

MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

May 22, 2004

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta, at 10:15 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,
Tim Paul, NEOVC, prxy Gov.
Chuck Heretta, Buckeye Corvette, RE, Gov.
Rich Brooks, Medina, prxy, Gov.
Bill Quine, Tiretown, Gov.

Bob Thomsen, Corvette Cleve, Gov
Emerson Royer Canton,, prxy Gov.
Diana Fultz, Competition Corv, Gov

Bill Quine made a motion to accept minutes as printed, Rich Brooks seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given, Bill Quine made a motion to accept treasurer's report, Bob Thomsen seconded, motion passed.

Hall of Fame Report: There are zero carryovers from last year. Nominations are needed, please start turning them in now.

Bill Quine asked how to get out of negative, Mickey said normally 50/50 raffle is done at the regional meeting. Bill Quine asked if anyone had an objection to doing 50/50 raffle at some of the events. There were no objections Chuck said we could possibly take the last rally of the season and donate it to Hall of Fame.

Championship Series Director: Bob Kirsch had to go out of town but left report with Chuck. Preliminary results were available. Some corrections need to be made but they only involve the first concours and first rally.

Bob has asked for everyone to remember to put License plate number, year and color of car on results for speed and concours. This does not matter for rally. Also do not put just the entrants first initial on results, please put the complete name. He does not know everyone's name and does not always get a complete NCCC number. He will post more results to the web site next week. He is also looking for ideas of changes and/or improvements next year for the East Ohio Championship Series. He would like to get started as soon as possible. If there is a strong desire to drastically change the Championship series he would chair a committee to get this going.

Mileage form is needed for Wash and Show, and Street and Show cars at concours.

Webmaster: Web has been moved to another provider, the cost for 2004 will be \$126.30, and budget proposal for 2005 can be \$126.00.

If you are having trouble opening flyers and have downloaded the latest version Adobe Acrobat, which is 6.0.1, if you hit the refresh button on the browser this will usually bring up the flyer then.

Contact Bob Kirsch via contact webmaster on browser, or via telephone if you are having problems.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Aurel Ouellette

Regional membership information, National and FCOA information were handed out. East Ohio membership is at 813, our goal for NCCC at year-end was projected for 960. The top club is Tiretown with 125 members.

NCCC May 7, meeting the national membership was 17,260 and 291 clubs. National's goal for this year is 20,000 members.

Meeting site bids for 2007-2009 are due to the RMD committee by November meeting 2004. The site proposals will be voted on at May 2005 meeting.

By-Laws changes were discussed, one that will be re-submitted to change renewal due date from December 15 to November 20. This does not necessarily mean club by-laws will change, unless your by-laws say when club dues are due. It will be brought up at convention meeting and voted on at next meeting. This would not go into effect until the end of 2005. Another change discussed was where national said primary and secondary members had to have same address. After some discussion it was decided it was not in the rules this way, so it was decided with the data base national has, the address do not have to be the same. What will be required is if the addresses and or last name do not match then the primary members number will be required on the application form so they can be matched up.

Officers up for election this year are, President, VP-Membership, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and PR Director.

Scholarship applications are on the NCCC website. The scholarship committee is looking at raising the scholarship amount from \$750.00 to \$1000.00.

Blue Bars articles due to Sylvia June 1, 2004. She is always looking for articles and pictures.

There will be no Duntov award presented this year.

Membership dues will increase by \$5.00 this year, new member dues will be \$35.00 and renewal will be \$25.00. Chuck asked if there would be a place to put the primary member number on the new application, Aurel responded they would Aurel was asked to see about requesting that be put on the form to make it easier for primary members to do this when address or last name does not match.

Membership is in process of redesigning 51% spread sheet, will be in EXCEL format and placed on website.

President of NCCC asked question of RMD, if a lifetime member resigns then in a year or two changes their mind, are they still a lifetime member or do they need to pay dues again. Region felt they were still a lifetime member just did not get Blue Bars or member package during the time they did not want to be member. RMD's thought they should pay an annual fee. No reason was given why the question was asked.

The Finance and Membership committees are looking at realigning regions. For each meeting it cost NCCC \$13,000 to reimburse officers, for approximately \$50,000.00 a year. One of the areas they immediately looked at was East Ohio and West Ohio and why was there two regions there. The region brought up this would place more of a burden on the RCD in active regions such as ours. Also in order to get all events in the season would have to start in March and possible February. For some East Ohio members that would mean less participation. Today most members can get to events and not have to spend the night. There was much discussion on this and Aurel told them to keep this in mind for the future depending on what NCCC decides to do.

