

MINUTES

EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

JULY 23, 2011

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**NEXT MEETING @ ESBER'S RESTAURANT
CANTON, OHIO
OCTOBER 15, 2011 @ 10:00 AM**

SCHEDULE OF 2011 MEETINGS:

REGIONAL:

December 3, 2011 @ 9:30 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH (BIDDING MEETING)

NATIONAL:

September 9 – 10, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO

November 11 – 12, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO

**EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING
JULY 23, 2011**

PRESENT:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, Buckeye Corvette Club, Inc., Governor
Sue Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.

EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.

EO-010 BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.

Elaine Heretta,

Terry Sells, Guest

Bob Thomsen, Guest

EO-013 MID-OHIO CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

Ken Rutherford, Proxy Governor

Pat Rutherford, Guest

EO-033 BLENNERHASSETT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

EO-052 MAHONING VALLEY CORVETTES

John Callery, Governor

EO-057 MOUND CITY CORVETTE CLUB

EO-068 TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB

Alan Moore, Governor

Gail Moore, Guest

EO-083 LAKESHORE CORVETTE CLUB

EO-096 NORTH EAST OHIO CORVETTE CLUB

Ken Jecmen, Governor

EO-104 FUN CENTER CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

Aurel Ouellette, Governor

Mickey Ouellette, Governor

EO-116 MEDINA CORVETTE CLUB

Patrick Adams, Governor

Louis Michalovich, Guest

EO-147 CENTRAL WV CORVETTE CLUB

EO-148 CORVETTE CLUB OF WEST VIRGINIA

EO-223 KANAWHA VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

William Wood, Governor

EO-257 COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSOCIATION, INC.

EO-258 CORVETTE CANTON, INC.

Mark Thurin, Governor

EO-571 CROOKED RIVER CORVETTE CLUB

Tim Obert, Governor

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Heretta at 9:49 AM. It was determined that a quorum was present, so business could be conducted. The Governors were introduced.

SECRETARY:

Ken Rutherford motioned to suspend the reading of the minutes and Mark Thurin seconded. All were in favor that the May 2011 minutes be accepted as they were e-mailed.

TREASURER:

Sue Hamilton read the Treasurers report that was distributed to all Governors. There were no questions. Pat Adams motioned and Ken Rutherford seconded that the Treasurers Report be accepted as printed. All were in favor.

HALL OF FAME:

Mark Thurin had no report. Chuck Heretta stated that the Committee is accepting nominees to be inducted at the Regional Banquet in March. The criteria and form are on the website.

CHARITY:

Elaine Heretta reported that the winner of the Raffle Car is from Royal Corvettes of Michigan. Rick Reinburg (sp) was the winner and is almost always at Convention, but was at a Used Car Dealer Convention in Las Vegas. He was contacted by Patrick Dolan that evening. We don't know whether or not he accepted the car. It looked like the ticket sales were good despite this not being a Transplant Games year.

MEMBERSHIP:

Peggy e-mailed the EOR membership report, as of July 18, 2011, to all EOR Governors and will continue to do so to save costs.

In Peggy's absence, Chuck Heretta read her report. There are 17 clubs as of July 18, 2011 with 923 members. At the end of 2010, we had 907 members. This is a gain of 16 members. Our goal for 2011 is 960 members, so we are only short by 37 members. Peggy did not receive the NCCC membership report or the FCOA membership report.

Everything is up-to-date with members being added. Some Governors in the East Ohio Region are still encountering some problems with the database. If you are having issues, please let her know.

When going into your governor screen to enter a new member, make sure to go to the "Look Up Member" feature first. This way, these people will only have one number

in the system. It's important that we keep the information on the database up-to-date, and that you inform her of any and all changes. Also, please send her the white copy of the membership application along with your club check made payable to "NCCC" for the NCCC dues. If you want to send her the East Ohio Region membership fees of \$2 per member at the same time, this check is to be made payable to "East Ohio Region." If you have problems or questions concerning the database, please don't hesitate to call her at (704-378-6398) or send an e-mail to (stephecr2@windstream.net).

The RMD's are responsible for getting nominees to run for upcoming NCCC executive board offices. The four positions open for nomination for 2012 are VP of Competition, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms and Business Manager. As of today, there is no one running for Vice President of Competition of NCCC. If you are interested in one of these positions or know of someone who is interested, you can let Peggy know or you may contact the nominating committee directly. The committee is: Patsy Shearer, FL Region; Jerry Limpach, WO Region; and Gail Yanko, SE Region.

