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MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING, JULY 21, 2007

The Regional meeting was called to order by RE Chuck Heretta, at 10:10 am at Esbers, Canton, OH. The following clubs were represented:

Bob Kutty, MVCC, Gov.
Terry Sells, TTCC, Gov.
Ken Jecmen, NEOVC, Gov.
Aurel Ouellette, FCCC, Gov.
Dan Lundblad, Blennerhassett Corv. Assoc., Gov.
Ken Rutherford, Mid Ohio Corv. , Gov.
Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleve., Gov.
Chuck Stephens, Pioneer Corv., RCD/Gov.
Peggy Stephens, Pioneer Corv., RMD
Chuck Heretta, BCI, RE, Gov.
Karen Stamm, TTCC, Sec/Treas

Introductions were made around the room. A quorum was met. Chuck Heretta announced that Mark Mills from CCWVA had passed away, and Sue McGee from TN had passed away on 7/20. Chuck asked for a moment of silence.

Bob Kutty made a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed/emailed. No corrections were needed. Ken Rutherford seconded the motion. Ken Jecmen requested a hard copy of the minutes. Karen Stamm presented the treasurer's report. Ken Rutherford made a motion to accept the report, and Bob Kutty seconded the motion.

Mickey gave the 2007 Banquet Report from March.

Bob Kutty reported on the Hall of Fame. Nominations for 2008 are now open and will close at the Dec. meeting. Requirements to be nominated for the Hall of Fame are as follows: must be a member of NCCC for 15 years, must have been active as an officer at some level, must have actively participated in regional events. Qualification form is to be filled out by a regional member or club and signed by the nominator. Forms can be gotten off the website. Ken Rutherford suggested going from 15 to 20 years minimum membership. The HOF committee will take the suggestion under advisement. Bob will put together a flyer/ promotional information to go out to the clubs.

MEMBERSHIP—Peggy Stephens

Peggy handed out reports to all the governors for EOR, NCCC and FCOA membership. EOR currently has 17 clubs with 856 members. We need 104 members to reach our 2007 goal of 960. BCI is the largest in the region with 149 members. NCCC currently has 280 clubs with 18,111 members. You should have received your Blue Bars. Peggy has some back issues if needed. Peggy has handed out the club membership lists to each club present. Please make sure the information is correct, especially the addresses. If you find an error, please mail a copy of the corrections on a membership form to her. If you would like the NCCC display at a club function, let her know so she can put in a request for it. FCOA membership is 2,540 nationally, EOR has 156 members.

All NCCC members will receive pins and calendars in 2008. Membership cards will probably be going to a 5 year card in 2008. You will then receive a year tab to put on your card for the next 4 years.

September 1 is getting closer. Peggy will continue to process applications as you send them to her. If you want applications held until after the cutoff date, send them after the date. If you need more application forms, she has them. She asked for help with looking for prospective NCCC members. Send the applications to Peggy so they can be processed at the regional level and then forwarded on to nationals. Please do not send them to Bob Bowen. Please make the checks to EOR/NCCC. Please do not make the checks out to NCCC. Aurel asked how the pins will be distributed. They will probably be given to the RMD to pass out to the governors to be passed out to each club. He also asked if there will be reimbursement for postage. She will check on that at the next national meeting. The main reasons why they will not be mailed out were that the mail carriers were getting stuck with the pins, and the pins make a bulge in the envelopes.

CHARITIES—Elaine Heretta

Ticket sales were down this year for the raffle car for convention because of no Transplant Games. The 2007 car was won by someone from Michigan. No charity committee meeting was held at convention. The ticket sales paid for the car with enough to get started for 2008. The donation to the Kidney Foundation will be smaller than it has been in the past. The NCCC has a rep from the Kidney Foundation who has been with us now for more than a year, and she is very excited about the relationship between the NCCC and the foundation. Bob Kutty asked for a list of local chapters for the foundation. Elaine will contact Patrick Dolan. Chuck encourages each club to be a 100% club.

COMPETITION—Chuck Stephens

The regional points standings are as current as what Chuck has. He is waiting for the last few events. There are no national points standings at this time. They were submitted and then rejected by the webmaster because they were incorrect. They will be corrected and posted ASAP. Competition did have a meeting at convention and chapter 2 of the rule book has been approved. He went over the top 5 clubs, top 5 ladies, and top 5 men. As

soon as he gets all the current results, he will compile into a spread sheet and email to the governors. The question came up at the Mahoning show about having an alcoholic beverage while at lunch during an event. The NCCC rules states that no alcohol can be consumed before or during an NCCC sanctioned event by entrants, workers or spectators anywhere on the premises. Entrants will be disqualified if they have been drinking alcohol. It should be stated at the driver's meeting. Everyone is on the honor system, but is difficult to police. If you are caught, you will be disqualified. It also should state it on any flyer.

