is a list from our Region of all Lifetime Members and their new cards will be mailed out, probably next week.

FCOA is going well, we have in our Region, 156 kids and 5 of them are new, we lost three 16 year olds because of age, but they can still be Youth Members and when they are 18 they can be full members. Corvette Cleveland has the most FCOA members, they have 38 members.

Regarding the membership cards, Cheryl asked if everyone had received their cards. They originally came out and said they were going to be 5 year membership cards, but they are going to extend that. They do not know how long or exactly how this is going to be done. They will be sending out the labels to the RMDs who will give them to the Governors, who will distribute them to the members. They are trying to work out that if you are a high speed racer, somehow that is indicated on the label, even though that will already be in the system. The high speed license is going away next year. They are still looking for Friends helping Friends and Family Members, but more are still needed. They only have slightly over 100 members for all 17,000 total members. The question was asked that since there is no year on the membership card, how will we know if the membership is current. Cheryl stated that you will get a new sticker for the back of the card with the date on it. Possibly laminating the cards was discussed. This will be a big savings to National by not issuing new cards every year. Cheryl stated that part of the problem is not knowing if everyone at the events has renewed, unless you have the roster,

etc. This matter is under discussion. Terry Muich pointed out that this is the reason why we do so many checks and double checks regarding events, participation and results. The chairs are supposed to check, then the Governor, then the RCD. It was pointed out that any non-member can participate in the various events, they just do it for the fun of it, and won't get any points. Cheryl asked if everyone is receiving their Blue Bars on time. Elaine Heretta has asked that we remind our "snow birds" to let their Governor know when they go south and check soft copy, so they get them electronically. Otherwise they are mailed and they will not forward magazines and we are charged for the return. Cheryl asked everyone to please remember to keep the members addresses, phone numbers and emails current and up to date. Everyone in the Region should be receiving the email from Dave Heinemann, the President of NCCC. Cheryl does get information from Walt Jenkins, the IT person about whose emails "kick back" and she does try to let the Governors know and she needs the Governors to address it. It could be just a keystroke error, but it does need to be addressed. Cheryl says this is getting much better.

Rich Brooks asked about Youth Members, can they compete in events? Cheryl said they can be part of a rally. They can be a Youth Member up to the age of 26. Rich asked if they can compete in speed events, and Cheryl said as far as she knows, but referred this to Al Flanhofer, the RCD. Terry Muich stated that we will find out and get everyone an answer. When Al gets the answer, it will be copied to all the Governors. Terry Muich also pointed that at the National Meeting they pointed out to make sure information for the FCOA members (address, etc.) is correct. Terry pointed that you can go to the USPS website and find out if the information is correct. It was suggested that the Governors go on this website, especially for the FCOA and make sure the information is correct and current. This can be done for all members. Terry suggested the Governors check or ask their members to review the information.

### **Treasurer - Peggy Stephens**

Terry referred to the current Treasurer's Report and asked if everyone had seen and reviewed it. No changes or questions were brought up. Terry asked if we need Peggy to read or explain the report. Chuck Stephens made a motion that we accept the Treasurer's Report as presented to us, Rich Brooks seconded, motion passed.

Rich Brooks asked if we could somehow put on the agenda for next year, revisiting the Jeanne Kutty fund if we have enough money in the treasury. Terry stated that this can be done at any time. If anyone has anything they want to add or subtract, all they have to do is ask or bring them up to be put in the Standing Rules. Anything can be changed in the Standing Rules at any meeting with a majority vote. Terry asked Rich if he wanted to do some research or put it in. Rich just stated that he was just wondering if it could be reinstated. Terry also said that if we want to change a By-Law, it would have to be in by this meeting, so it could be reviewed at the next meeting and then voted on at the third meeting. Al Flanhofer pointed out that the Jeanne Kutty fund was in the Standing Rules. Terry said he had asked Mickey Ouellette to review the Standing Rules for him. Therefore, the Jeanne Kutty fund will be revisited after the income from the new head tax.

## **RCD - Al Flanhofer**

Al answered Rich Brooks previous question by saying that the rules state “all drivers must be at least 16 years old and have a valid drivers license to participate.” The only thing they can’t do is the high speed events, you must be 18 for high speed.

Al talked about the National meeting in St. Louis. Friday night he went to the RCD meeting. He said it was a short meeting as Dale Samuelson is in the second year of his second term so Al doesn’t think much will change. They did announce that they are looking for a nomination for someone to replace him. All 2016 points are final. Regarding the high speed license, which were the little cards which Al can write out and give to people, he still has a little stack of them, but when they are gone, they are gone as it is all electronic now, they are not printing out anything now. There is a screen that all the RCDs can go to and put a date in (car number, class, and high speed expiration date). Al has been populating those fields. Fred will use the online registration for events. As Cheryl mentioned, if Al puts in a date for a high speed expiration, when you get your renewal sticker, it will also have an R if you are a racer and the date when it expires.

