

MINUTES

EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

GALAXY RESTAURANT, WADSWORTH OHIO

May 22, 2021

Regional Executive: Terry Muich

Regional Competition Director: Ray Valentine

Regional Membership Director: Cheryl Getzy

Regional Treasurer: Sue Hamilton

Regional Secretary: Karen Santagata

Governors

Buckeye Corvette Club - Barb Kukasky	Medina Corvette Club - Tom Steinke
Competition Corvette Assoc - Sharon Burk	Mid-Ohio Corvette Club - Dan Gallagher
Corvette Canton – Mark Thurin	Mound City Corvette Club – n/a
Corvette Cleveland - Al Flanhofer	North East Ohio Vette Club - TR Aldrich
Fun Center Corvette Club - Mickey Ouellette	Tiretown Corvette Club - Peggy Quine
Kanawha Valley Corvette - Chuck Stephens	
Lake Shore Corvettes – n/a	
Mahoning Valley Corvettes – n/a	

Guests

Rich Brooks	Michael Getzy	Genene Patrick
Donald Burk	Steven Hamilton	Peggy Stephens
Carol Engel	Dave Kukasky	Janice Sudia
Cindy Flanhofer	Joe Mattingly	Ted Vannelli

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Regional Executive Terry Muich. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Stephens.

RE Terry mentioned that Genene Patrick cannot order any more men's denim Convention shirts.

A moment of silence was observed for the following EOR member who passed away since the last

meeting --

Ron Brown – Kanawha Valley Corvette
Wayne Davidhizer – Mid-Ohio Corvette Club

NOTE: RE Terry is changing the order of the meeting so that he will be able to attend the viewing of Wayne.

The Board introduced themselves, followed by the Governors and guests.

Secretary (Karen Santagata) – Minutes of March 20, 2021 were emailed to all Governors prior to meeting. No corrections were made. Chuck Stephens made a motion to accept the Minutes as emailed, motion seconded, and motion passed.

Regional Membership Director (Cheryl Getzy) – The current membership for NCCC is 16,790. Membership is down. Cheryl asked if anyone had any problems with membership cards – no problems. Largest club is East Tennessee is 362 – big clubs used to be in the 400s. NCCC has only had 3 claims for insurance that were reviewed at the RMD's meeting. Shannon Davis, FCOA director, is doing much better after several surgeries and is getting caught up. If there are any address changes for FCOA members, the changes much be turned in to NCCC.

Regional Competition Director (Ray Valentine) – Ray mentioned that he needs various flyers for several events. Ray has a list of all high-speed certifications and given the short time before Convention he will be holding off on approving any new certifications if possible. The list is on the NCCC website. Barb Kukasky attended the RCD meeting as Ray's proxy. The only rule book change was relating to time trial events. There can be two events in a singular time session which will be up for vote. The minutes for the NCCC RCD meeting are on NCCC website and all changes can be reviewed. Ray discussed the reporting issue with entering time trials versus high speed event. C7 Grand Sport class is now MM (Mary Mary). Ray and Chuck Stephens discussed the trailer for the low speed event in Painesville and who would tech cars. Ray mentioned that Sharon and Don Burk, Karen and Gus Santagata, Terry and Reggie Muich, and Dan Gallagher met to ensure that the timing equipment is properly working, and that Sharon and Karen will be handling the computer timing at the Painesville. There is always the need to have volunteers to work the timing computer and posting times and to tech cars. Ray is always available to show others how to tech the cars. All results of Nelson's Ledges and rallies have been posted – Ray just needs to approve the rally results. Ray thanked Al Flanhofer for all of his help.

RE Terry brought up that Barb Kukasky was RCD Ray's proxy at NCCC meeting in St. Louis and he would like to have a vote to allow the Region to pay Barb's travel expenses as would have been paid to RCD Ray. Dan Gallagher made a motion to pay the travel expenses to Barb, with Sharon Burk seconding it. The motion passed.

Treasurer (Sue Hamilton) – Treasurer's Report was emailed to all Governors prior to the meeting. Sue reviewed the debits and credits, together with an estimate of Nelson's Ledges event. Mickey Ouellette discussed the allocation of profits from Fun Center's donated event and would like all profits to go to the Competition Fund, not the General Fund. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report as emailed and was seconded by TR Aldrich. The motion passed with one abstention. RE Terry

asked Micky Oullette (Fun Center) to clarify that her Club elects to abstain from voting due to the fact that nothing is being donated to a charity at this time.

Finance/Budget Committee – Treasurer Sue said that the budget is still on track.