Alan Moore brought up our yearly rebate from NCCC for awards. First place is \$21, second place \$20, third place on down, anyone earning 200 points gets \$19. We get back around \$900 for awards. Chuck got a check in March for \$382 for last years rebates. Mike Godfrey at NCCC had only so much money budgeted for awards, and it came out to be a lot less than in the past. There is money in the regional treasury for awards, but we will not be getting the amount that we have had in the past from national. Mike Godfrey told Chuck S. that more people had gone into the 200 point club than in the past and that was why there was less money. All regions recognize 200 point earners. The rule book says that any member earning 200 points gets an award. National does their budget 3 years in advance. The region budgets a year ahead. We may need to look at ways to get more money for awards. Ken Rutherford questioned how competitive car shows really were. Chuck H. said that the car shows were done in order to get more people out participating. However, awards do not have to be given out at car shows, only concours shows. We have to figure out a way to put competition back into the competition program. Alan said that travel points are very close to being gotten rid of. Chuck S. agreed that car shows need to be revamped and that people need to be trained on how to judge.

REGIONAL EXEC.—Chuck Heretta

Chuck said the new rule book probably won't be finished as planned. There was no official meeting at the convention. Bylaw proposals will be made at the Sept. meeting and will be mailed out to the governors for the clubs to vote on. Nationals are working on the 2008 budget. They are about \$40,000 short for expenses. They are working on ways to cut—raising dues, cutting a gov's meeting, cutting one Blue Bars issue, and making a surcharge per event for competition awards are some ideas.

The 2008 convention will be in Tulsa, OK 6/21-6/29. The 2009 convention will be in MI or CO. Both regions have made proposals.

Governor's Subsidy Program-- Each club can use the program one time through the region. Once it's been used, that's it. The program is not for each governor, it is a one time use for each club.

The 2008 Regional Banquet will be at the Galaxy in Wadsworth on March 8. Tiretown is this year's host club.

Mickey is doing another version of the 2008 Budget for the region.

Champ Series-- Governors should get feedback from their clubs if there is an interest in doing a modified version of the Champ Series. The same car must be used in all events, events would be on Sundays only, and the events would be concours and rallies. Roger Flading brought up about the governors/clubs helping new people doing concours. Peggy Stephens suggested doing the drivers meeting half way through the cleaning time to give new people some pointers. Elaine Heretta suggested giving all entrants a paper with concours expectations. Chuck Stephens will get together a list of what to expect at a concours.

MVP process—there has been talk about making changes. Be thinking about possible changes and come prepared with info to discuss at the Oct. meeting.

National Council is in the process of choosing a meeting site for governors meetings for 2009, 2010, and 2111. Voting for meeting sites will happen at the May governors meeting. Proposals are in the works now. They will be made at the Feb. meeting. Chuck is checking to see if it is a mail-in vote. Chuck is pushing for a warm-body vote.

Regional Chili Cook-Off-- will be Nov 17 in Akron. It will be also a welcome home for Kay Alexander. Bring your specialty chili, hor'dourves, or desserts. It will not be a surprise party. Chuck will be sending out a letter to the governors, and a flyer will be out soon. The region will furnish beverages.

Nominations for regional officers for 2008. -- Regional executive for 2008 and 2009. Bob Kutzy nominated Chuck Heretta and Ken Rutherford seconded the nomination. No other nominations at the time. According to operating procedures, vote will be taken by mail at the Oct. 20 meeting. Nominees have until 9/20 to withdraw their names. You will have until 10/5 to place your name on the ballot. Criteria to be nominated is you must have attended two meeting in the last 12 months prior to your nomination.

Ken Rutherford brought up about Standing Rules and Operating Procedures. They were revised in the last few years. Chuck will get out new Standing Rules and Operating Procedures to all the governors. It will be put on the website also.

Roundtable-- Aurel mentioned Mansfield's bicentennial next year. His club was asked about doing a car show in conjunction with it.

Regional banquet hospitality room—it has been the tradition that the #1 club in the region hosts the room at the banquet. Chuck wants everyone to come back with ideas on whether we want to keep it this way or make a change. Please bring input to the Oct. meeting.

The next meeting will be 10/20 at 10:00 at Esbers.

The region will send sympathy cards to the families of Sue McGee and Mark Mills. No final decision was made on donations at this time. A \$50 limit was put on any donations of this type. Chuck will get in touch with Amelia Workman to see what John's wishes were.

Peggy Stephens pulled the 50/50 for the Hall of Fame. Karen Stamm won \$23 with \$23 going to the Hall of Fame.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03.