

MINUTES

EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

Held May 20, 2017 at Belgrade Gardens, Akron, Ohio

Regional Executive: Terry Muich

Regional Competition Director: Albert Flanhofer

Regional Membership Director: Cheryl Getzy (not present)

Regional Secretary: Ryki Woods

Regional Treasurer: Peggy Stephens

Attendees:

Corvette Cleveland, Inc. - Albert Flanhofer
Buckeye Corvettes, Inc. - Susan Hamilton, Proxy
Mid-Ohio Corvette Club, Inc. - Dan Gallagher
Mound City Corvette Club - Rudy Shaffer, Proxy
Tiretown Corvette Club - Peggy Quine
Lake Shore Corvettes, Inc. - Ric Keller
North East Ohio Corvette Club - TR Aldrich
Fun Center Corvette Club, Inc. - Mickey Ouellette
Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc. - Charles R. Stephens
Competition Corvette Association, Inc. - Ken Okeson, Proxy

Guests

Jackie Stoutenburgh
Warren Obert

Carol Engel
Steve Hamilton

Marty Fiala

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 am by RE Terry Muich.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Stephens. It was determined that there were enough governors and proxies (10) present for a quorum.

Kanawha lost a member, Harold DePue since the last meeting in March. A moment of silence was observed. The minutes from the last meeting were brought up for review. A motion was made by Chuck Stephens, seconded by Rudy Shaffer and passed to suspend the reading of the minutes. Another motion was made by Rudy Shaffer and seconded by Chuck Stephens and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as published.

RMD - Cheryl Getzy

Cheryl was not present, so RE Terry Muich gave her report. We have 18,293 members total in National. They are in process of putting new members in at this time. They will be coming out with a new NCCC Membership Data Base Manual and they will email it to all the Governors and it must be kept on file. The 2018 renewal process starts in September, and there will be an increase in Regional dues to \$5.00 and the applications should be changed to reflect this change. 2018 membership cards will be an electronic card and they will be emailed out. There will be no plastic card, and it will also reflect the expiration date of your high speed license if you have one. This is to save money since the old system was quite expensive. Terry passed around a sample of what they will look like. Governors please make sure that your members' emails are correct. Terry suggests cutting the cards out and laminating them. Mickey Ouellette asked the question if it is necessary to print out the card and Terry said no since almost everyone has a smart phone and you can pull it up on that as the data base is always up to date. Therefore, the Governors can print out the whole list of current members and also that is why the Governors should review the waivers and registrations to determine if that person is a current member and able to be awarded points. This can also be done for out of state participants.

There is a new request for entering renewals and new members, you are requested to put the extra 4 digits after the zip code. This is for the Blue Bars mailings. If you don't know what they are, you can go on the internet to USPS Zip Code, enter the street address and the zip code you have, click on "find" and it will give you the extra 4 digits. Please make sure the street address is the same as what the Post Office has (example street, one word or two). If you get a new member, make sure they have not previously been a member so you don't have double entries.

The membership in the FCOA is 2,284. The East Ohio Region has 161 members. If you know of an FCOA member who has moved, please make sure their address is corrected. Buckeye Corvettes is the 7th largest club nationally for FCOA members.

Treasurer - Peggy Stephens

Terry asked if everyone got a copy of the Treasurer's Report. Mickey Ouellette had the following question regarding the report. On the Banquet Report it showed that we went \$255.99 in the hole and in the Treasurer's Report it showed "0" balance and that the

overage was taken out of the General Fund. Mickey was wondering if this should have waited until this meeting, show it as a negative and have the Governors vote on whether they want to take this amount out of the General Fund or leave it as a negative. Terry pointed that on the Banquet Report we showed a negative and he checked with his wife who is an accountant and she advised they could do it the way it appears on the Treasurer's Report. Mickey pointed out that the Governors need to vote on whether to take it out of the General Fund or leave it as a negative, it must be voted on, we can't just move monies around. She pointed out that the last four years it has been in the negative. Terry said that we actually went \$1,000 over what we took in, however we allotted \$750 for the Banquet Fund. Sue Hamilton said that the Banquet Fund would have been much more in the negative except for the fact that she spent a lot out of her pocket. The Treasurer's Report can be approved as "amended" and Peggy Stephens can send out an amended report. Mickey made a motion that we adjust the Treasurer's Report to show the Banquet Fund as a negative on the Treasurer's Report as of 5/20/2017, Dan Gallagher seconded, motion passed unanimously. Therefore Peggy, the Treasurer will amend the report to show the Banquet amount as a negative. Mickey then made a motion for the Governors to approve transferring the \$255.99 from the General Fund to zero out the Banquet Fund, Chuck Stephens seconded, motion passed unanimously. Dan Gallagher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended, Chuck Stephens seconded, motion passed unanimously.

RCD - Al Flanhofer

At the St. Louis National RCD meeting, they did not have the first place club patches. Dan attended for Al, and he said that they will send them out to the people they see and will mail the others. They discussed the question about helmets and expiration dates and they said the 2005 Snell approved helmet is acceptable as long as it is less than 10 years old. In other words the helmet can say 2005, but if you look inside it could have been manufactured in 2008 and you can still use it. When it becomes 10 years old, you can not use it. Terry pointed out that his helmet was manufactured in November and in November it will become 10 years old and he was told he could use it for this race season. They go by the manufacturer's date in the helmet. Dan then said if your helmet says Snell 2010, there is no need to look inside it since it won't expire until 2020 at the earliest. He pointed out that as Al said, they made 2005 Snell approved helmets until 2009 so there are going to be some Snell approved 2005 labeled on the outside which will still be good for speed events. It goes by the manufacturing label on the inside. Al was asking that if when the helmets go through tech at the first event, can they just put a dot or some kind of label on the outside of the helmet. Dan suggested that we have some kind of label, i.e. "East Ohio Region Approved for 2017" and put it on the outside. Terry pointed out that you can't legally put glue on the outside of a hard hat or a helmet because the glue will compromise the integrity of the helmet. However, it is done all the time. Terry suggested putting the sticker on the inside. Dan said he has stickers on the outside of his helmet. Terry said he was not sure if this pertains to helmets and unless someone comes up with something in writing, we can follow this procedure, putting stickers on the outside. Terry has a member in his club who can make up stickers for this purpose. Dan Gallagher made a motion that East Ohio Region buy stickers for the helmets, not to exceed \$1.00 per sticker and have them available for tech. The motion was seconded and

passed unanimously. Therefore we will spend up to \$1.00 per sticker.

