

# MINUTES

## EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

DEVORE'S HOPOCAN GARDENS, BARBERTON, OHIO

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

**Regional Executive:** Terry Muich

**Regional Competition Director:** Dan Gallagher

**Regional Membership Director:** Cheryl Getzy

**Regional Secretary:** Karen Santagata

**Regional Treasurer:** Sue Hamilton

<b>Governors:</b>		<b>Guests:</b>		
Buckeye Corvette Club, Inc.	Barb Kukasky	Kevin	Koontz	Corvette Canton
Competition Corvette Association	Sharon Burk	Don	Burk	Competition
Corvette Canton, Inc.	Mark Thurin	Rich	Brooks	Medina
Corvette Cleveland, Inc.	Al Flanhofer	Michael	Getzy	Mid-Ohio
Fun Center Corvette Club	Mickey Ouellette	Steve	Hamilton	Buckeye
Kanawha Valley Corvettes	Chuck Stephens	Elaine	Heretta	Tiretown
Lake Shore Corvettes	Bob Niznick	Tina	King	Mahoning Valley
Mahoning Valley Corvettes	Michael Curtis	Dave	Kukasky	Buckeye
Medina Corvettes	Bill Ambuter	Diane	Rupart	Fun Center
Mid-Ohio Corvette Club	Dan Gallagher	Peggy	Stephens	Kanawha
Mound City Corvette Club	**absent	James	Patterson	Mahoning Valley
North East Ohio Vette Club	TR Aldrich	Jackie	Stoutenburgh	Corvette Cleveland
Tiretown Corvette Club	Peg Quine	Ted	Vannelli	Mid Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Regional Executive Terry Muich. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Stephens

Mound City Corvette Club's Governor is not in attendance, but there is a quorum with 12 Clubs in attendance.

A moment of silence was observed for the following EOR member(s) who recently passed away:

Daniel Cross – Mahoning Valley

The Board was introduced. The Governors introduced themselves and then guests introduced themselves.

**NOTE:** Terry Much moved away from the Agenda to discuss various issues that came to light within the EOR this past year.

- Has any club not been able to put on any event because their flyers were not correct as entered in the database? No.
- Has any club member or clubs lost any points because the information was not put into the database properly? No.

The undercurrent is things are not being put in properly and how fast they are being entered -- they are being put in according to NCCC Rules. Complaints have been that they are not being put in in the time frame that some think they should be. Complaints are coming from not only governors but others. Then we have people (Jim P.) calling around requesting high speed licenses for people and sending out emails to Governors without reading the rules. And when the rules were read, the RCD has total authority to request information and if the RCD has any concerns about a high speed license, the RCD can withdraw the high speed license at any time. Basically, the RCD was asked to break the rules because he didn't have any proof to give the individual a high speed license according to the Rules.

Terry then discussed the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and the fact that Peg Q. called him the night before the event to ask if Dan was going to attend when she had 7 months to figure out that Dan as RCD and Governor of his own club had the same events in the EOR. Terry stated that Peg had 7 months to either move the sanctions or change their sanctions. Peg reiterated that her complaint was that she was told the day before that she couldn't have her sanctions even though her sanctions were in a different region (West Ohio). Terry stated that the rules say that you have a representative from the host club present (Fun Center). Peg stated that she contacted RCD Dan several times via email requesting, but never received a reply from Dan. Peg then called Dan the day before. Terry's point was that Peg should not have assumed that the RCD would be there when his own club hosting an event on the same day and she could've changed their sanctions. Peg stated the RCD could appoint a proxy. Terry stated the RCD cannot be at two places at the same time by appointing a proxy to attend one event. Peg stated she didn't realize there was a problem because when the original bid was made for a high speed event from Mid-Ohio and Peg bid a low speed out of the region. Peg called the NCCC VP of Competition to clarify and he said that Dan could appoint a proxy. Terry questioned where that is in the Rules that a RCD could be in two places at once. Either way, it was last minute.