It is recommended that you hold new member applications until September 1st to avoid paying again in November.

COMPETITION:

In the absence of Chuck Stephens, Alan Moore gave the Competition report. There was no RCD meeting at Convention. Chuck Stephens is still looking for feedback on the Matrix that was handed out at the last meeting. Tim Obert asked if the items that had comments beside them had already been decided. Alan said "no." Those items had only been discussed, but some had been rejected and there would be further discussion for this rulebook on the rejected items.

Club standings in the region: 1st Buckeye Corvettes with 3011 points, 2nd Corvette Cleveland with 1481 points, 3rd Mid Ohio with 1196 points.

Men's standings in the region: 1st Chuck Heretta; 2nd Ted Vannelli; 3rd Al Flanhofer.
Ladies standings in the region: 1st Cindy Flanhofer; 2nd Elaine Heretta; 3rd Linda Vannelli.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

Chuck Heretta said that the RE's had a short meeting at Convention. There were three East Ohio Governors/proxies present at the Convention Meeting. He asked if all Governors were receiving their National minutes. The By-Laws will be presented at the September Governors' meeting. The Governors will then receive a ballot to vote. Chuck does not have a copy of the finished By-Laws. The October East Ohio Regional meeting

has been scheduled so there is time to discuss them before the ballots are due back. Electronic voting procedures are being tested. There were a lot of things that weren't clear in the initial e-mails, but most of those have been cleared up. He stated that there are still many things that need to be done before this becomes the way we vote. Our By-Laws will have to be changed regarding who will monitor the ballots. What about those that do not have computer access, etc. He encouraged the Governors to do the "test" if there is another one sent. Pat Adams asked if there was a way to get the "Governors Database" button more visible. He is having trouble finding it. Chuck suggested that you save it to your desktop as he has heard this complaint before. There was discussion in regard to how to change the password to access the Database. Peggy can help if there is a need.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chuck stated that the Regional Banquet guidelines are available electronically and he has copies if anyone is interested. The Governors' subsidy program has been restarted and two clubs have used it this year. The 2012 Regional Banquet will be hosted by Alan and Gail Moore. Chuck has received the contracts. Alan stated the only issue he sees is the \$150 fee for the room for the Governor's meeting. The flyer will be due at the December Regional Meeting. Chuck will also need a budget. A \$200 deposit will be made once the Banquet Budget Committee looks at the budget and Chuck signs the contracts.

We are still looking for a trailer to be used for the Regional Timing equipment. Chuck has talked to someone and received a quote of \$3,600 for a 7' x 14' trailer. John Callery has not heard back from his contact. Chuck has received no information from Ric Keller. He said as long as the trailer is less than 8 feet wide, it does not require electronic brakes. So we are still on the hunt.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck will be updating the East Ohio Region Standing Rules and By-Laws. He asked the Governors to look them over and make suggestions if they feel they are warranted.

Ken Rutherford suggested that a Banquet Committee be formed so that the Regional Executive does not have the responsibility if no club steps forward. Chuck stated that years ago it was always the RE that put on the banquet. In 1985 we went to individual clubs hosting the event. We have a banquet committee consisting of the Regional Treasurer (Sue Hamilton), Bob Thomsen, and Bill Quine. He said that Ken's suggestion has merit and that maybe the Committee's duties can be expanded to include soliciting clubs to put on the Banquet. Chuck stated that we need to get back to the banquet proposals being presented at the December Regional Meeting. The Governors would then vote on the proposal at the March Regional Meeting. We need a bid for the 2013

Regional Banquet at the December meeting. Alan commented that it is hard to find a hotel that can accommodate a group of 125 people or where you can bring in food and beverages for the Hospitality Room.

Ken Rutherford would like to see a Regional Timing Committee so Bob Thomsen is not completely tied in the trailer without some relief and the Regional Officers don't have to be in charge of everything. Ken feels that more people need to step up and get involved.

Chuck said that if you need a copy of the Regional By-Laws, to let him know. It has been six years since they were updated.