Al got the 2016 reimbursement check for the 200 club members. We got \$1,184 for our Region. It was mentioned that the 200 club had been established in about 1980 and it hasn’t changed since then and since more sanctions have been added, there was talk about upping the number of points to a higher number, but no action was taken on that. Chuck Stephens commented that this has been brought up for the last five years and no action has yet been taken.

Al mentioned that even though we don’t do drag racing in our Region, some areas do, and just like we have trouble finding autocross locations, they are having trouble finding ¼ mile tracks, so they are talking about 1/8 mile drags. They researched this and various indexes were discussed. The end result was that they will be using 64% to set the 1/8 mile indexes. There will be two record drags held this year, one on May 28<sup>th</sup> and one on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The rule book has been updated, it is all one big PDF file, so you can open the entire rule book and search it. Previously, you had to open it chapter by chapter in separate windows.

For anyone who wants to get a high speed driving license, there is going to be a class put on by the East Region at the Pocono Race Track on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, which is the same week as the NCM Bash. Another area discussed was the 2017 and 2018 Grand Sports being put in N Class with the C7 Z06 and C6 ZR1 cars. The Grand Sports have the same body, but a distinct disadvantage in horsepower. Al says that the Grand Sports are holding their own against the other cars. Cheryl asked if it should go by the wheel size and brakes, not horsepower. Al said there are some regions where there are some long straightaways where it could come into play.

Regarding high speed licenses, Al has gotten a few requests for them and what the rule book says about getting a high speed license is that in the last 18 months you have to

have competed in at least 10 autocrosses over three different weekends. In other words, you can't come out and do 14 in one weekend and get your license. Al then mentioned if anyone is going to Convention and they want a high speed license and they don't have one, we have four events before Convention. Corvette Cleveland has one, Kanawha Valley is having one and Competition is having two days.

Worker awards like those being given away tonight are more or less a tradition, there is nothing in the Standing Rules or By-Laws saying we have to give them, they are more or less an incentive and a way to get more people involved. This program was started by Alan Moore and Peggy Quine thought it was in the Standing Rules or By-Laws at one time, but somehow got taken out. Al mentioned that what has been done in the past, is if any worker works 15 or more events, they are given a worker award. It was suggested possibly raising the qualification from 15 to 20 events. Peggy Quine made a motion to raise the qualification from 15 to 20 sanctioned events to be in consideration for a workers award. Terry Muich asked for comments. Chuck Stephens asked if the Governors should take this back to their clubs since this directly affects the people who do a lot of the work. Roger Flading pointed out that this may discourage workers. Rich Brooks asked what we have to do to add this to the Standing Rules. Terry pointed out that nowhere does it spell out what awards have to be given other than Hall of Fame Award, the RE award and the MVP award. The only thing National says is that they will reimburse us a check depending on how many people hit 200 points to go towards trophies. What Terry brought up in December, and it was approved, is that once we get a proper listing of what awards we are giving out, he will get with Mickey and get these put into the Standing Rules, so there will be point of reference. It was pointed out that our workers are one of our most valuable assets, keeping the events running. Therefore, Terry said to take it back to the clubs and at the next meeting it will be decided. Al pointed out that it is nice, at speed events, to be able to just race and not have to work, so if this will discourage workers, we should leave things as is. Terry's thoughts were that the worker awards and 200 points awards were put in place to get people involved, and now that it is working, people are complaining about the number of people in this category. It will be put in Standing Rules for clarity once the list is completed. The nice thing about the Standing Rules is that at any meeting, a quorum of Governors can change the Standing Rules.

Fred Dugach asked for clarification between the Standing Rules and By-Laws. Terry Muich stated that the By-Laws are exactly what you HAVE to do. The Standing Rules are basically guidelines (although they still have to be followed). For a By-Law, you have to go through a By-Law change, it has to be submitted in writing, read, go through the By-Law Committee and then voted on at the last meeting. A Standing Rule can be changed with a quorum at any time at any meeting. Rich Brooks asked if we change the By-Laws, do we have to notify National. The answer is no, the only thing National cares about is that our By-Laws do not conflict with theirs. The question was then asked if the proposal is to raise the requirement from 15 to 20 events. Peggy Quine pointed out that since Fred expressed concern that this might discourage workers, she withdrew her motion and it was decided to let things remain as they are for now.