Terry then discussed the situation that Rene Cardenas entered information as an RCD in our Region. When the information was incorrect, it was assumed that Al F. may have entered the info which Al denied when confronted. Rene then admitted in an email that he may have accidentally entered the information, followed by an email from Rene that there was no way possible that he could do it. Terry then discussed that any RCD from any region can enter information if they know the sanction number and can enter information in any region. Al F. stated that he was not comfortable that people came to him stating that he was sabotaging the database, but when confronted, he wouldn't provide the names. Dan G. stated that he mentioned that to Al. Elaine H. stated that her husband's name was also brought up. Terry stated that because Al has been cranky about things since Dan was appointed as RCD by pointing out problems they assumed it was Al. Then they found out that any RCD can make changes. Terry stated that everyone is being too nitpicky and cranky about things, even at NCCC level, not sure why. Not sure of the reason -- our government, Covid, or what. Everyone is just getting on edge. We've gotten to the point that we can't get enough people to have a year-end banquet and when Rich B. tried to arrange for a year end event, no governors even answered him. Thus, resulting in Rich pulling the plug on the event.

We are getting too nitpicky about everything. This is a CAR CLUB!! Take your year-end award to the bank and see how far that gives you a better credit score or a car dealer for a better price. Those awards mean nothing to anybody outside of NCCC. Everyone is reading the rules, twisting the rules, trying to get things in their favor, for no reason -- to get a \$5 trophy. We need to put the fun back into everything. It used to be fun. Why? Why nitpick and point out all the issues instead of helping? Terry is always available to talk -- either email or phone. Terry also mentioned using the cattle prod on Dan -- Dan's style is to wait until the last minute to do things but he gets them done per NCCC rules. The static this year started with Mahoning Valley event

from last year and the protest. Terry and Dan stated at the beginning of the year that EOR was following the rules to avoid any similar issues and how to avoid getting protests. Some people agreed, some people didn't. At one event hosted by Corvette Cleveland Terry was told they weren't going to follow the rules because they never did it that way before. Bob was there and asked Terry why. Terry said that he could file a protest which never happened. Why does it get to that point? What can we do to get this past this?

- Do we think we can get do this and start putting fun back into it, folks? [Applause.]
- Can we keep the past in the past?
- Let's wipe the slate clean.
- In the future, communication is the key. If any one officer does not answer anybody, call or email Terry.

Rich Brooks stated his opinion was that a lot of the regional problems come from NCCC, especially the Competition Rule Book. The Rule Book is not working – it is so convoluted and messed up and no one can read it without an interpreter. Rich spoke with others, including Corvette Cleveland's Governor and Medina's Governor, to work on re-writing the book. He suggested to arrange a meeting to review. Terry agreed and stated that the NCCC RE's are working on making changes. But it cannot happen overnight – it's very time consuming. Bob N. also agreed and his opinion is that no one is doing anything consistently. As Terry stated, the Rules were made so long ago and now everyone is who wrote those Rules are getting older. The new members are coming in and wanting to make changes, but some of the "older" members don't want the changes. Terry said that EOR needs to get its house under control and make it our Region and move on and make rules for our Region as long as they don't conflict with National. James P. stated that he thinks it would be beneficial to make suggested changes to the NCCC and disagrees with Rich. About 10 years ago, he put together a high speed rules committee and if you don't put like people together, then things won't change. He thinks the EOR problems start with communication and the fact that things fester too long. Peg agreed – all she wanted to do is hear earlier – why did she have to wait until the day before her event to hear that there was a problem. Terry explained that a member of the club who sanctioned an event has to be at the event or a proxy of the RCD or the VP of Competition. Terry and Dan both stated that RCD cannot be at two places at one time nor can an RCD be at one event and a proxy at another event. Terry said that it's common sense that an RCD cannot be a proxy and be at another event. Dan said that he can't delegate his duties when he's busy some place. Terry said we are going to improve on communications. When Peg contacted the NCCC VP of Competition, she was told something different than what Dan and Terry said. Bill A. brought up the fact that EOR had sanctioned events of the same type on the same day. He wasn't sure who bid first and thinks that two clubs should not have the same type of event on the same day/weekend. Terry stated that Mid-Ohio bid first and then Tiretown bid out of region. Peg stated – bottom line – communication is key. Our season is almost over (two events remaining). We are going to work on communications going forward. Emails alleviate the "he said/she said" situation.