The Regional Chili Challenge will be on November 19, 2011 at St. Michael's Church (Father Bob's) in Akron. Sue Hamilton and Elaine Heretta have volunteered to coordinate the event. There is no charge, although, there will be a free will donation to give to Father Bob for the use of the hall. The only thing you need to bring is an appetizer, chili, or a dessert. The Region will supply the beverages and staples. Alan suggested that a committee to be formed to coordinate it. Pat Adams said that the Medina Corvette Club never seems to know about the event. Chuck instructed Sue and Elaine to put out more information in a timely manner to the Governors. Some clubs use this event as their monthly Social.

If you have things that you would like included in the 2012 Fiscal Budget, please send the information to Sue so that she can get it to her Committee.

Chuck advised the Corvette Museum has a program where you can buy a banner for a light pole that will stay up for one year. It is a fund raiser for the Museum and costs \$350. The banners are produced by the Museum and put up in time for the Birthday Bash in September and remain for a year. When the year is over, the banner is given to you. Chuck stated that Corvette Cleveland has participated and that Buckeye will be doing the same. Alan Moore proposed and Pat Adams seconded that the Region purchase a banner to hang at the Museum for a year. All were in favor. Chuck said there is a new brochure out that features a photo of him handing Wendell Strode the first donation check for the Museum Motorplex. Alan said the donations for the track at the Museum were at a plateau but have begun to pick up. Chuck stated the Motorplex will be completed in stages. We will be making the third installment of our pledge of \$15,000 soon. He feels that it is a win/win situation for our Region. We are still the only Region that has bought an acre of land for the Motorplex, although several people approached Chuck at Convention in regard to doing the same. The Corvette Racing Team will make their home at the track once it is completed.

Nominations for the office of Regional Executive open today. Chuck read from the By-Laws how the nominations are to be done. He also read the duties of the Regional Executive for the two year term of December 1, 2011 to November 30, 2013. He then opened nominations. Pat Adams nominated Chuck Heretta. He declined. Pat Adams and Alan Moore gave good arguments asking Chuck to please reconsider. No other nominations were made at this time. The nominations will remain open until September 30th. Chuck thanked everyone for their kind words.

There is a flyer on the Regional web-site for five Car Shows on August 20th reflecting a change of location. Mound City Corvette Club lost the location where they had been holding the car shows and offered them to the Region. Chuck Stephens decided to offer them to an individual club to host in the order of their Regional finish last year. Buckeye Corvettes has decided to host the events. The new club will only receive each individual entrant's points for the event. Mound City will retain their host points. The car shows will be held at VanDevere Chevrolet, 1490 Vernon Odom Blvd., in Akron. Alan stated his concern that we may lose them as a Club in NCCC next year.

Chuck said the Convention in Tinley Park was a very good time. He feels this Convention will make money. The weather was questionable at times but the Convention had the backing of the community, which was a big plus. Attendance was approximately 600. The 2012 Convention will be held in Topeka, Kansas. Make plans to attend. There are plans for a five-day Convention to be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 2013. There are no plans for a high speed event. Ken Rutherford suggested that we go back to having Sectional Events with a mini-convention. Chuck explained that Sectional used to be just a high speed event that shut down everything else. Bob Thomsen told what the West Region did when he lived there in regard to their Regional Awards Banquet and several events held during a weekend at the end of August. Chuck said that is something our Region should look at. We tried to put together a big weekend in the past without much success. It is Chuck's personal feeling that NCCC Conventions are on shaky ground. Bob Thomsen gave some insight into the situation since he sat on the Steering Committee for two years. Several Conventions have made a substantial amount of money. He questioned whether or not our sponsors will begin to go away. Bob suggested a rebate to entrants when money is made since NCCC is a non-profit organization. Alan talked about Larry Beebe and when he charged double, promised the moon, and didn't deliver. Chuck stated that when he was Convention Chairman, he feared the Committee. He did what they told him to do. It is obvious times have changed. He said the greatest satisfaction, as a Chairman, was to see things proceeded as planned.

He reminded the Governors the next Regional Meeting will be October 15, 2011 and the next National Meeting will be September 10, 2011. This will be the first meeting that

will begin at 12:30 PM. Chuck reminded the Governors that the Governor's Subsidy Program is in effect.

Pat Adams asked what happened in regard to tax ID numbers. Chuck said that we let sleeping dogs lie in regard to that. We, as a Region, are incorporated and we are in accordance. Sue stated that we will renew our status in July of 2012.

There was no 50/50 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Hamilton, Secretary