

MINUTES OF EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING, MARCH 8, 2008

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The March 8, 2008 EOR meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Express, Wadsworth, OH. Chuck Heretta called the meeting to order at 9:45. A quorum was met, 6 club representatives were needed, 8 were present.

The following clubs were represented:

Bob Kutty, Mahoning Valley, proxy
Alan Moore, Tiretown, proxy
Elaine Heretta, Corvette Cleveland, gov.
Ric Keller, Lake Shore, gov.
Don Burk, Competition Corvette, gov.
Chuck Heretta, Buckeye, RE, gov.
Chuck Stephens, Kanawha Valley, RCD, proxy
Peggy Stephens, Kanawha Valley, RMD
Karen Stamm, Tiretown, EOR sec/treas
Ken Rutherford, Mid Ohio, gov.

Introductions were made around the room. Bob Kutty made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Sharon Burk seconded the motion. All were in favor of accepting the minutes. Treasurer's report was given. The EOR does not run on a calendar year, but a fiscal calendar. The fiscal calendar will run 12/1-11/30. Bob Kutty made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Gail Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

BANQUET REPORT-- 89 reservations. Karen thanked anyone who donated doorprizes for the banquet. Due to the snow, there have been 2 cancellations, and we are expecting more. There have been questions about refunds. No answers about any refunds yet.

CHARITY COMMITTEE-- Elaine Heretta and also Mike Sudia from the region. The Transplant Games are this year. Make sure you use the green sheet in your membership packet. Chuck urges all the EO clubs to become 100% clubs. Ticket money will be accepted up until convention. The games will be in Pittsburgh this year. The games are not for just kidney patients, but any transplant recipient.

WEB SITE-- Bob Kirsch was not present, but the website is up to date.

HALL OF FAME-- Bob Kutty. 50/50 tickets will be on sale through the banquet. The winner will be pulled at the banquet tonight. Inductions into the Hall of Fame will be made at the banquet.

MEMBERSHIP—Peggy Stephens. Currently the region has 17 clubs, with 851 members, down 73 members from 2007. We have gained 36 members since Dec 31. The goal is 960 for 2008. We need 109 more to meet our goal. Currently, our top clubs are Buckeye with 141, Corvette Cleveland with 125, and Tiretown with 86. Peggy read the letter that she wrote to Blue Bars concerning Central WVA Corvette Club. At renewal time, they made the decision to become a 100% NCCC club. Since making the change, they have tripled their membership. Peggy congratulated them on a job well done. Elaine asked what was the sudden attraction. Peggy wasn't sure. Peggy then went over the NCCC membership report. She has extra copies of Blue Bars that anyone is welcome to take. She said to make sure for everyone to take a look at the current edition. Corvette Cleveland is on the front cover commemorating their 50th Anniversary. There is also an article in this edition by Janice Sudia concerning attending conventions from a noncompetitive point of view. National would like to have more articles from the regions, so if you have anything to submit, send it to Sylvia Hoaldrige, Blue bars editor. Some ideas for articles are the benefits you get from being an NCCC member, the fun you've had or the friendships you've made. Bob Kutty asked Chuck H. why he didn't write an article for the last Blue Bars. Chuck said it was because he was very irritated at the last national meeting about things that were said by different people, and he felt it was better not to comment at all. There will be articles in the next issue from the EOR. He said that national asked that the articles be positive. Peggy said there are 2 possibly 3 clubs new to NCCC. She handed out club membership lists. Please look at these for corrections on names and addresses. Please correct now, don't wait. There are new updated governor's lists coming out soon.

If any club wants the NCCC display at an event, please let Peggy know as soon as possible, so she make arrangements.

Peggy gave the FCOA report, there are 2629 members as of 12/31. There were 33 new members added. There are new FCOA membership cards coming soon. Corvette Cleveland still has the biggest FCOA membership in the region with 58. If you have a child you are going to have join FCOA, please make sure you use the correct application dated 02-2006 (at the bottom of the application).

Everyone should have their membership cards, pins and calendars. There has been a change with the membership cards. They will not be 5 year cards starting in 2009. Since 2009 is the 50th anniversary of NCCC, they have decided to come up with something special. Also, if you have any good ideas for perks, let Peggy know so she can present them at the May governors' meeting. One idea was to design a patch. The patch would take the place of the calendar and pin. Chuck felt that there should be a pin and a patch. Final decisions will be made at the May meeting. Bob Kutty asked if the lifetime members will get the 50th anniversary cards. Ken Rutherford said that it needs to be looked at where the money goes vs where it is intended. Everyone should have received the 2008 rulebook cd in their renewal packets. The proposed sites for the governors' meetings for 2010-2012 are Nashville and St. Louis. The dues increase was tabled until the May meeting. If your club needs membership applications, Peggy has them.

PLEASE make sure your treasurer knows to make all checks to the region as follows: EOR/NCCC. Nothing else, please. Please keep looking for new members, and try to attend NCCC functions. There are 215 people registered for the convention in Tulsa.

Elaine suggested that FCOA maybe send out something to the kids a few times a year or even quarterly to keep the kids' interest. Bob Kutty asked if there is a FCOA financial report. Chuck gave the following numbers: FCOA was budgeted for \$4150, took in \$4602.31. Meeting expenses- budget \$860, actual \$691.26. Postage- \$2900, actual- \$2684. Promotional incentives- \$2000, actual- \$1118.10. Office supplies-\$150, actual-\$385. Total budget was \$8020, spent \$5504.37, took in \$4600. So basically, FCOA is self-funding. For 2008, the budget is income- \$3900, expenses-\$8500. NCCC figures that FCOA will loose about \$4600. Elaine asked that wouldn't you consider FCOA an advertisement for NCCC? Chuck said that FCOA was originally for NCCC members' kids, then it extended to grandkids, then to nieces and nephews. Chuck feels that they need to stop worrying about numbers, and get back to basics. Ken Rutherford asked if there was any record of how many NCCC members we have gotten from FCOA members. Chuck said there probably wasn't because they don't track it.