(Break for lunch orders to be taken.)

**Secretary (Karen Santagata)** – Minutes of the May 21, 2022 meeting were emailed to all Governors prior to the meeting. No corrections were made. TR Aldrich made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and to accept the Minutes as emailed, motion seconded by Chuck Stephens. Motion passed.

**Regional Membership Director (Cheryl Getzy)** – Cheryl thanked all the Governors for working hard to get everything in to her. The database will be locked soon and will reopen on October 15, 2022. When it opens, only the new members should be highlighted. NCCC is at 19,000 plus members and starting to grow again. In a matter of a couple weeks, NCCC has gained about 2,000 members. The push is to get new younger members. Cheryl gave suggestions to Governors when it is time to enter the member information – it might be beneficial to put the paperwork in alphabetical order as the database is in that order.

Rich B. asked about FCOA and if Cheryl was responsible for FCOA – she is not.

**Regional Competition Director (Dan Gallagher)** – Prior to this meeting, Dan emailed his report which is

attached to this report and reviewed some highlights so that the Governors who do not attend the NCCC meeting are made aware of what was discussed. He further discussed that NCCC rule change requests can be submitted 15 days prior to the April 2023 meeting. Then they will be voted on in November 2023.

Two rule changes were discussed at the RCD meeting: All requests will be available online when VP of Competition when the draft is posted prior to the next NCCC meeting. All the minutes and clarifications are also available online.

- R2 – Add National Champions award for non-speed events (e.g., rallyes, car shows, funkhanas). The idea is that the speed event participants collect more points than participants at car show. Dan discussed the points that are issued per type of event. Rich B. mentioned that it would be extra work for the RCDs, but Dan clarified that it wouldn't because it's all in the database. Chuck S. mentioned the confusion as to where the worker points would be included. It was not addressed during the discussion. Bill A. stated that some regions are doing points per type of event. The consensus of the EOR Governors was in agreement with this Rule change (with possible clarification of the worker points). James P. asked about the high speed breakout and Dan was going to say yes to both suggested changes.
- Peg Q. brought up the vote of line item changes v. all or nothing change only. However, this was discussed at the RE's meeting now the RCD's meeting, which Terry will discuss later.
- R12 – Choose lap times for time trials with respect to the fast lap, second fastest lap, etc. (NOTE: Noon whistle blew and blocked out Dan speaking). You could realistically complete your complete event in one session on the track. Chuck S. is for it – move people in and out. Rich B. mentioned that someone who had a car that stays on the track for 20 minutes will be excluded. James P. discussed the difference in cars and the different sessions and that a driver doesn't have to complete all runs in one session. Dan will proceed in the positive.

For speed events, there are going to be issues with electric vehicles. It might be in the best interest of all not to permit electric vehicles at speed events and at the discretion of local clubs for car shows and rallyes. An electric car is a fire hazard and fire department will just watch them burn. Dan said he heard that at one event with electric cars there was a bulldozer present in the event that an electric vehicle caught fire and to push it off the track.

Dan is pleased with the safe activities at EOR events. Bob N. is still working on the creation of the safety committee for the EOR. Do not bring unsafe practices to EOR events.

NCCC Online preregistration was discussed. It is a timesaver when entering results. He can set up a Zoom meeting or set up a training locally if anyone is interested in learning.

NCCC Governor's meeting – Betty Oyer is in the top #15 NCCC women as of 9/15/2022. Tiretown, Corvette Canton, Buckeye, MOCC and Corvette Cleveland are all in the top #15 Clubs.

NCM factory tours are to start up again in November 2022, with Museum members getting priority.

Open positions that Governors will be voting - NCCC President (Deb Murphy and Dave Heineman), Parliamentarian, Director of Public Relations and two individuals were nominated for Treasurer.