As of May 5, 2004 FCOA has 1953 members, East Ohio region has 131 FCOA members. Pat Kelly has new patches and cards for the members she will start with the new members and as she gets enough she will send to the older members.

Aurel will have the NCCC traveling membership display at the following events: June 13, at Corsa, June 26, Lakeshore event and July 11, 2004 at Summit racing.

At this point suspended normal business and allowed Medina to present banquet bid for 2005 because Rich Brooks had to leave.

The hotel and restaurant are right off I76 and Route 94, you can see the hotel from the road, this is in Wadsworth. The hotel is a Holiday Inn Express, with 74 rooms. They have a complimentary deluxe breakfast. Small indoor pool and fitness center. The banquet would be in the Galaxy restaurant next door, (no direct connection). The hospitality room will cost \$100.00, the meeting room would also be \$100.00. Room rates would be \$59.00, \$69.00 and \$79.00. These are based on 50 room night reservations. Entertainment will be local crooner. Region asked

what cost per person would be. This is unknown at the time meals run from \$18.00 to \$28.00 for meal this does not include tax or gratuity. Buffet or sit down dinner has not been determined yet. Medina did not have a meal total or cost per person total at this time. Chuck will get with Rich and build a program. Cathy Dembrowski will chair this banquet event.

Dates are March 11 and 12, 2005. More to come later.

Charity and Grants Committee: Mickey reported NCCC treasurer wants a copy of charity committee "Article of Incorporation".

Six candidates were qualified for scholarship and will be announced at convention banquet.

NCCC will be a gold level sponsor for the transplant games this year. They will have a full-page advertisement in the booklet.

Scholarships may go to \$1000.00 next, still under discussion.

The NKF annual report has a profile of Patrick Dolan on page 16, will be reprinted in Blue Bars.

Patrick Dolan will try and get 2005 raffle tickets printed by mid-June so everyone can start selling for next year.

Dennis McCarthy, member of charity committee and heart transplant recipient, is not doing very well presently. He is starting to have reaction to the medication he is on.

REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Alan Moore

During the weekend of June 4, 5 and 6, 2004 Chevy will be doing test drives for the SSR and the new Corvette. It was at the IX center. (The email address was chevystestdrive.com)

The packet handed out contained a corrected set of results, they had a problem nationally with two sets of results being turned in. So the East Ohio region has set a new process and it is in your packet. You must still send a copy to Alan with 15 days after the event, he will make corrections to the results if needed. He will then send a copy to each governor of club that had participants at event. It will be the governor of the club that gets the results to get results to each club member at the event. This is an East Ohio region process only. The governor of the host club will be responsible to send results out to all the attendees not in East Ohio region, Alan will send results to all RCD who had members involved in the event.

The reason for this is because there was a problem nationally, and protest has been filed. There allegedly was one set of results given to the entrants and another set being sent to the V.P. Competition for National Council. A hearing board has been set up to look into the charges, among which are "abuse of position", "altering results", "violation of not keeping records" and "failure to correctly check all results". These files are being charged against a regional officer and the governor. The request, if the allegations are proved true, is that the people be suspended from NCCC for three (3) years. The hearing board is made up of : Gary Kelly, Dan Skinner, Ann Carkner, Cindy Yurenda, and Ron Rustin.

It was a very long NCCC meeting in May, there were numerous clarifications. Clarifications were given to governors in their packet, there were about 14 or 15. Limited it down to 10 discussed because others would have required rules change and they cannot do that.

If you would like copy of national event summary contact Alan and he will provide one.

Tiretown had a club member who should have finished in 12th and they ended up in 16th spot. If it hadn't of been for the Bryant's taking their name off the list, this person would not have gotten an award. It all stemmed from an event in the Carolina's and their name was never included on a set of results. By the time it became evident at the end of

the year it was too late to do anything. No one who attended the event received any results nor did the regional competition director. The new VP of Competition will mark what events are included in the results he hands out.

New Drag standards set for RPAF, RPA, Modified A, Modified B, Ladies B prepared, Classic, and Ladies A and Ladies Classic A.