Al said that there were four rule book changes proposed. 1) Making sanctions available on Friday evenings, which was not well received, as this would only be good if you were retired. 2) Removing the word "race" from the competition rule book. Wherever the word "race" appeared they wanted it changed to "timed event". 3) To change class from 1 to 1S during an event in case of rain, so if it started to rain, you would have your street tires on and be able to still race in the same class. Dan pointed out that they were going through all the proposed rule changes to be brought up later on and voted on. This particular one (3) will be voted on because it was written primarily as a safety concern rather than an advantage to being in a higher class than you should be. It will be discussed and pursued and put out for a ballot. 4) This one was submitted by Al. He mentioned about a Corvette Cleveland club member who races and who brought out his two son-in-laws to an event who also wanted to race and drive his car at Richmond Towne Square last year. In the NCCC rule book it states there can be no more than two men drivers. Al discussed this with Terry and they decided to let them run. Later that week Al was told he shouldn't have done that. Al feels that if you are allowed two men and two women per car, what is the difference. Terry also commented that they have heard more comments about keeping the cars cool rather than heating them up. Chuck Stephens said it goes back to using common sense and using your better judgment, as the idea is to have fun with the car. Dan pointed out that the rule says very clearly that you shouldn't be doing this and in order to get this rule changed, a change must be submitted and eventually we will be in compliance with the rules and still be able to have fun. Terry asked Al if the change he was putting in was to have three drivers maximum, regardless of gender and Al thinks they modified it. A maximum of two NCCC drivers per car with an overall maximum of four total drivers. Chuck suggested that it can be put in the rules that you can run, but if you exceed the maximum, they won't get points. Terry went back to the tire change request, which he says goes totally against tech. You can't change tires after tech is closed for that event. He can see opening up tech again after the event for the next event because it is a separate event. So if you need to change in between events, you can and go into a different class. Dan stated that what they came up with was to change the number of drivers to be only two NCCC drivers per car, per class with a maximum of four drivers and that is the way it will be rewritten and put out later on in the year for a vote. These are just preliminary suggestions and the proposal for Friday events will not even be considered or put out for a vote. The number of drivers will be voted on by the Governors.

Al also mentioned the new NCCC card. He said they have changed the RCD screen and he can put the high speed expiration date and also car number and class. So if you are pre-registered, you only have to put your EO number in and all the fields will be populated, as well as your class and your car number. The rule regarding tire changing was brought up again by Rudy Shaffer and he felt it was a safety issue and Al said yes, you can change tires but you will keep running in the same class. The rule book is very clear that you can't run in a higher group than what your car is and when it comes time to vote for that, Dan is voting no, since there may be some opportunity for some people to exploit the rules and gain an unfair advantage. Terry also asked who is going to

determine how wet is "too wet". Also, if somebody goes to street tires and gets beaten by someone who is running slicks, will they complain. Terry stated that if it is a safety factor, and if you feel unsafe, park your car for the rest of that event and then change your tires for the next event and have it go through tech. The rules should be followed according to tires for classes since we don't have pit stops. Terry suggested the Governors take this back to their clubs and get a feel for what they think.

The Eastlake autocross that Competition is putting on was originally supposed to be 9 events. It is now a 14 event weekend, July 15th & 16th. Central West Virginia had two events and Al got 3 events from a Michigan club. Therefore there will be 7 events per day. Al said to expect a lot of national points chasers because that is the only autocross that weekend. Terry asked if they should put a limit on the entrants. Ken said they had not thought about it yet. What they need to do is figure out how many cars they can run within a certain time period and if registration has to be closed early that is what they will do. Terry said it has to be out on the flyer if there is a limit. Ken will discuss this at their next meeting. Rudy said Indiana has an autocross that weekend, but Terry thinks that might have been changed. Ken will talk with the racers in their club and determine if they need to set a limit. Terry said the change has to be out 45 days before the event on the flyer. Al mentioned the three flyers for Track X. On the Track Day flyer and the car show flyers, Al will put those out. He will not post the Autocross flyer until July, so East Ohio Region members can get their registrations in.

If you go to the East Ohio website, up at the top there is a black bar which says events, clubs and region information. There is another tab which says membership with an arrow and it says Hall of Fame and Twenty Five Year Members, they are on line now. Another change made was when you go on your phone for certain events (such as Longaberger), on your smart phone you can click on a dot and get hotel information. This showed up on line but not on your phone. Now you can get this information on your phone as well.

Hall of Fame - Mickey Ouellette

Mickey thanked the committee who is working on the book to get pictures and information for people they didn't previously have information on. It is looking better, but they are still working on it. She will start taking nominations for the Hall of Fame today through October 14th. If you look at what is on line for the Hall of Fame, she is going to change that because that is based on 5 meetings per year and we have cut back to 4. Please check your clubs and see if you think of anyone who should be nominated. There are three from last year which will automatically go back on this year. Mickey said as far as she knows, the information should be updated through Roger Flading, she has not checked it recently. Some of the people are listed as the year they were nominated, not the year they were inducted. Mickey plans to go back and adjust these. It is on the East Ohio Region website, under Hall of Fame. Mickey suggested you kind of ignore the guidelines on the website and go with the dates she has in the minutes.

Terry has asked Mickey to look at the Standing Rules and the By-Laws to see what needs to be changed. Terry stated that if everyone is agreeable, he would like to appoint Mickey to keep track of the Standing Rules and By-Laws and make changes, as needed.