Two events in EOR remaining – Tiretown and FunCenter Low Speed – 9/25; Buckeye and MOCC's car show 10/9 at Skipco.

Dan reminded everyone that novice and high speed license requests should come to him and he will process pursuant to the NCCC Rules due to liability issues.

Reminder that the 2023 Sanction payments for EOR have been waived.

Dan thanked everyone for the conformance with the flyer requirements. No sanctions have been protested this year – corrections were made and that is fine.

Peg Q. asked about the 14 sanctions per year and when that would take effect. The vote will be in 2023 and implemented in 2024.

Dan gave recognition to the top 5 EOR clubs – Tiretown, Corvette Canton, Buckeye, Mid-Ohio and Corvette Cleveland. Top #10 EOR Men – Angelo Constanzo, Bob Hetrick, Joe Mattingly, Holley Baker, TR Aldrich, Clyde Oyer, Jim Hartzler, Dan Gallagher, Terry Much, and James Patterson. Top #10 EOR Women – Connie Klausen, Kathi Dembowski, Laura Gallagher, Sue Hamilton, Shari Gray, Sue Mattingly, Regi Much, Bonnie Smith, Jackie Stoutenburgh and Betty Oyer. Great season everyone!!

Rich B. asked for clarification on Rule Change 3 regarding the same type of Sanctions in and out of Region and Dan directed him to the website for clarification.

#### **Treasurer (Sue Hamilton) –**

Sue reviewed the report for May 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022 which was sent to the Governors prior to the meeting.

#### **Break for Lunch.**

#### **Finance (Sue Hamilton) –**

Sue reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2023 which was sent to the Governors prior to the meeting, including the questions/comments that we submitted prior to the meeting.

- Secretary's budget – stay at \$50
- Chili Cook-off/Fall Pot Luck – increase to \$750 for room and other expenses
  - Discussion was had if this should continue to be held. All Governors agree that it should continue.
- Competition – Waiving Sanction Fees for 2023 – will correct Credit/Debit.
- NCCC 200 Point Member Refund – will change to \$1,000 under Competition Income.

Mickey O. asked if there could be a donation made to a charity next year. Terry said that it was previously discussed that a donation be made to St. Jude's. Sue will add to the budget - \$1,000 annually.

Al F. suggested that we add to the Budget for EOR contributions to the NCCC scholarship fund. Out of 16 NCCC scholarships awarded, EOR had 8 recipients. A vote was taken and all Governors were in agreement to donate \$1,000 for a NCCC scholarship for 2023. Sue will add to the budget - \$1,000 scholarship donation.

Sue also mentioned the Fall Pot Luck and that room reservations need to be made no later than October 3, 2022 to get the agreed room rate. Contact Barb K. or Sue with questions.

**Hall of Fame Committee Report (Mickey Ouellette)** – Nominations close at midnight 9/24/2022. She has received 3 nominations and will forward to the Committee. Governors should read the bios to understand the importance of why each person was nominated.

#### **By-Laws and Standing Rules (Terry Much) –**

EOR Bylaw Article VI, Officers, Section 4 - Terry read the Bylaw change request that Al F. submitted relating to the number of Board members that any one Club can have on EOR Board and that no Club should have more

than two members on the EOR Board. (See Minutes from May 2022 meeting) His suggested language is:

**No person shall hold more than one Regional Office and must, at all times, be an active member in good standings of NCCC and a member Club. A Club may not have more than two members on the East Ohio Region Board at any one time.**

Chuck S. stated that the Board does not run the EOR and the Governors vote for the officers and the officers work for the Governors and the Clubs. He does not believe that it is valid to say only one member per Club on the Board. Bill A. stated that as a NCCC region, we should go by the NCCC Rules. However, Terry brought up that a Region can make any rule that does not conflict with NCCC. Terry asked if anyone could come up with any reason what the current 4 Board members from MOCC are doing to control the Region to benefit MOCC. No response. Mike C. stated that Mahoning Valley is getting new Board members and are in need of members to step up to volunteer. Mike also brought up that Dan and Terry were very helpful to him. He is supportive of the current Board and they are doing their job. As Terry added, if there is a problem, then nominate someone else. Ted V. differentiated between administrative and legislative positions and as long as the individual knows the position and handles it properly, then to limit the number of an individual from a certain Club is ridiculous.