Al Flanhofer pointed out per the Standing Rules, at this meeting he has to outline the requirements for the MVP award. They will be the same as last year. To be considered for the MVP you have to participate in 65% of all the sanctioned events we hold. We are having 1 concours, so that 1 concours is required and you must do 65% of the car shows, autocrosses and rallies and you must be a chairperson. Then at the end of the year the total points will be divided by the number of events participated in and the highest number will be the MVP, This is all in the Standing Rules, but Al is required to announce this information. This year we have 94 PC car shows, so you will have to do at least 61 of them; 6 rallies, so you must do at least 4 of them; and 35 low speed events so you have to do at least 23 of them. Terry requested that Al put this in an email to the Governors for them to present to the clubs. Al also talked about things going more and more to electronic data bases. For instance, in some of the Regions they assign you a car number based on your finish the previous year. It was felt that this would be somewhat confusing since we could have two #1 (men and women), two #2, etc. Fred Dugach pointed out that what prompted that was the whole online registration process because it doesn't allow duplicate numbers. Fred has created a data base and used this as the default rather than using old information. Al said Fred had printed him out all the car numbers from the timing software we have used for the last two years and he is updating the new data base.

Regarding autocrossing, Al was thinking that at every autocross there should be a workers meeting and the chairs should conduct it for each event to teach the workers what to do if there are new workers, and another chair could make a list for each worker's schedule. Also, since we run our autocross events one at a time, resetting after each event, there should be a schedule made up for the workers, so they are not stuck doing the same job for the whole day. Cheryl pointed out that what they have done at their speed events, they have someone who is in charge of the workers and their job is to go around and check on the workers to see if they have had a break, do they need water, do they need out of the sun because they had some problems at one of the events, because some workers were stuck at the same spot all day. So what Terry suggests, since we have chairs and co-chairs for all events, there are enough people that one or two of them can take care of this type of responsibility. The better we do with helping the workers, the more workers we will get and the smoother things will run. Al suggested carefully planning where the workers will be placed or perhaps not allowing chairs for the workers, but it was not felt that we can do this, because if no chairs are allowed, we may lose a lot of workers. Terry pointed out that at the drivers meeting we just have to be more aware of where people are set up. This can be planned as people are walking the track. Mike Getzy said they pointed this out at National last year and they were not really interested. Al said that anyone who wants to start autocrossing early, on April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> there will be 14 events in South Bend, Indiana. Then there will be three other 14 event weekends one at the Museum track on April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, one at Indianapolis and another one at Champaign, Illinois.

Chuck Stephens mentioned that there are people in their club who would like to see in the Blue Bars drag results, what kind of car (C3, C5, etc). All it has is the group number, the time and the person's name. Rich Brooks mentioned that since the rallies and concours are all at Medina, two of the flyers are already out. The concours is going to be limited to

the number of cars that fit indoors because the cars have to be judged under the same conditions. When the limit is reached, that will be it. Rich is hoping they can fit 50 cars inside. If he gets 50 advance registrations, he will have to figure out what to do with 50 cars. The last rally of the season in October also has a limit as they have a private party room with limited capacity and that will be limited to 40 cars. Normally, they don't have that many cars, but it will have to be noted. Terry asked if you can register on line, but Rich said no, you have to mail it in. He has one question for AI, National is always concerned with safety and so on, and we have had concerns about canopies, etc., but he would like to know what is the policy on concealed carry. Should there be something in our By-Laws or at a National level about concealed carry at events. This is a State law in Ohio, and Terry pointed out that to get a permit you have to know how to handle the weapon, etc. Terry asked if we should address this now. Do we want to say that we don't allow firearms at an East Ohio Region event? Terry pointed out that there was a request made by a Governor, so we have 1,172 members, so the Governors need to take it back to their clubs and do we want to address this problem and if so, what are their suggestions and bring it back to the next meeting. If we see a problem, fine. There is nothing in the insurance regarding this. Roger Flading pointed out that you must go through a course, background check etc. Terry stated that a Governor brought it up, take it back to your clubs and take it from there.

Fred Dugach said, just a note on the timing system, they have been working with Dale Samuelson and Walt Jenkins and V Tech, which is the software from AxWare. It is all up to date and running great and thanks to hard work from Peggy and a few others, V Tech now understands the rules that we are abiding by, we changed it, it actually comes out with the right points. This will be the first year that we will be able to make all the points work right out of the box. The other good news is that if we get a printer, we can actually print results right there at the track. Possibly we could borrow a nice big screen and be able to display the points. Going along with that is the online registration. He has it on their website for their events on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of July and you don't have to pay up front, but you need to register on line. They can collect the money the day of the autocross, but registering on line will greatly speed up the process and he highly encourages everyone to do that.

Terry Muich said he wanted to give kudos to Fred because once he got into this system, he found a lot of bugs and they have been emailing back & forth, and when they got in contact with National, National was unaware of some of these things. As a side, Terry pointed that when you go to National meetings, you find out more information at the hospitality room than you do at sitting in at some of the meetings. Just like Fred was having problems with Walt Jenkins, the IT guy, he finally met with Walt and the last time on the way back from National, Walt contacted Fred and wants him to set up a web video. Walt gave us kudos because we are doing the online registration. Right now we are leading National on how to utilize the software for the data base.