Mickey said she would rather send them out to the Governors first before she makes any changes. Terry just asked that she keep track of the changes for him. Al suggested putting the Standing Rule or By-Law as it is written and then have any changes Mickey proposes shown in red and send it to the Governors. Terry said Mickey had been looking at things and for instance, the Jeanne Kutty fund is still in there and the Hall of Fame is set up for 5 meetings per year, etc. and this could cause some confusion. Mickey had one more thing, the Hall of Fame committee is doing pretty good financially, they have about \$1,400 in their fund, and even if we put three members in, what she would like to do (as a Standing Rule) has to do with the 50/50 collected at the Governors meeting before the banquet and the 50/50 which is collected at the banquet itself. What the Hall of Fame would like to do, on a yearly basis, starting at the 2017 banquet (held in 2018) is designate the 50/50 that night go towards support of the banquet. That is a proposed change to the Standing Rules. Terry said that is the reason we put that in the Standing Rules, because they can be changed at any meeting with a quorum. The proposal for change in the Standing Rules is for the 2017 banquet to be held in 2018, the 50/50 funds at the banquet go towards payment for the banquet fund. Dan Gallagher suggested rather than making it year by year, change the motion to say that the Hall of Fame committee has the discretion to distribute these 50/50 funds to the Hall of Fame or the Banquet Fund, as they see fit. Mickey then asked if he meant that morning they decide for that night? This would be on an "as needed" basis. Dan is saying they have the flexibility to decide if they want these funds to remain in the Hall of Fame Fund or use their discretion to give it to the Banquet Fund if the Hall of Fame has proceeds above and beyond their expenses. Terry asked if it would be illegal for the Hall of Fame to give money to the Banquet Fund if they wish. Mickey said it doesn't say if they can or they can't. It just says the 50/50 at the banquet goes to the Hall of Fame. Terry said it says that the 50/50 and Regional events go to the Hall of Fame. Usually the only Regional events are the Chili Cook-off and the Banquet. They are trying to avoid having to make a decision each year. Dan proposed using their discretion to keep it in the Hall of Fame account or donate it to the Banquet Fund. Mickey made the motion, Dan seconded, passed unanimously.

The Banquet Report

Terry asked if everyone got the Banquet Report and asked if everyone agreed with the Banquet Report. Ken asked if we are just not charging enough money for the banquet, is that why we are in the red? Terry said, yes and no. By charging more, it was felt that less people will come. Sue Hamilton said for the last banquet she added \$1.00 per meal for everyone and she rounded up, so there was some extra money. However, if you get too expensive, people will not show up. Since there are approximately 1,200 people in the Region, they planned on 130 and they had 112. She also stated again that she contributed a lot of money out of pocket. Her feeling is that the banquet is no longer just a dinner, they are really doing a whole weekend. They had activities Friday night, games on Saturday and wanted to make it a fun weekend. They were doing okay, but at the last minute they decided they needed appetizers for those who came in for the banquet only and she made the decision to order them. She tried to cut corners, combined centerpieces with deserts rather than add \$4.00 per person. The cost of putting on the banquet is growing, with having to pay bartenders, possibly the meeting room, hospitality room.

There are more costs than just the dinner. The ultimate goal is to make it a weekend event. She then talked about the gift baskets, reverse raffle, etc. Linda Vannelli also donated baskets. The idea is to have everyone come, not just the award winners. Sue said her flyers never said "awards" banquet, just East Ohio Regional Banquet, so everyone feels they can attend, not just the award winners. Al mentioned that Corvette Cleveland runs into the same thing at their year end banquet. The club subsidizes the cost. People still complain about the cost. Sue said that is why she only added the \$1.00+ because the cost is somewhat expensive to begin with. Terry pointed out that over the years, the cost of the meals has stayed relatively the same. Sue talked about adding in gratuity and taxes. Terry said he is trying to get more participation and we are open to suggestions how to make it a Region social and not just an awards banquet. For instance, we had nobody show up from Mahoning Valley and they got two awards. Warren pointed out that it should not be referred to as the "awards banquet", the name should be changed so that everyone feels they are welcome, such as "year end banquet". Sue said she tried to avoid the "awards" name being in there. Terry said it was up to the Governors as to how they present it to their membership. Sue would like to thank Mickey for the offer of funds for the banquet.

Ken asked if there was a way to get more people to participate or come to the autocross events if they aren't racers, for instance feed the workers. Terry said at Lakeland, it was a Region event and he put the word out for help with this, and he received a lot of help. He personally made sure that there were coolers at all the workers' stations with water and made sure if they needed a break, they got one. They fed all the workers and after the workers were all fed, they opened it up to everybody else. He also put out that they don't expect the workers to be there all day. If you can only be there part of the time, that is fine. Most of the people who came stayed all day. The more we make it positive to the members, the more participation we will get. Al talked about the worker awards which are given out at the banquet and how we are giving more and more out. He mentioned at the last Region meeting, have one or two of the chairpersons be in charge of the workers, making sure they have water, are rotated, get breaks, etc. It was pointed out that some Regions give the workers extra points in addition to the two points NCCC gives them, could we do this? Terry said we don't have separate Region points. That would have to be approved by National. Our awards are for points based on National. Al will check with Walt to see if he did something different for that Region. Terry asked if there was talk about raising points for workers. The question was raised if we could do a car show at the same time as a speed event. The car show could be held as long as it is not on the same area as the speed event and you can only attend and get points for 7 events in a single day. If you sign up as a worker for the low speed events, you can't get points for the car show, at Track X for example. It was tried several years ago and did not work. The most sanctioned events you can hold in a day is seven. The most events you can enter in and get points for in a single day is seven. There is also the 150 mile rule, where you could have 7 autocross events and another club, as long as it is at least 150 miles away, can have 7 car shows the same day without conflict. If it is approved and agreeable, clubs can get together and have 7 car shows in a day and another club can have 7 speed events at the same time in separate locations. However, the car show people, if they are in the car show, cannot get worker points if they work the speed event. Al

suggested that you could also have a non-sanctioned car show at the same time to possibly get more people attending. This not just a Region problem, it is a National problem, getting participation.