COMPETITION—Chuck Stephens. Flyers-- need to have type of event, need club number, then sanction number. Chuck H. asked if he was kicking back flyers that don't have that information. The RCD meetings are both open and closed. The reason for some being closed is because they were getting out of hand. It keeps the meetings more organized and controlled. Anyone can attend, but before a gallery guest can address the competition committee, their respective RCD must be aware of what they are to present.

Tim Obert is the contact person for Lakeland College. Clubs are able to go directly to Tim for scheduling, and he is keeping Chuck in the loop. As of right now, we have the large lot for 5/31 and 6/1, the baseball lot for 8/2, 3, and the large lot for 10/4, 5. Tim is also checking on the Parma GM lot and a Ford plant that was shut down. Send event results to Chuck, he will double check them, send them back to the club, then he will send them on the national. Also, to meet the MVP criteria, there needs to be 1 more concours added to the schedule. If a club is interested, get with Chuck. MOCC, TTCC, CC and Kanawha Valley still have outstanding sanctions.

National standings: Ladies--Deb Murphy-7, Peggy Stephens-32, Elaine Heretta-35, Pat Rebol-36, Carol Etzel-45, Lory Arthur-48. Mens—Jack Alexander-3, Geoff Gott-5, Rob Ovall-17, Denny Murphy-21, Chuck Stephens-63, Brett Rebol-66, Dennis Arthur-68, Chuck Heretta-69. Clubs—TTCC-5, Corvette Cleveland-11, Buckeye-21, Comp. Corvette-37, Pioneer-44. Rule book clarifications—Questions must be sent to the RCD through the club governor 15 days in advance of the competition meeting. The RCD must forward the questions to the other RCDs and the Comp. VP 10 days in advance of the meeting. The questions can be sent electronically. For events, the co- and chairpersons must declare the points they are taking before the event starts. Elaine said that a Wisc. Club president wrote an article on reasons to compete and be active. She is going to call him and get permission to reprint the article for the region to use.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE—Chuck Heretta. The hand book has the bylaws, standing rules and the rule book all on the CD as well as on the NCCC website. It can be printed off of the website. Someone is working on a smaller size version of the book. Corrections cannot be made. Chuck recommends that each governor get 1 copy made for each club. Bob Kutty asked how changes were going to be made.

Chuck reminded everyone that for a club event to be covered under the NCCC insurance, a copy of the flyer must be mailed (postmarked) to him

Convention registration is open, it can be done online. The first cutoff date is 3/15. Dates are 6/21-29. Numbers may be down this year. The 2009 convention is in CO springs. Hal Bellamy is heading the steering committee. They are looking for a 2009 convention treasurer. Let Chuck know if you know anyone who is interested. You would need to be proficient in Quick Books. This person cannot come from the Rocky Mt. region.

Scholarship applications are due 5/1 to John Osborne. They can be filed online.

This year's convention car is a black coupe. It has a few more features than past cars. If you use the green sheet from the renewal packet, include phone number and fill out completely.

Debbie Lindsey has been working on sponsorships. She feels they will be more than adequate to cover the convention and NCCC.

The dues increase has been tabled until the May meeting. In 2007, assets increased by \$57,000, despite a \$14,000 drop in membership. Chuck feels that the dues increase is not needed right now. The 2007 convention made money, even though the convention is always budgeted for a loss because of known losses—ie national officers rooms. Ric Keller asked why is the dues increase even being considered. Chuck feels that it is time for NCCC to have a full time executive director and be run as a corporation. Alan Moore agreed that we need a director, but it needs to be the right person, probably an outsider.

The NCCC charities are the biggest public relations assets we have. We are one of the bigger contributors to the Transplant Games, along with Coke and Xerox. If national is trying to cut money, then Public Relations and Sponsorship could be put together. Membership and FCOA could also be put together. They both deal with the same thing. No one would want Patrick Dolan's job of Director of Charities. No one knows what goes on behind the scenes. There is also talk of eliminating the Steering committee. The steering committee could possibly go in with the business manager. If that were done, the term limitation would have to be lifted from the business manager so as to not constantly be changing steering committee directors. There is some smart trimming that could be done.

In reviewing the Dec. minutes, Chuck didn't find any old business that needed to be discussed.

New Business—Chuck reappointed committees for 2008. HOF—Bob Kutty, Bob Kirsch, Bill Quine and Al Etzel. Budget/Banquet—Karen Stamm, chairperson, Bob Thomsen, Mickey Ouellette. Webmaster—Bob Kirsch. Timing—Bob Thomsen, Peggy Stephens, Lory Arthur. Linda Suches. Chuck asked for any objections, there were none.

Banquet 2009—Competition Corvettes is working on a proposal.

EOR Bylaws and Standing Rules. Everyone got copies, please take them back, go through them, and see where we need to make updates. Be ready to discuss at the May meeting.

The next EOR meeting will be May 17, 10:00 at Esber's.

Bob Kutty asked if K and K insurance information is out.

Chuck Stephens brought up that Corvette Museum no longer has the NCCC kiosk. Chuck Heretta said they have the NCCC and the NCRS displays in the remodeled area and will be taken out. The reasoning is that the displays are stale, as is the museum. No one will have permanent exhibits anymore. They will change out every 6 to 9 months. Ken Rutherford asked if they are throwing us out. Chuck said they weren't, just rethinking how to redo the displays and be proactive, not reactive.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectively submitted, Karen Stamm, EOR Sec./ Treas.