EOR Bylaw Article IX, Committees, Section 1, Subsections A, B and C - Terry read the Bylaw change request by Al F. submitted relating to the various Committee members and the addition of the word “active” to the members of the Committee. (See Minutes from May 2022 meeting) His suggested language is:

**Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall be comprised of the Regional Treasurer who shall chair the committee, the Regional Executive, and two active Governors appointed by the Regional Executive subject to approval by the Board of Governors.**

**By-Laws Committee: The By-Laws Committee shall be chaired by the Regional Executive and shall be comprised of active governors selected by the Regional Executive subject to approval by the Board of Governors.**

**Hall of Fame Committee: The committee will consist of three or more active regional members, one being the Regional Executive (RE), and shall be responsible for the nomination and voting procedure and will arrange and oversee the induction of the member(s) into the Hall of Fame at the East Ohio Region Banquet.**

**Article IX, section 4: To be considered an active member/Governor an individual shall attend EOR sanctioned events on a minimum of three different dates during one calendar year.**

Chuck S. stated that he is an active member at the Governors’ meeting but may not attend events throughout Ohio because of the distance and the fact that he is 80 years old. Sue H. asked how attending a car show can differentiate between an active or inactive member or learn about others. Barb K. stated there is no need to eliminate anyone who has a history within the Region from any Committee. Al F. stated that to learn about other members is valuable throughout the region to make the best decisions for the EOR and face-to-face conversations are valuable.

Mickey O. clarified that in Robert’s Rules of Order only one person can speak at a time and must allow others to speak before someone talks again. Everyone gets a first chance before anyone gets a second chance. Mickey stated that she became active on the various Committees years ago because no one else wanted to take them. She also stated that she knows what is going on in the Region via the Governors’ meeting. And as Mickey explained, she has personal reasons for not attending car shows.

Rich B. stated that he understands the situation, but perhaps instead of stating that three different events be “suggested” not “mandatory.” He will consider making a Bylaw change to reflect.

Bob N. brought up that making eligibility more restrictive is going to hinder participation. Chuck S. stated that he learns a lot from attending the Governors’ meetings – there is no need to attend a car show and sit in the hot sun in a parking lot.

**A vote on any Bylaw change will be taken at the December 2022 meeting.**

**Standing Rule - Competition - Item 9 – Sanctioning of Events** – After reading the submission, Al F. withdrew this proposal and will re-submit with different language. A sanction is an event – an entire day of sanctions is not a single event.

**Standing Rule – Competition - New** - Bob N. submitted a proposal for an addition to the Standing Rules – (Attached)

Any member of a host club at a people's choice car show cannot vote for fellow members or applicants cars.  
At any people's choice car show a participating club cannot vote for club members cars or applicants cars.

Al F. stated that a Club may be in large attendance and may have the best cars. Terry said what is the difference between voting for your own club's cars and having 4 members from the same Club on the Board. PC= Personality instead of People's Choice. Bill A. agreed with Bob N.'s comments and brought up that Mahoning Valley does not allow its members to even vote. Perhaps it should be that a Club member can't vote for its own members' cars at its own shows. Bob N. brought up that new member questioned that some club members always win because of how it is handled. Rich B. brought up that other award be considered by sponsors, etc. Dan G. mentioned that EOR has done awards at car shows incorrectly in the past. There is an opportunity of having additional awards, but per NCCC we must follow the Competition Rulebook on how awards are generated. Tiretown handles their sanctioned events already this way – no voting for your own car or for someone in the same club. Peg Q. asked about a possible clarification about sponsors' choice at the most recent NCCC Governors' meeting which Dan said needs further clarification. The Competition Rulebook is not easy to follow. Al F. believes that this a totally unnecessary Standing Rule – a club can handle voting how it wants to. Why is it different at some shows? Mike C. stated what his Club does and says that this Standing Rule will make it an even playing field. Barb K. stated she doesn't believe that it's fair to the smaller clubs when it comes to voting. If a club has 30 attendees and they vote for their own cars, it just isn't fair to the smaller clubs.