Getting back to the banquet, do we need a motion to approve the Banquet Report as submitted? It does not need approval, just needs to be accepted.

Terry pointed out that since we have been running \$200 to \$300 behind, do we want to consider raising the banquet subsidy up to \$1,000. Do the Governors want to take this back to their members. Chuck Stephens made a comment that we raised our head tax from \$2.00 to \$5.00 to help the deficit. He wants to make a motion to extend the banquet subsidy from \$750 to \$1,000. Motion seconded by Al, passed with one opposed. Mickey Ouellette said that if we were going to raise the amount that much, we need to eliminate buying the liquor. Chuck Stephens said we don't buy the liquor. And we also need to look at paying for certain hotel rooms, meals, etc. Mickey said that we can't arbitrarily spend money, something needs to be put in the guidelines, and we shouldn't buy either the alcohol or the soda which would cut the bill down quite a bit. Terry said we eliminated the alcohol this year, the bar cost was just for the bartender. The room this year and meal was for Fred Dugach since we used his equipment. Mickey asked about checking on a buffet meal, which would save quite a bit because of having to add the gratuity. It was pointed out that we would still have to add gratuity and taxes. This was previously voted on when discussing next year's banquet. Mickey is saying don't give them a choice, just look into the cost and what is available. She felt it was a good idea not to have centerpieces. She also pointed out that in a buffet, deserts are usually included. Terry pointed out that Joyce had given us options for buffet and sit-down and the numbers were very close. She got a good price at the Holiday Inn with a separate meeting room and Hospitality room for no extra cost, so we are working to keep the cost down.

Mickey then said she also has a problem that we can allot \$1,000 to the banquet but not reinstate the Jeanne Kutty Fund. Any Governor that would like to reinstate the Jeanne Kutty Fund can bring it up, the only thing Terry requests is that we put in the Standing Rules how it is funded. As you will recall, he was requesting \$1.00 per head increase in dues to finance the Jeanne Kutty Fund and it was raised \$3.00 additional for a total of \$5.00. Any time any Governor wants to reinstate the Jeanne Kutty Fund, they can bring it up at the meeting and put it in the Standing Rules again. Chuck Stephens said he has no problem with reinstating the fund, but he would prefer to have it labeled as the East Ohio Region Scholarship Fund. He talked with Bob Kutty a few years ago and he wasn't aware of it. The original motion went through with that name and it was never changed. Jeanne Kutty was a school teacher and membership director, Bob did not originate it. Chuck said Chuck Heretta originated it. Mickey said she was agreeable to calling the East Ohio Region Scholarship Fund. She just feels we need to do something. The Charity Committee gives it out. Terry spoke about all the charity donations the Region has made over the past years per his article in Blue Bars. There is also some talk in National about the St. Judes charity in National. This is only a temporary charity right now, they are seeing how the financing goes, selling tickets for the car, if they go in the hole again,

National is going to drop giving to charities. That is why Terry put the information in his article so everyone can see how much East Ohio Region gives to charities. A motion can be made and it can be voted on. Sue Hamilton asked if there is a minimum amount for the scholarship according to National. Terry said he would have to follow up, it started out as \$250, then \$500, then \$750, and finally to \$1,000. Terry said he thought that was at the request of National, but he is not sure. Mickey said she thought it was just looking at the cost of education and what other clubs are doing. To her knowledge, and she would have to look and verify this, she doesn't think they have a minimum. This fund was originally set up that it had to go to an East Ohio Region person and specifically to a teacher, which was later changed. So what National did was come back to the Region and said they wanted to be able to give it out to anyone in the Nation that qualifies and you now have the opportunity to take your scholarship back and if you want to keep it in your Region, you can do that. Our Region said to keep it with National. The Region voted to let National do it, but at the time she was doing it, there was never a specific minimum amount. The Region kept bumping it because they were able to do it at the time. Now apparently they are not able to, so Mickey doesn't know of any set minimum amount. Only one or two Regions took their scholarships back, everyone else did not want to set up a committee, etc. Terry said that he thought when we agreed for the dues increase and to stop the Jeanne Kutty Fund, it was discussed that we would re-visit it next year after we see the increase of dues coming in. It is in the Standing Rules and if a Governor wants to bring it up and we can vote on it, fine. Or do we want to wait until March of next year where we can see how we stand with the new dues increase. Chuck Stephens said we need to see how we are standing financially before we decide to finance something else. Terry said that he originally brought it up for \$1.00 per head to finance the scholarship. Terry stressed that it is up to the Governors and asked them to take it to their membership and get their thoughts. So we will delay until next year to see how we do with the increase in dues. Sue Hamilton said we have worked very hard to balance our budget, so let's wait until next year and see how we do with the increase.

Terry mentioned By-Law changes and asked if anyone had any changes they want to submit. Mickey said they have until the third meeting for this. The By-Laws are voted on at the fourth meeting. Changes can be turned in at any time, but they have to be looked at at least by the third meeting. They can be sent out to the Governors at any time.

Old Business

Track X - Dan Gallagher

Dan mentioned the three flyers he had sent out, for the track touring, the low speed and the car show and asked if all the Governors had received them. Did the Governors send them out to the club members? Dan expressed that perhaps we could get a little better at communication. There are simple things to do to get information to your club members. For the Track X information, as Governors hopefully you have an email list of your members which is available through your membership screen and you can develop your own email list and do your emails that way, you can take his (Dan's) email and just blast it to your club. If the information doesn't get out, we can't get people involved. Dan said if any of the Governors have any questions on getting information out, please see him.