### **Committee Reports**

Before going through the committee reports, we have to go through and confirm all the

people on the committees.

Hall of Fame - Mickey Ouellette Chairperson, RE, Mark Thurin and Warren Obert Mark was not present, but Roger Flading had talked with him and he did not say he did not want to be on the committee. The above four persons were approved. Since there are four people, the RE will act as tiebreaker.

Budget/Finance - Peggy Stephens (Treasurer) Chairperson, RE, Dan Gallagher and Al Flanhofer. The above four persons were approved.

Banquet Advisory Committee - RE is chairperson, Ron Sommer and TR Aldrich. Ron probably will not do it. Chuck Stephens volunteered. These three persons were confirmed.

By-Law Committee - RE is chairperson, Dan Gallagher, and Mickey Ouellette. These three persons were confirmed.

### **Hall of Fame - Mickey Ouellette**

Nothing to report. Bringing the ballots to the December meeting is working well, because the last two years we have had 13 ballots turned in. Terry thanked Mickey for her hard work and attention to detail. She has also been updating the Standing Rules and By-Laws for us.

### **Banquet (2018) - Joyce Ciach**

Joyce had sent all the Governors a comment sheet along with a grid listing all the places she has looked at. She didn't hear anything back that they wanted her to look anywhere else, so she is assuming it is up to her since she has heard nothing different. Joyce stated that she was glad that we had the opportunity to come to this facility this year and check it out and she feels that we can all agree that it is a really nice place, very clean and easily accessible to most members. She has heard that the food is excellent. Therefore, this venue (Comfort Inn/Galaxy) was one of her top picks. The other venue she liked was the Holiday Inn in Strongsville. The lady there really wants our business and has been contacting Joyce every week. She has dropped the price on the room, originally they wanted \$99 now they have dropped it to \$95 and she has dropped the F2 license requirement which was our biggest sticking point. She has removed that now, as we don't sell the liquor. She also worked out a really nice menu, since their taxes are a little higher, and the service fee is higher. Joyce showed her what we are paying here for a complete meal and they have agreed to match that price for 2018. She has guaranteed that all rooms will have refrigerators, we can bring in our own food (discreetly), they are giving us a private room for the Governors meeting and it is larger than here, we will have our own hospitality room and we will have our own banquet room. Therefore, Joyce is leaning towards this venue. Al and Terry met with Joyce to look things over and they feel it is a good choice. There is no charge for a bartender. She is providing door prizes, including a gift certificate to Shula's Steakhouse and several certificates for a stay at a Holiday Inn of your choice. Also, as there is no dessert included with our meal, she

said that as long as we bring in store bought desserts, not homemade, we can bring it in and they will serve it. We can also bring in our own adult beverages into the hospitality room. Terry Muich said that the only downside he could see is that the rooms are older rooms and slightly smaller, but they are clean. Joyce also asked about participation from clubs farther away and if the central location of this Holiday Inn would benefit them. The feeling is that it would draw members from these particular clubs since it is right off the turnpike. Joyce would like to put some information in the other clubs' newsletters to make sure that it is clear that EVERYONE is invited, not just those getting awards. This was agreed upon by the Governors. Joyce then passed out a revised grid with the new pricing.

Rich pointed out that the Ohio Chevelle Club does a show there every year and has been very happy with the services. Terry asked if everyone was good with Joyce going ahead and finalizing the 2018 (2017) banquet. All were in favor. Peggy asked Joyce to send out the new sheet electronically to all the Governors.

### **Budget/Finance**

No report at this time.

### **By-Law Changes**

None. Terry pointed out to the Governors that if at any time any of their members come up with something they would like to have changed, just put it in writing and email it to him and he will get it to the By-Law Committee.

### **Old Business**

#### **Track X**

Dan Gallagher spoke on Track X. September 15<sup>th</sup> is the track tour and September 16<sup>th</sup> is for the sanctioned events. The flyer has been sent to all Governors for the track touring day. At the last meeting, the Governors voted to have a free day for East Ohio Region members only. Dan pointed out that this would be a good time to recruit people who might not be members to join so that they can avail themselves of this day. No one can do the track tour unless they are an East Ohio Region member. A club member had gotten in touch with Dan about some friends from Indiana and said they want to go, Dan told them to have them join the club. This will increase membership, increase dues and NCCC membership. We want to have the free day for the acre the Region purchased a few years ago and this is something we can promote to possibly add membership.