There are also corrected 2003 national points and 2004 points as of now on web set.

The packets contain copies of flyers that he has, He still needs copies of July 3, regional events. We cannot hold events at Euclid Square Mall anymore so these events will move to Firestone.

National has purchased tear down equipment for drag events and sent it to Texas to check it out. They got word back they did not work very well.

If anyone has any place(s) for speed events please let Alan know. Euclid Square is out, not too sure about Firestone for next year. Aurel will check on Mansfield Motor raceway, but as of yet he has no contact name. Chuck is looking at Midvale, this is a third mile track with a figure 8 in the middle. Could only do Sunday events in Midvale.

The GM plant in Mansfield is adding two (2) loading docks so we now only have one entrance and that is at the same area where event will be held.

David Schaufeus brought up about inconsistencies in judging from show to show in concourses for the region. It is getting new members upset and destroying their morale. Suggestion was made to talk to the persons causing the problem to think about what they are saying or how they say it. The judges need to be consistent. Alan commented that for two years he held judging schools before events to help alleviate this. Bob Thomsen said he tried to get national to look at new judging sheets for Wash /Show and Street and Show, but they were not interested. It didn't get looked at and now cannot be considered until 2007. We need more volunteers for judging that way the less they have to do and they better the judging usually is.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Chuck Heretta

Charges were filed against the RMD and RCD of the West Ohio region, and the hearing will be held on Saturday of the September meeting.

Convention 2004 has 926 attending as of day of regional meeting. Bill Quine said biggest concern was Tech at convention because people are requesting novice high speed and novice drag. When asking people for class they are getting descriptions different then the class people asked to be placed in.

Convention 2005 will be in St. Cloud, Minn., cost \$125.00 per person package, \$89.00 a night per room. Right now they have an opportunity for all day practice at Brainard, but this could cause a problem with the concourse.

Convention 2006 will be in Disney World, Florida, at the Wyndom hotel. Cost \$250.00 per person package, supposedly to get better entertainment. You will have to park your car trailer about a mile and a half away.

The By-laws committee will be reading standing rules changes that will be changing wording only. Also will be eliminating word spouse because is redundant.

National found out if they change a field in their records do not have to have spouse/companion address be the same.

Under finance want to change wording from "off Budget" to "unbudgeted" for expenditures.

Also will bring up for vote again changing dues date from December to November.

Mickey asked if the Bryants did not show up for the hearing in September, what would happen. It is up to the person filing the protest to prove to the satisfaction of the hearing committee that the allegations are true. The Bryants will be given notification to attend the hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

Some problems were encountered with the regional timing equipment in trying to use the display and computer at the same time. This is being looked into. It does not affect the ability to run the computer we just can't have the display at the same time. Also had a problem with a rerun, this is being looked at.

There is information coming in from another club that may shed some light on this.

There is also some problem with sun and glare on the screen, so we will try a darker tent to see if it helps.

Region still needs more radios for events, it runs around \$300.00 for 4 radios and headsets. A 10foot by 10foot tent would cost about \$100.00.

We need more people to learn how to operate the timing equipment. Also we need more people to help set up and tear down.

Bill Quine made a motion to buy 4 radios for approximately \$200.00, seconded by Diana Fultz, motion carried.

Aurel asked who was going to provide the batteries, the region or the clubs using timer. Bob Thomsen is considering charging each club for 18 batteries which would cost clubs about \$20.00 or so.

Regional budget for 2005 was discussed, Mickey received input from RMD and Bob Thomsen the rest was adjusted from last year. The budget will be voted on at July meeting.

Cost of MVP awards will have to be looked at and we may have to go elsewhere, the vendor making the awards has indicated it may cost \$200.00 a piece next year. The competition program is not bringing in enough dollars to cover for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regional banquet for 2005 already discussed.

The last two regional meetings of the year, September 18 and December 4, 2004, will be held at Georgio's in Bolivar. Map and directions will provided later.

Bob Kutty sent copy of WPCC flyer to Chuck and Aurel. Chuck will send them a copy of flyer for Buckeye's car show at Summit, July 11, 2004. Bill Wood suggested maybe region could do a low speed and cars show in western PA. to see if we get any interest.

Bill Wood's email is BWOOD not 6WOOD.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

Respectively submitted

Mickey Ouellette
Secretary/Treasurer