Friday September 15th will be the track touring which is free to and only for East Ohio Region members. He suggested this might be a good way to get new club members in by having them join the club and NCCC. He stressed that for Track X you can be on the track for probably 4 to 5 times and the cost of membership is a fraction of what it would cost if you had to pay for this experience. He thinks the cost for 4 laps around the track is around \$60 if you were to go to the Museum and pay for this type of event. This is free to members, no registration is required, hotel information is on the flyer. Originally there were 40 rooms that were blocked, as of 2 days ago an additional 20 rooms were added to that and there are approximately 7 rooms left. There is a good sign-up for hotels on the website.

On September 16th, there will be 7 low speed autocross events and 7 PC car shows, because we have 14 clubs in the Region and each club donated one sanction back to the Region. You can sign up for a total of 7 events only and participate in only 7 events, but there is something for the "waxers" and something for the racers. Dan asked the Governors to please get the information out to their clubs, if they haven't already. We do have "testing" going on for the sign-ups for the low speeds. There has been a concern that we might have a large influx of National people coming in to run the low speeds. Currently, the last flyer that he sent out two weeks ago has a live link where you can "test" the registration process. We want to see what issues we might have before we open the process up to National. To date we have 19 people who have signed up for the low speeds. We have a limit of 70 entrants for the 7 events. Dan discussed what issues have been incurred with this process. Initially it was decided that the cost would be \$50 for all 7 events, however, if you went on line, it said \$10 per event, so if you signed up for all 7 events, the cost came up as \$70 with instructions on where to send the check. Fred will work on this when he returns from vacation, adding another box to be checked which says if you are doing all 7 events, check this box, and it will come up with a charge of \$50 total. There were some isolated incidents of people signing up and not doing it properly, such as a person who didn't indicate how many events he was going to enter, so Dan would have to check with him. Another person did not enter his NCCC number properly, Dan has put the instructions on the top of the page, with complete information on how to enter the numbers. What we are trying to do is to get everyone who wants to enter the low speed events to go through this process now, so that we can go through and correct any problems so that when we post this live for National in June, we have the "bugs" worked out. Dan stressed that if the Governors have not gotten the information out to their clubs, please do so. He will be following up in an email this coming week.

Peggy Stephens asked who is taking care of the awards for the PC car show. Since Kanawha Valley is putting on the car show with the help of Corvette Cleveland, Chuck Stephens said he had approached his club about putting it on. Peggy Stephens said they would have to figure out how many awards would be needed for the car show. Terry asked if we want to have pre-registration for the car show. He felt we should possibly have pre-registration and a cut-off date to get an idea of how many trophies would be needed, as per NCCC rules, one trophy per every 10 cars registered per class. Al Flanhofer said he felt there would probably not be too many people driving to Bowling

Green for a car show, most of the people would be entering the low speed autocross events. Peggy Stephens is afraid that if we don't have a pre-registration, we might have more cars than we anticipate and then there wouldn't be enough awards. Chuck Stephens said he has 7 brand new trophies we can use. Dan will send another flyer out with pre-registration. Chuck will get the awards with "generic" tags which can be used at other events if they are all not needed for the car shows. Terry also offered information on trophies, he thought he could possibly get some for around \$5.00 each. Chuck Stephens also asked if we are still going to do a 50/50 at these events. Chuck would like to do it at the car show, as they are registering, have someone selling the 50/50 tickets and announce that they will draw the ticket at such and such a time. The same thing can be done for the autocross. Chuck feels that if there is only one it might be too confusing. Terry asked if we want to have one big 50/50 with a set drawing time, or do we want to do separate ones. This was discussed. Peggy Stephens pointed out that the only problem with having one drawing is that the autocross people might not have time to go to the drawing, if you have two, one can be drawn at the car show and one after the low speed events. Terry then asked if we want to do the awards ceremony for both events at the same time. Chuck said he thought that would be too time consuming and the problem with that is that the car show may end much earlier than the low speed events. It was decided to have two drawings, one for the low speed events and one for the car show. Warren asked if the Governors would like Corvette Cleveland to look into dash plaques for the whole weekend so everyone gets a dash plaque with East Ohio Region, Track X, the date, etc. The answer was yes. Corvette Cleveland could possibly finance these.

Dan then asked, due to the last round of discussions, is there anything else that needs to go on the flyers? The information will go on both flyers about the 50/50 raffle for each type of event and that they will be drawn right before the awards ceremony.

The question was then asked if you could take a passenger on the track tour who is not a Region member and the answer was yes, as long as the driver is a member. This was done to keep the number of cars down. For the track touring, what we are following is the track's rules, not NCCC rules. It is a non-sanctioned event and that is noted on the flyer. Virtually any type of car is allowed on the track, convertibles do not need to have a roll bar, drivers don't need helmets, etc. The car must be mechanically sound. Tech will be done for the low speeds on Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Saturday from 7:30 am to 8:30 am before they start the low speed events. The hope is to get everybody from the Region through tech Friday. One of the things Dan has been talking about is setting up groups, those who drive relatively slowly, a group who might want to go a little faster and a group of those who really want to go fast. This is a safety measure. Terry feels that because we have a 70 car limit, we should be good getting through tech Friday and finishing up on Saturday. Dan asked Peggy Quine if anyone in Tiretown has expressed an interest in going and as far as she knows, no. Terry said he and Al had talked about a "new member" and they are technically not a member until Cheryl gets the information, so Terry suggests if anyone is using this opportunity to get new members, have them sign up now. We are not going to take new members the day of the event. They must be listed on the NCCC data base to run on the track Friday. Peggy Stephens asked about holding new members back from July to August to avoid paying twice for

dues. They would be turned in as of September 1st, but you technically are not a new member until all your information has been processed and you are in the data base.

Veterans Monument

Fred DeGordon is not here, so Terry is giving the report on the Memorial. Terry asked if anyone had any questions. As Terry recalls, the monument is being worked on and to get a finalization on it and find out when it can be installed at the cemetery, the people from the cemetery have to actually see the finished monument and approve it and at that time we can finalize a date for the event. The current tentative date is October 14th.