There are rooms blocked for that weekend. Initially we had 40 blocked rooms and 22 have already been reserved. Dan talked with the hotel and as long as we are still some time out, we can increase the number of blocked rooms, but it would be to our advantage to have people start reserving the rooms. The flyer has not yet been made for the sanctioned events on Saturday. Once that goes out, the information for the hotel will be there as well and anyone who is an NCCC member from anywhere in the country can get that special rate. The hotel is the Hampton Inn and it is posted on the website and you can register very easily on the EOR website. The track tour is for any vehicle, it does not

have to be a Corvette. We are following the track rules, not NCCC rules. Metal cars and convertibles are allowed and no helmets or roll bars are required. Terry briefly explained the track touring, advising that we set up different groups, for instance, slower cars will be in one group and those who want to go fast can go in another group. It will be from 8 am to 5 pm, with a one hour break at noon. Terry stressed that this is a reward for the East Ohio Region members who contributed the money for the track. Be sure to bring your card as proof of your membership. He also pointed out that the cost for the track is usually \$45, so this is a good incentive to push for membership. Joining at the track was discussed. Fred pointed out that we could possibly register on line, he is working on that.

Regarding Saturday's events. There are volunteers to put on the low speed event on the skid pad. There will be 7 low speed events. Fred needs someone to volunteer to put on the other 7 events (shows, rallies, etc.). Terry mentioned that if all people want to do is low speed events, maybe we could put in the extra 7 events (perhaps low speed) during the year. The thought was that we should give people options, i.e. car shows, low speed, etc. Chuck Stephens asked if we know how many people will be there Friday. The answer is no, they haven't yet put the flyer out. Whichever club decides to put on the events will be responsible for those events (registration, etc.) Fred will help with the on line registration. These events will be open to anyone who is an NCCC member. The parking lot next to the skid pad can be used for the additional events. Terry's thoughts were that car shows are fairly easy and give those who are not really racers a choice and a reason to stay or come on Saturday. Chuck Stephens said he and Peggy will head up the car show. The car show will be all 7 events. Corvette Cleveland will help with the car shows. Chuck asked about having a raffle or 50/50 on the track day at that time and say that at 5:00 we will give away the 50/50. We will need volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets. He said the people interested in racing will be coordinating the speed events for Saturday. Chuck said they will sell tickets as people are registering for the car show. Terry asked anyone else who wants to get involved contact him, Chuck Stephens or Al Flanhofer and coordinate help and get a list of what is being done and the sooner we get the flyers out, the better. Dan feels the low speed flyer can be ready by the end of the week. We may block more rooms if we get a few more people booking the ones we already have blocked. Terry said he had talked with several hotels that partner with the Museum and the Hampton was the only one that was serious in working with us, they even did the on line registration for us. The room rate is \$109 and cancellation policy is standard, you can cancel up to 24 hours before the date and there will be no charge. Terry also pointed out that you may find rooms at a cheaper rate, but be careful about their cancellation policy. Peggy asked if we were going to put out one flyer with everything on it and Terry said no, there will be separate flyers cross-referencing the other event. There will actually be 3 flyers, one being the track tour flyer, one for the low speed events and one for the car shows. We can do online registration for all three. It should be mentioned that you can mix and match, all speed events, all car shows or part speed and part car show, with a total of 7 events maximum. The cost will be \$10 per event or 7 events for \$50. Peggy will do the flyer for the car shows. Once we get the flyers out, Terry has to send the information to Legacy. Terry has in writing from the track that they will follow NCCC rules. Barb Kukasky questioned the cost of the car shows and they are \$10 per show or \$50 for all 7. This is a little higher than regular sanctioned events, however,

these are unique circumstances. Chuck Stephens questioned how to handle those who are doing different events. The answer is that this will be strictly pre-registration, no registration at the track. All we will need for the low speed events will be tech and for the car shows, drivers meetings. Fred mentioned you can do pre-registration online for any event.

Cheryl has tickets for the NCCC raffle, they are \$50 each and the money is raised for St. Jude. The winner gets a certificate valued at \$56,500 to order a car and if you want the cash, the prize is \$40,000. There are only 2,000 tickets being sold.

Joyce Ciach stopped back in and Lisa Snyder from Corvette Cleveland has dealt with the Holiday Inn before and we have gotten the price down to \$89 per night.