Hall of Fame Committee – Mickey Oullette mentioned that nominations are open as of May 22 and will close at the next meeting in September 2021. Mickey discussed that 2022 is the 30th year of Hall of Fame inductees.

2021 Banquet – Banquet Chairperson Barb Kukasky discussed the 2021 Banquet will be at The Galaxy on March 5, 2022. It will be hosted by EOR and all clubs are asked to help. The hospitality room will be at the Comfort Inn next door to The Galaxy. Sue Hamilton worked with The Galaxy and they are duplicating our contract for 2021 which was cancelled due to the pandemic. The Galaxy has been great to work with. If there is a club who would like to volunteer to host the 2023 Banquet, now is the time to step up.

Dates to Save – 2021 Banquet will be March 5, 2022 (Galaxy); Chili Cook Off will be October 23, 2021 (Amish Door).

By-Laws - Committee – Mickey Oullette does not have any changes to the ByLaws. There is a change will be the location of the guidelines for nominations for the Hall of Fame. The guidelines will be located on the “Forms” page on the EOR website only – not on the Standard Operating Procedures page. Chuck Stephens made a motion, with a second by Al Flanhofer to make the change of the location of the Hall of Fame guidelines. The motion passed. Mickey is going to include on the EOR website blank documents for a change to the bylaws and the standard operating procedures to alleviate having to go the NCCC website.

Regional Executive (Terry Muich) – RE Terry discussed the update of NCCC to the renewal date for membership. Currently, it is December 15 and the suggestion was to change it to November 1. A region is allowed to change the date if it wishes. Mickey Oullette already sent out an update to the Bylaws changing the date of payment of dues. There was further discussion about the change of dates. The REs are discussing the elimination of the NCCC region patches when someone joins, and it has been taken back to the RCDs. Deb Murphy brought up that no place in the Bylaws or Standing Rules of NCCC is there mention of how to disperse funds when a club is dissolved. There was a committee set up to review and possibly put something in writing. With nothing going on in 2020, everyone is trying to get things rolling again. Committee minutes went out and will be posted to the NCCC website.

Convention Quilts Raffle - RE Terry mentioned that he did sell some tickets for the quilt raffles at the national Governors meeting. Mickey talked about when she will be in attendance at the Convention and also posting information on NCCC Facebook page.

Region Nominations – The positions of Regional Executive and Treasurer are up for election for the two-year term covering 2022-2023. Nominations will open on today, May 22, 2021, and will stay open until September 10, 2021, which is 15 days before our third meeting. Voting will take place on September 25, 2021. Barb Kukasky nominated Terry Muich for Regional Executive and he graciously accepted. Dan Gallagher nominated Sue Hamilton for Treasurer and she graciously accepted. The

officers will take over preliminarily at that time.

Track X IV -- Track X IV is scheduled for September 29 (Wednesday) and September 30 (Thursday), 2021 at the National Corvette Museum track. The Track is holding our deposit and all the prices as they had agreed to for the prior event scheduled for 2020. The first Track X was for EOR only and there was no charge because of the Region's credit at the NCM. The normal cost for 5 laps at NCM is \$499 per four hours on the track. RE Terry will contact the hotel to ensure that the hotel is holding the rooms and at the same rate as was agreed on for 2020. Discussion was had about opening the event up to non-NCCC members or outside of EOR as it is a non-sanctioned event keeping in mind the limit of drivers (80 car limit per day, 40 to break even). Dan Gallagher compared the event at Nelson's Ledges and that non-NCCC individuals (e.g., SCCA) are willing to spend money to enjoy their cars. Ray Valentine mentioned that if we open it up, we may draw new members. NCM rules and regulations apply as we are simply renting the track and accepts NCCC's national insurance. This is a lead/follow event controlled by NCM. In the past, NCM has requested that everyone wear a helmet. Everyone signs the waivers of both NCCC and NCM. Non-NCCC members are not covered by NCCC insurance for anything at any event. The cost is \$270 for 2 days per driver and 2 days only. Terry discussed listing events on motorsports.org and the option of them collecting registration fees (5½% fee per registration). It is also an advertising mechanism for our events. Sue Hamilton stated that they are great to work with and they are able to accept credit cards. It is not cost effective for EOR to accept credit cards as we do not have the volume of events. Ted Vannelli suggested if non-Corvettes are invited to run that there be language added to the flyer that everyone is required to wear a helmet. Al Flanhofer suggested that the event be a Corvette event only – either NCCC members or non-NCCC members. Peggy Quine brought up the responsibility of teching the cars. Ray Valentine then discussed the concept that the owner who signs the tech sheet is the responsible person – not the Club, the region or NCCC. If there are any questions about classing or safety, then a car can be re-teched at any time. A car not put into the right class can be disputed at any time. Terry discussed the NCCC tech sheet and that it only has the owner's signature and that the owner is saying that the car is safe, with continued discussion about various aspects of teching. At the end of the discussion, the event will be opened up to Corvette only – either NCCC members or non-NCCC members.