New Business

Terry stated that we need some volunteers to come to his house and inventory and check out the trailer and all the timing equipment. Last year they fired up the generator and ran a dry run with the timing equipment. Terry asked that the Governors put that out to their members and see what date they are available. The first autocross is June 25th at Longaberger so it has to be done prior to that. Terry has lights and this can be done in the evening. The timing trailer is now officially in the East Ohio Region's name. They have Terry's address, but it is listed as East Ohio Region. Peggy Stephens has the bill for the insurance and Terry asked Sue to review it and Terry asked for a motion to pay the bill which is \$315.00. It covers damage to the trailer and will replace it up to \$5,500. If anyone wants a copy of the insurance document, Terry has it, it is 36 pages long and he can send it to you. The question Sue raised is that in the policy it says about how it is paid out, the tow vehicle, etc. and basically the only one who can collect for anything on the trailer is the Region. So if you are towing it and it flips, you are liable for any damage to your vehicle. We can get contents insurance, but that is a whole other animal and that goes to bill of lading, etc. and we don't want to get into that. So, if something damages the trailer, it is covered, but not your vehicle. Mickey had a question, regarding the Treasurer's Report, the Timing Trailer shows "0", what goes into the Timing Trailer account? The answer was that money for this comes out of Competition. She then asked how this account gets money in it and Peggy Stephens said it is transferred from the Competition account. Mickey asked if this item could be dropped, since we dropped the Special Purpose item because we didn't need it. She is just saying do we need that item at all? If there is never any money in it and the money is taken out of Competition, should we drop it. Peggy Stephens also felt this item could be dropped because it comes out of Competition. Therefore this line will be taken out of the report. Chuck Stephens made a motion to pay the \$315 for the timing trailer insurance, Ken Okeson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Getting back to the inventory of the trailer, we need to wait till Fred gets back, but we need to set a date to get this done relatively soon. What Terry is going to do, is put the registration in a piece of pvc pipe and secure it in the trailer so it is readily available in the future.

The next item discussed was the Chili Cook-off. Terry would like to set a date for this event for this year, if we want to have it this year. Terry has had people requesting maybe a different location than Skipco. They would like a little bit nicer venue. We go there

because it is free, however, the biggest drawback is that we have to rent the tables and are responsible for setting them up and taking them down and cleaning up. Terry asked for suggestions for dates and change of venue. Warren mentioned that we would probably not find another free place. Terry said we may have to pass the hat to pay for the hall. Terry said one of their members is a member of the Eagles in Brunswick and we can use their hall for \$100, with a \$50 cleaning deposit which will be refunded if the hall is clean. We would still have to set up the tables and take them down, or for an extra charge, they will do it. Terry asked if we still want to have the Chili Cook-off and the feeling was yes. Ken suggested the County Metropark system in Geauga County which typically is free. He mentioned a place called the Rookery which is a building which can be reserved, with picnic tables inside. Terry mentioned Dogwood Park which has a charge, Sue Hamilton said it was \$75 for half and \$100 for both sides. She said the Rookery is not free. Ken said it only has to be reserved by someone who lives in Geauga County, which many of his members do and it is free. It probably holds 75 to 100 people. Terry said that he has noticed that having the event at Skipco the last few years attendance has been dropping. Sue Hamilton said she thinks that it is not just the place itself, there is no kitchen. The Rookery has a kitchen and Dogwood has a kitchen. The only comments Terry said he had gotten was people don't want to go and sit in a garage. Terry said if anyone wants to research the Rookery and Dogwood, please let him know. The Eagles location was just one suggestion. Sue said that when the event was held at Dogwood, they just added in a dollar or two to the cost of the meat and that covered the cost. Terry asked if the Governors wanted to take this back to their clubs. Sue said the Rookery is very nice and they do have a kitchen. They don't have flush toilets, just outhouses. Ken will look into the Rookery and Sue will check out Dogwood. Terry also said if anyone else has any venues, please let him know. A tentative date of Saturday October 21st was set for the Regional Chili Cook-off. Terry asked Sue to find out what the deposit is and we will just pass the hat to pay for it. He also asked her to find out if that date is available and what the cutoff date is to reserve it.

RE Report - Terry Muich

Getting back to the date for the inventory, any help will be appreciated, just let him know. Also, we will have to get with Fred Dugach because he has the computers and we want to do a dry run with the computers. Ken asked about the contents of the trailer. Terry said the following are in there; cones, walkie talkies, fire extinguishers, the generator, the posting board, the chairs and tables, computers, timing lights and the posting sheets and various other paperwork. Chuck Stephens asked about a date and Terry said Fred is getting back Sunday and he will get with him and let everyone know what dates are good. He also stated that the trailer is kind of a mess because he was looking for the registration. He would like to put some clips to put the board up to the wall and make it permanent, maybe jack the trailer up and check the wheel bearings, lights and that type of thing. The vests are also in the trailer. Terry said we had some donated and there are probably about 10 in there. Peggy Quine said Tiretown has some too. Dave Zacharias donated an awning which is in the trailer and gave him another one which Terry has to see if it fits, so those are also in the trailer. He also donated a bundle of red flags.

Terry gave all the tax information to his sister, who is a CPA and she is getting us tax

compliant for the Region. That has never been filled out for the Region. She did find out that our number is still good, they went on line, and it gets renewed every five years. She worked with Competition Corvette Association to get them straightened out. She is helping us out gratis, and as soon as she gets information back Terry will let everyone know.

As previously mentioned, the trailer is now in the East Ohio Region's name. It was just a matter of taking it down to the DMV and taking the East Ohio Region's ID number and name and the insurance policy reflects this change. Terry has the policy, it is about 36 pages long, but if anyone wants a copy, just let him know and he can send it to you.

Regarding the banquet for 2017, which will be held in 2018, the contract for the Holiday Inn in Strongsville is signed. The banquet will be Friday March 2nd and Saturday March 3rd.