### **Veterans Memorial**

Fred DeGordon talked about the Ohio Western Reserve Cemetery and how he came up with the idea of putting a monument for the Corvette Clubs honoring Corvette owner veterans in the Memorial Garden. There are 33,000 graves at this cemetery, with our most recent being Jim Ripley who just passed away. Fred researched everything, got all the paperwork, got the regulations and talked with Lang Monuments. Fred was appointed as the representative of the East Ohio Region, had to fill out the paperwork with a letter of intent, why we wanted to do this and to pick out a location for the monument. He has picked out an area along the path. Lang Monuments is building the monument and the cost is \$7,000. They gave us a price of \$5,000. Matt from the cemetery cannot approve it because anything \$5,000 and over has to be approved by Washington. So, Fred had Lang rewrite a bill for \$4,999 and resubmitted it. Fred heard nothing back, so he got in touch with Congressman Jim Renacci and his aide Brian worked with him and later he got an email from Matt from the cemetery stating he will get back to Fred by the end of February. He called Matt and he had not heard anything, so Brian, Congressman Renacci's aide said he was going down there and find out what was going on. What has happened now is tonight at the Banquet, Congressman Renacci will come to our dinner and let us know it has been approved. It will take 4 months to build the monument and it will be laser etched and powdered coated. It will be insured for face value. Fred asked for respect for Congressman Renacci at our dinner. Also, the only date Fred could find available was October 14<sup>th</sup>. He will have a retired major from their club, himself, an active Catholic priest and Congressman Renacci will be there for the dedication. He promised he would have 200 Corvettes at the dedication. Congressman Renacci also said he will put in the paperwork to get 2 Chinooks to fly over. If we have enough money, Fred would also like to have a bugler, a 21-gun salute and bagpipes. Fred has another call in to Progressive Chevrolet to see if we can round up the general or regional manager of General Motors to get the dealerships together where we attend car shows and have them put together a reception for us. We are estimating 200 to 400 people. If there is any money left, Fred would like to have a project next year at the Vietnam Memorial in Port Clinton, Ohio, and Fred would like to put a bench there with a Corvette on it and Congressman Renacci's aide Brian said we can do it.

Terry checked with Peggy and she said she has money from Kanawha Valley, Mid Ohio,

Corvette Cleveland, Lake Shore Corvettes, Buckeye, CCA, NEOVC, Mound City and Corvette Canton with a total of \$4,770 as of today so, we are short \$229. Corvette Cleveland gave all individual donations. Terry said that his club voted to give a club donation. There are approximately 400 veterans in the East Ohio Region. Fred suggested that if anyone has not seen this cemetery, they take a drive it is worth the trip. He will get the address to Terry and he will send it out to the Governors. After checking, Peggy determined there is \$5,270 in the fund, so we do have a surplus. Terry said he has asked Congressman Renaci not to speak about politics and he will comply with that. The 50/50 raffle was brought up, however this is designated for the Hall of Fame. It was suggested that we ask for more donations at the banquet tonight. Fred thanked everyone for their donations.

Terry asked Mickey to research the Jeanne Kutty fund and the Special Purpose Fund. Basically Chuck Heretta passed it, she thought it was for \$250 and it was supposed to go for a teacher scholarship for East Ohio Region and then open up to others. As the costs went up, the amount went up to \$1,000. Terry will forward this to the Governors.

The Special Purpose Fund stems from an incident sometime prior to 1986 where someone absconded with funds, was caught and the fund was set up for a payment schedule to pay it back. There is now \$885.04 in the Special Purpose Fund. This money has all now been paid back, so Terry would like to entertain a motion to take this money from the Special Purpose Fund and put it back in the General Fund unless someone has any other place to put the funds. The question was brought up about putting it in the Jeanne Kutty fund. Chuck Stephens said we should get all our other finances in order and perhaps at a later date we can revisit that. Terry said we could possibly do this in March after we receive the new head tax and if we want to start it up again, we can. However, Terry wants to earmark a way to raise money to fund this item, he wants something in writing on how to finance it. Rick asked where the money came from originally. Mickey stated that over the years part of it was used to finance getting the Convention ready for 1997 and the money made from that Convention was designated to use for later on. A portion of that money also was used for the track fund money. It was over \$20,000 at one time. So Terry said, it was basically tapped as a slush fund to be used for General Fund purposes and Mickey agreed. It couldn't be put in the General Fund originally because it had to be tracked until it was all paid back. Terry said, then after it was all paid back it was used as General Fund money and Mickey said yes. Therefore, per Terry, the only thing we are asking for now is to take out the Special Purpose Fund and put it back in the General Fund to "clean up" our Treasurer's Report. It originally came out of the General Fund. Originally, the Region bought a Corvette and raffled it off, and this person kept the money. Therefore, they had to repay it. It is in the Standing Rules. Chuck Stephens made a motion that the funds be taken out of the Special Purpose Fund and put into the General Fund, Rich Brooks second, motion passed.

Fred Dugach has not yet bought the label printer.

Terry has not heard anything from the Chosen Few Club.

## **RE Report - Terry Muich**

Terry mentioned emails from someone regarding National and the Kidney Fund. Dave Heinemann has requested an attorney to ask him to cease and desist. This person is apparently a “professional troublemaker”. If this comes up again, they will hire a lawyer and go after this person legally.