A break was taken around 10:30 a.m. and the meeting restarted around 11:10 a.m.

2021 Convention - Al Flanhofer and Dan Gallagher discussed the updates for the Convention. Al discussed the publishing of the Convention magazine and it is currently being reviewed by the Chairpersons and Governors. The schedule is an ongoing project – it is still being tweaked. All registrants will get a registration packet with a goodie bag which will include the magazine and parking stickers. All events are on the NCCC website under Competition. Chairpersons are going to have to expedite the result spreadsheets to Walt Jenkins on a flash drive either that night or the next morning. Discussion was had about access to a computer by the chairpersons at the business center of the hotel. Shari Gray is the Corvette Mall Chairperson and is responsible for setting the hours. There is a wedding on Saturday afternoon/evening, and we are going to be crunched for set up time. Everything will be able to be stored in a conference room, including decorations and door prizes. Dan Gallagher discussed the speed events. The time trials have approximately 72 people signed up; a little over 100 for low speeds; approximately 30-35 signed up for each of the drag racing events. Those participating in the time trials on Tuesday are getting a lot of extra time on the track. Everybody will be showing up in the morning for the driver's meeting and that will be an all-day event for those participating. For the low speed, that is

broken up into 2 sections -- Group 1S cars in the early morning, and the afternoon for non-1S cars will have a driver's meeting at approximately 11 a.m. For the drag races, we have a much more manageable number of people to work with. We are looking forward to having really good competitive events. Any questions should be directed to Ten Vannelli and Janice Sudia for time trials; Dan and Terry Muich for low speeds; Mark Dreifke for the drag races. Scoring the drag races is being discussed with Dragway 42 – the timing will be the responsibility of Dragway 42. Dan emphasized the need for the results to be turned in as soon as possible for posting for registrants to see – especially those who are competing for Overall Competitor (over 15 currently registered). Gene Patrick discussed that shirt sales are going well, and she cannot get any more men's denim shirt prior to Convention. Autographix is doing non-shirt merchandise. Day passes are available. Corvette Mall will have a number of national and local sponsors. It is important to acknowledge our sponsors and to work with all the vendors that have been used for the Convention. Al showed a drawing of the Corvette Mall, which will include St. Jude's, Autographix, Party Lite, Tommy's Speed Shop, Gene Patrick, NCCC merchandise, Parker Snaps, EOR quilts, Kim's Gold, Beverly Dougherty's jewelry. We had to turn some people away due to the limited space due to COVID. Rich Brooks asked about the club banners and if the club needs to provide the zip ties/cords. Banners can be attached only above the main floor level. Monday is the National Banquet for 2019 top winners and there will be a program printed. Al discussed the hospitality room – beer kegs (Yuengling and Bud Light) and wine (red and white) will be furnished by the Hotel which includes a bartender. Jackie Stoutenberg is in charge of the trophies and Dan Tuck is in charge of the decorations – which will be discussed in detail at the convention meeting. Joe Mattingly discussed that the band on Sunday will be LaFlavour; the Cleveland Keys will be on Thursday; The Pop Tarts will be performing on Tuesday. The meals are pre-selected during registration and no appetizers on meal night. Appetizers will be on Tuesday and Thursday and Sunday night. There will be two open cash bars on dinner nights. The commitment for rooms at the Embassy Suites was met, but with a lot of registrants being local we were still able to make our commitment for rooms. Dan mentioned that if there are any problems with the hotel or the venues, let him or Al know. Everyone has been very accommodating and willing to work with us. Rich Brooks clarified when he should submit the bill for everything related to the Rallye – Al confirmed he can turn it in at any time at Convention. Online registration will close on June 1 – all other registrations can be handled at the Hotel by seeing Convention Treasurer Betty Parks. There are still some tours that still have room. Registration hours were reviewed, and the location of the tech station will be at Kent State close to the trailers. There will be signs place along Rockside Road, at Kent State for trailer parking and the hotel. Ray asked that all speed event chairpersons assist at the tech station and other RCDs have volunteered to assist. All cars must be teched – speed events, Concourse and Rallye included. Mike Godfrey is going to handle the valve cover race. Discussion was had about the profit/losses from conventions – the main takeaway is that we break even. We are lucky to have great sponsors. Al said it is all coming together, and everyone should enjoy themselves!!!!

Meeting adjourned around 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Santagata
Secretary