National has some By-Law changes they are working on, but nothing has been officially submitted, since Terry is on the By-Law committee, he will see it and will let everyone know. The newsletter contest, Competition is in it, and there are only 7 clubs who have submitted to National.

Finance, Terry has the Finance Reports if anyone wants to look at them from National. They are projecting \$17,000 to the good this year. So instead of running in the negative, they will be running in the black. As previously stated, the membership cards will be emailed.

Terry mentioned the tables at the National Museum, which he believes they are spending either \$6,000 per half or per year to have NCCC on the tables at the Museum in the cafeteria, advertising our logo. It ended up being a "when they read the fine print" type of deal, they thought it was going to be only a one-time charge and it ended up being per year. They have proposed dropping that and spending \$5,000, a one-time fee, for a granite bench with the National logo on it, and it will be next to a flag pole at the Museum and the Museum will maintain it. Chuck Stephens said he had asked Dave Heinemann about a building for down there that a member bought in memory of his daughter and there is a plaque on there that says National Council of Corvette Clubs and that was \$5,000 and then they found out it was so much money for 5 years. The wording was changed and slipped in. Therefore, these things must be clarified before signing. So, they were trying to do this again for the granite bench and other RE's said they should vote on it. It still passed.

Break for Lunch 12:15 pm

Resume meeting 1:00 pm

Continuing with the RE report, Terry asked how many of the Governors were aware of the mess it was to get registered for Convention. In less than 32 hours, both Gibson tours and both high speeds were totally filled. The next problem was that they had the wrong

numbers listed when you went in to register, they had a number of how many slots were open when you went in to register. When Terry & his wife went in to register, on Tuesday night, it showed 40 slots open for high speed and 40 for low speed. This was wrong. Therefore, people were going in and registering for speed events thinking they would get a chance to get in, only to find out that they had no chance. Ted Vannelli being one of those people. In the fine print, it said that if you cancelled your registration, they were going to fine you 10%. Terry said they went through this at the December meeting and he asked the chairperson if she thought this was fair. Since then, what has happened, Ted Vanelli heard about it and he was about a week late registering, thought he was in, found out he wasn't and so he called and they told him they were going to keep 10% of his money. He tried to stop payment on his credit card. He still has not got his deposit back. In the conversations Terry has had with Cindy Urenda, she is the chairman/ treasurer, she is refusing to give him any answers on how the cash flow is. Terry sent an email out to her and copied the Governors. Dan saw at the Governor's meeting in March that she came into the RE meeting afterwards, and Terry sat down and talked with her and she still will not answer any questions on how the Pay Pal is set up, how she is tracking the money and where it is at. So, they are giving Terry no information which should be available to everyone. The bottom line is that is why he is upset, because they are not acknowledging us, giving us information which should be available. At the time, we offered the East Ohio Region trailer, and Terry got the people to work all the timing, etc. The offer he made was to come down, help them tech, we would do the timing on the low speed with our equipment, we would set it up. Fred Dugash is actually to the point now in the new software where is showing National how to do things. Walt Jenkins, the IT guy is in contact with Fred. They have yet to acknowledge that the East Ohio Region made that offer. The only person who even emailed Terry back is Dave Heinemann and he said you have to go through them. They would not acknowledge the offer. Terry has not yet gotten an answer back on this yet either. He brought it up at the RE meeting before, so they are aware of it. They have worked on avoiding having Terry get up and asking questions and he was told at the Hospitality Room that Dick Yanko had the heart attack and they were afraid that Terry would be too intense and give him another heart attack. Nothing has been resolved yet. They have yet to inform Terry why our offer was not accepted, which would have doubled the amount of people able to get into the speed events and double the income to Convention. Now they have 30 more people running in the high speed and 30 more in the low speed in the same time frame. Again, he is more upset by the fact that he gets absolutely no answer. Peggy Quine said she thought that Cindy was resolving the problem and Terry said she has yet to answer his questions. All he asked was how do you track this money. If it comes into Pay Pal, Peggy Quine said you can go into Pay Pal and get daily reports. At the time Terry asked Cindy, don't you get a number, how do you know that Ted Vanelli sent in this money and Terry sent this amount of money and there should be a transaction number for each amount. She didn't even tell him that part of it. He didn't want the numbers, just how it is tracked. There are two Pay Pal accounts, one to account for money coming and one to account for money going out. Peggy Quine said she shouldn't be paying out via Pay Pal and Terry said the way he was told, it goes through Pay Pal. Peggy Quine thought there was a fee if you pay out via Pay Pal. Terry reiterated, that if you saw his email, she has yet to answer how it is done, why they won't accept or even acknowledge our offer. We