Terry mentioned again about checking USPS to make sure all addresses are correct. If anyone needs any further information, contact Terry.

Richard Yanko had a recent heart attack. His name is no longer associated with the Convention.

Regarding the Jeanne Kutty fund, National sent us a thank you letter from the NCCC Charity Scholarship Committee, which Terry read. He again stressed that the only reason he had brought up this fund was to clarify in writing how this amount is funded.

Terry said he had been asking all the Governors for their proxies when he goes to National meetings. It is in the By-Laws that to be in good standing, a club has to be represented at a minimum three meetings per year Nationally. A proxy qualifies as representation. Terry now finds out that no one wants to enforce this for fear some of the RMDs will drop out. So National is working on finding out how we go about enforcing that By-Law, what to do and when to do it. Terry talked about how things have changed regarding how the East Ohio Region is accepted Nationally. Apparently, we are back in their good graces. Terry feels that these meetings are a great source for information regarding the other Regions, etc. Therefore, he would like to see more Governors go. There are meetings Friday night and the Governors meeting on Saturday and the whole weekend is spent discussing issues. Terry highly encourages all the Governors to go to these meetings.

The FAQs on the National website regarding insurance are changing. You can go on it, it is being changed weekly regarding what is happening with the insurance, but basically it is the way it has always been. What Terry has been doing, he has a direct email for Tim at Legacy Insurance and if you have any questions regarding insurance, email Tim rather than going through the National site. There was a question brought up by Barb that if they have a social, or all get together for breakfast, and then caravan to a parade, do they need two separate waivers and the answer is yes. This is just liability insurance.

Therefore, if you have any questions regarding insurance, contact Terry and he will either contact Tim or put you in touch with him.

The Business Manager position for NCCC is up this year, as well as Sergeant of Arms.

At the time of the meeting, there were only three newsletters which were submitted for the contest. There is also a website contest. The rules, etc. are on the NCCC website.

Terry asked the Governors to check with their members and see if they did not receive the Ecklers calendar for 2017, contact Terry and he can pick them up. Barb Kukasky questioned how these were generated, by address or email. Terry said the data base has both and your phone number. These are all on the NCCC data base.

Regarding the St. Jude charity, the turnover for the last car was quick. They generated \$7,400 and turned it over to St. Jude for 2016. They are now working on the 2017 raffle tickets. If everyone got Dave Heinemann's email, there was a breakdown on how much money was generated.

### **Old Business**

Regarding the noise complaint on the track at the Museum, everyone has been handled except one person. They think there was supposed to be a conclusion as of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was felt that the home owners had ample time to understand what was being built, etc.

Regarding the IRS and the National Kidney Foundation, somebody won a Corvette (Terry is not sure which year) and they said they did all their paperwork properly, but the IRS decided that that person who won it was an employee of NCCC and they started to treat it like an employee. They have gone back and forth about this. Right now they have everything and the IRS is basically not giving them an answer. NCCC is saying they have answered all their questions and what is the determination. At this time there is \$6,000 still being held in the Charity Account for the Kidney Foundation until this is cleared. Once that is cleared, they have to see what they have to do with it and if they don't have to touch it it will be given to the Kidney Foundation.

Legacy Insurance kept the same cost this year to National for insurance, they did not increase it.

The printer for Blue Bars dropped their cost from \$85,000 to \$60,000. They worked on getting it down so it is not so bulky and will get less damaged in the mail. Dave Heinemann finally looked at it and questioned the amount and found out that no one had ever gotten bids for this and the outcome was that they dropped the cost \$25,000. The new budget for distribution is \$21,000, down from \$36,000. A lot of that was attributed to Blue Bars being on line. They quit mailing the pins out. The new budget actually shows \$17,000 in the black for 2017.

The 2018 Convention will be in New Orleans and things are on track and any information for that will be on the National Site. The 2019 Convention is proposed for Denver, Colorado.

Fred Dugach mentioned the online data base, if anyone has problems with it, they are working on a way to submit a failure request or problem request.

### **New Business**

Terry mentioned that regarding the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, Fred Dugach, Barb Kukasky and Cheryl Getzy will be gone and will not be here. Do we want to change the date? The only dates Terry sees open are May 27<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>. Terry stressed that this is just a suggestion to change, we can get proxies for those who will not be able to attend. This was discussed and it was decided to leave the date as is and get proxies.