**Vote taken**

Table for future discussion – 3 votes

In Favor – 10 votes

Against/Abstain – 2 votes

Standing Rule passed that will take affect in 2023. Details of how the ballots will be made will be discussed in the future.

**2022 Banquet** –

The Banquet Committee (Sue H., Barb K., and T.R.) and Buckeye have stepped up to host the 2023 Banquet at the Holiday Inn in N. Canton on March 4, 2023. There will be entertainment that night. We need to get more people involved. Sharon B. stepped up to help with the Banquet – anyone can help. On Saturday morning, March 4, 2023, the Governors' meeting will be held at that location. Rooms will be blocked for both nights for those who want to stay, and a hospitality room will be included. Sue is hoping that we will get at least 60 attendees. As soon as Sue gets thing organized, she will email the Governors with the information. The Committee has tried several different locations, but this location is the only place that could fit our needs.

**Regional Executive Report (Terry Muich)** –

Terry reports that at NCCC meeting the RE's worked on the Bylaws and can provide copies to anyone. There was a Standing Rule change that it would move the Competition Rule changes to electronic relating to the vote on line items versus the entire changes. It failed. The REs will be discussing a more simplified change. Dave H. came into the meeting and said that they were out of order. But Dick Y. withdrew his change. Dave said that it should come out of RCDs not the REs. Deb Murphy and Dave Heineman are running for President.

Terry's vote would be for Deb so that we can get back to having fun. Dave H. and Terry did not agree with each other over time. Governors will have the opportunity to vote.

### **Election of EOR Officers:**

Mickey interjected with an explanation of when voting for regional officers should be held. The nominations are closed within 15 days of the third meeting and voting is today. The elected officers shall assume the preliminary responsibilities at the time of voting and officially in January 2023. The election of EOR officers will be held just prior to the last NCCC Governors' meeting of the year – which is November 2022.

#### Voice Vote:

Regional Membership Director – Cheryl Getzy  
Secretary – Karen Santagata

At the request of Chuck Stephens, the vote for RCD should be a secret ballot. Al Flanhofer withdrew his nomination, but withdrawals have to be no less than 30 days preceding the election. A written vote was taken for Regional Competition Director – Al Flanhofer (4) and Dan Gallagher (8).

Regional Competition Director – Dan Gallagher.

### **New Business**

**REMINDER** - The dates for the upcoming EOR Governors' meetings are December 3, 2022 (DEVORE'S HOPOCAN) and March 4, 2023 (HOLIDAY INN, N. CANTON).

Rich B. asked about redoing the EOR patches at which time Terry handed out patches that he had.

Peggy Stephens won the Hall of Fame 50/50.

#### **Round Table** –

Dan G. (Mid-Ohio) stated that we had a great competition season. Governors, please go back to your Clubs for participation.

Chuck S. (Kanawha Valley) thanked Terry for being honest and let's move forward.

Barb K. (Buckeye) reminded everyone about Buckeye and Mid-Ohio's Skipco Car Show on October 9, 2022 and try the online registration.

T.R. (NEOVC) stated that it will be Lally's 100<sup>th</sup> year and T.R. 50<sup>th</sup> year in NCCC.

Peg Q. (Tiretown) reminded everyone of Perrysburg.

Bill A. (Medina) stated that he does have a food trailer and is available for EOR events. He will not charge minimum fees to EOR events.

Sharon B. (Competition) and Mark T. (Canton) – stay safe.

Mike C. (Mahoning) – Here's to a good 2023.

Al F. (Corvette Cleveland) – [too much noise]

Bob N. (Lakeshore) – thanked everyone for coming to all their shows.



A motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Santagata  
Secretary

[Attachment – RCD Report]  
[Attachment – Standing Rule Change]