are still fighting for Ted's refund. Terry stated that he was so hostile because of the way he was being treated, he was telling people that if he didn't get an answer, he will tell NCCC what they can do and he will take off. He has calmed down since then and at the Hospitality Room after the meeting, there were people who came up to him after the meeting acknowledging their support for him and they actually appreciated him bringing this up. Historically we have had problems with tracking money, before with the fine that we had to pay and they are still fighting IRS on the charity car. Terry stated that if you ask a simple question and get no answer, then you are left to wonder. Which led to his email which said "you are either inept or lying, which is it" because we are getting no feedback. What he is going to do, is to send an email out, correctly worded, and request how they track this money, we don't need account numbers, we just want to know how they track what comes in and what goes out. Peggy Stephens brought out the point about three to four years ago about the Board members being given 50th anniversary watches and they did not put it to the Governors and the only way Peggy Stephens found out about it is that someone didn't want it and they were going to auction it off and questions were being asked about where it came from. Chuck thought those watches were well over \$100 each. The issue Terry has is that we are getting no answers and he thinks we deserve an answer. So he is going to send an email requesting this information and he will word it properly that we need the tracking of what comes in and what goes out and if they do not respond to his email, he will put it in letter form and have all the Governors of our Region sign it and send it registered letter to Dave Heinemann and send copies to the rest of the Board. Terry discussed this with Elaine and he had to tell her that this money that is in the Region account, does not belong to only the Governors, it belongs to all the members and they are the ones who ultimately decide how to spend it. This is the same thing with National, all that money that comes in for Convention belongs to every NCCC member and they have a right to know how it is spent. If they are trying to hide things, his thoughts are, if you don't get a straight answer there are two possible reasons. Either they don't know which means they are inept or they are lying. Chuck Stephens pointed out that this is a good thing, since there have been too many things in the past which have been misrepresented. Terry said that is why he brought the \$5,000 bench item up, because they were going to try to slip that in without a vote. They also slipped in the item about the tables and about how much it was actually costing. Terry thought it was \$12,000 per year. Terry did say that Dave Heienmann is the only one who has answered all of his emails. He asked Dave about this and Dave said he wants Terry to bring it up and then he can follow up. The other reason Terry is upset is because Ted has not yet gotten his money back and they won't give him a straight answer. He even contacted Pay Pal and Pay Pal said he will have to wait on NCCC because they are the authorized merchant. Cindy says Pay Pal already took the money out, she doesn't know where it is at. Ted is threatening to file a lawsuit in Small Claims Court, his attorney advised him \$500 and because it is National Council of Corvette Clubs, East Ohio Region, it would be against us. Terry said he told Cindy that and he is directly involved because he is Regional Executive, and therefore, he will have to go to court. She said she would go and Terry asked her where she lives and she said Colorado. So Terry said, was she going to fly all the way from Colorado to Ohio for \$500. Why don't you just write him a check for \$500 and when he gets it, Ted will give it back. She said it is the principal of the thing. So Terry asked her what if you get all the way to Ohio and the

judge decides he is not going to decide that day, you will have to come back again. Who is paying for all this? No answer from Cindy. That is why he is so upset, because we are being stonewalled. His point to them in offering our equipment was that he knows of at least six East Ohio Region members who cannot get into the speed events and so he told Dave Heinemann that whatever he can do to get more East Ohio Region members into speed events at Convention, he is more than willing to do. The only answer he got was from Denny Murphy at the Hospitality Room who asked him "have you ever put on a Convention". He researched it, and according to Dave Heinemann, it would not have been about money, because there were credits left. Terry's idea was to run it like Savannah, they could split the classes, say 1S could run on the high speed track one day and at the same time on the skid pad, just across the parking lot, run everybody else on the low speed. The next day, switch. You would have doubled the number of people who could run the high and low speed events and double the money brought in. It was never considered or even brought up. Terry will follow through on this idea. Terry thinks this may be the reason we are having so many IRS problems with National, they are either hiding things or their egos are too big to ask for help. Terry will draft the letter and have the Governors sign it, and if someone doesn't wish to sign it, that's fine too.

Ric Keller has a question regarding nominations and Terry said nominations are open for Treasurer and RE. Peggy Stephens was nominated for Treasurer and Terry was nominated for RE. They were opened last month and will be open until 15 days before the September 23rd meeting which would be September 9th. We vote at the third meeting which is September 23rd. The nominations were reflected in the previous minutes.

Round Table

Al Flanhofer, Corvette Cleveland - Al said before he gets to Round Table, he sent all the Governors an email that all flyers are on line up till September. Four flyers are still needed; September 4th car show Kanawha Valley, September 24th autocross Corvette Cleveland and Tiretown, September 30th car show Lake Shore and October 7th car show Mid Ohio. Also, Corvette Cleveland just had their 60th Anniversary Party and we had about 200 people and had two guest speakers, Paul Herzig from the Museum and Ken Lingenfelter. Al mentioned that Corvette Cleveland has been a couple of times to see his extensive collection in Michigan. He is originally from Cleveland. He volunteered to come to our event. Paul Herzig came in from Pennsylvania, and Jim Egan who is our Ambassador to the Museum set that up. They also had a couple of founding members from 1957. There was lots of memorabilia.

Mickey Ouellette, Fun Center - Nothing to report

Peggy Quine, Tiretown - They have a car show on June 3rd at Beef O'Bradys.

Chuck Stephens, Kanawha - The Longaberger car show is on June 24th and the autocross is June 25th which is Mound City's event.

Rudy Shaffer (proxy), Mound City - He went to the car show in Columbus for the Chosen Few Club and there were over 300 Corvettes there and several people from East

Ohio Region won awards in the top 100.

Dan Gallagher, Mid Ohio - Their first event is going to be on June 10th at Nicholsons in Millersburg, 3 pc car shows, Chinese raffle, free food and drink and they invite everyone to this event. On a personal note, he is getting some satisfaction with being involved with this group and at the first car show in the Region, the Governor asked for some help and he was able to provide it and get through some of the points reporting. He is seeing a number of people starting to do that, where they are pitching in wherever they can and it is exciting to see the people in the Region to come together as a group and have fun together. The Blue Barn is this afternoon at 2:00 in Wooster. This is a social being put on by Mid Ohio, but it is open to all the other clubs in the Region at the Blue Barn Winery, it starts at 2:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. There will be a food truck and entertainment from 4:00 till 8:00 and a portion of the profits will benefit the Children's Home.

Ric Keller, Lake Shore - Lake Shore has the Air Museum car show coming up June 17th and July 8th is Vettemillion and it is also their 50th anniversary. Lake Shore has been asked by a Millionaire Car Club Collector to head up a show in a few years, he will have celebrities there and they have been asked to help out. He had them over to his garage and he has 70 cars in there. He brought out wine for the brunch he had them to. So they are looking forward to this.

Sue Hamilton (proxy), Buckeye - Their car show is June 4th and she wants to thank everybody for the great turnout at the Progressive show.

Ken Okeson (proxy), Competition - July 15th & 16th are the autocross in Eastlake at the Lake County Captains stadium parking lot.

The 50/50 drawing was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryki Woods
Secretary