This year the RE and the Treasurer will be elected for 2018/2019. Basically we need nominations closed by the May meeting, which is why Terry brought it up. The nominations will be in May and voted on at the third meeting. Nominations for RE and Treasurer will be closed at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Governors meeting. Chuck Stephens then asked if nominations are now open and Terry said they are. They just have to be closed by the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting so the Governors can take this information back to their clubs and they will be voted on at the next meeting in September. Chuck Stephens made a motion that the nominations be open for RE and Treasurer, Rich Brooks seconded. Mickey Ouellette found that it says that these nominations will be open annually and will close 15 days before the election. Therefore Terry asked if we can nominate on line or whatever and Mickey said we can nominate now, but you have 15 days before the third meeting when we vote (September 23<sup>rd</sup>). So, nominations will be closed September 8<sup>th</sup>. Terry's question is if someone comes up with someone they want to nominate, can they just email it to all the Governors and Mickey said yes, you can nominate any time. However, when the list is finalized, you have to let them know who is running and get the information to the clubs. Therefore, anytime from now until September 8<sup>th</sup> nominations will be open. As of September 8<sup>th</sup>, they will be closed, as per our rules. Therefore, nomination are open now until September 8<sup>th</sup> for RE and Treasurer. Al Flanhofer nominated Terry Muich for RE, Fred Dugach seconded. Peggy Quine nominated Peggy Stephens for Treasurer. If anyone wants to nominate anyone else, get the information to Terry and he will get it to the Governors.

Eric Flanhofer has taken over the website. It is still a work in progress. Mickey has pointed out some things. All the minutes from last year will be posted. Terry asked for any comments. Peggy had a question regarding the first comment on the first page, saying we have 900 members, that needs to be updated. So, Cheryl needs to send him an updated membership number. To keep Eric from being overwhelmed, if anyone has suggestions for the website, send them to Terry and he will get them to Eric.

Cheryl has a request, if anyone has old records of years that people joined NCCC, regardless of club in our Region, the oldest date that she has is 1970 and she knows that there are people that were in the clubs before that and we have no way of proving that. Such as newsletters, directories, etc. Peggy says she has directories. Cheryl said the biggest club she is having trouble with is Mid Ohio, because it went through several name changes over the years and some dates were lost. Terry mentioned that regarding the 25 year pins, Cheryl thought it would be really nice to recognize people who have been members even longer, however we really don't have any good records on this. Cheryl said she asked Walt Jenkins where in our NCCC network can she find dates that people joined and it is not there. Therefore, some of the dates that are in the data base are

not accurate. The suggestion was made to put emails out to the individual members to try to get this information. Terry can do a blanket email to all members of East Ohio Region to try to get the information.

### **Convention**

Terry asked how many people were trying to register for events and couldn't get in. Terry said that there were originally 40 spots open for the high speed and 44 for the low speed in the beginning. About a week later, they were already going to a waiting list (several of our members were mentioned). Terry made the suggestion that we are going to have our timing equipment down there approximately two weeks after Convention, and suggested that since Fred has the data base so good, maybe we could work something out and we would help with manpower and our equipment, after working out the details, we could help with low speed. We would help with tech and the low speed and since Terry has been dealing with the track, etc., some high speed could be run in the morning, with the low speed run on the skid pad. On the second day of the event, just switch. Roughly, this would increase the high speed by 70 and the low speed by 70. This would add approximately \$13,000 of income. He emailed this to Dave Heinemann and got no answer back from anyone. After two emails, he finally got a reaction back from Dave. However, they were not receptive at all and would not give us any reason whatsoever why they wouldn't even consider this. Since then they have bumped the numbers up to 100 people on the high speed and 130 on the low speed. The only answer Terry got back, was "have you ever put on a convention". Terry replied he doesn't want to put on a convention, that he was only offering manpower and equipment to help. Our data base and software are the best in National.

### **Round Table**

Corvette Cleveland, Al Flanhofer - Corvette Cleveland is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May.

Kanawha Valley, Chuck Stephens - The Longaberger events will be June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

North East Ohio Vette Club, TR Aldrich - Nothing to report.

Competition Corvettes, Fred Dugach - Their autocross is July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and the information is on line.

Fun Center Corvettes, Mickey Ouellette - Nothing to report.

Buckeye Corvettes, Barb Kukasky - Their first event is on line

Mid-Ohio Corvette, Dan Gallagher - Their events are listed on line. Don't forget about the training session for Competition after this meeting.

Tiretown Corvettes, Peggy Quine - They have a 6 PC Car Show on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Beef O'Brady's.

Mahoning Valley Corvettes, Glenn Stevens - They have 7 PC car shows on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and

they will be in parades on St. Patrick's Day and July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Lake Shore Corvettes, Richard Keller - They are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They are now a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Vermillion and the Vettemillion car show made the Top Ten in Cruisin Times.

Medina Corvettes, Rich Brooks - Nothing to report

Terry Muich asked how we can get more of our members involved. Barb Kukasky said the best approach is to stress the positive rather than the negative. Fred Dugach also suggested mentioning the charity events.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 pm

