

MINUTES

EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2010

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**NEXT MEETING @ ESBER'S RESTAURANT
CANTON, OHIO
DECEMBER 4, 2010 @ 9:30 AM
BIDDING MEETING**

SCHEDULE OF 2010 MEETINGS:

REGIONAL:

December 4, 2010 @ 9:30 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
Bidding meeting

NATIONAL:

November 12 - 13, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO
February 25 - 26, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO
April 29 - 30, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO
June 18 - 24, 2011 (Convention) in Tinley Park, IL
September 9 - 10, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO
November 11 - 12, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO

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PRESENT:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, Buckeye Corvette Club, Inc., Governor
Chuck Stephens, Competition Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc.
Peggy Stephens, Membership Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc.
Sue Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer, Buckeye Corvette Club, Inc.

EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.

Dennis Arthur, Governor
Lory Arthur, Guest
Warren Obert, Guest

EO-010 BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.

Al Etzel, Guest, HOF
Carol Etzel, Guest
Roger Flading, Guest
Elaine Heretta, Guest
Terry Sells, Guest

EO-013 MID-OHIO CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

Terry Muich, Proxy Governor
Ken Rutherford, Guest

EO-033 BLENNERHASSETT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

Dan Lundblad, Governor
Jane Lundblad, Guest

EO-052 MAHONING VALLEY CORVETTES

EO-057 MOUND CITY CORVETTE CLUB

EO-068 TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB

Alan Moore, Governor
Gail Moore, Guest

EO-083 LAKESHORE CORVETTE CLUB

Ric Keller, Governor
Les Russo, Guest

EO-096 NORTH EAST OHIO CORVETTE CLUB

Ken Jecmen, Governor
TR Aldrich, Guest

EO-104 FUN CENTER CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

EO-116 MEDINA CORVETTE CLUB

Pat Adams, Governor
Louis Michalovich

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.
Don Burk, Governor
Sharon Burk, Guest
- EO-258 CORVETTE CANTON, INC.
Mark Thurin, Governor
- EO-571 CROOKED RIVER CORVETTE CLUB

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

The meeting was called to order by Regional Executive, Chuck Heretta, at 10:10 AM. He determined that a quorum was met. The Governors of the Region introduced themselves. There were no deaths reported in the Region.

SECRETARY:

Pat Adams motioned, seconded by Ken Jecmen, to suspend the reading of the August Minutes and accept as printed. A correction to the March minutes was needed. Peggy Stephens noted that on page 5 the first line under Competition, correct "four sanctions" to "three sanctions". Dennis Arthur made a motion, second by Ric Keller to accept with the change. The motion passed.

TREASURER:

Treasurer's report for the period of August 15, 2010 through October 4, 2010 was read by Sue Hamilton. Pat Adams motioned, seconded by Chuck Stephens to accept as read and printed. Motion passed with no discussion. There were no questions.

HALL OF FAME:

Al Etzel advised the HOF committee is collecting nominations for the East Ohio Hall of Fame until the December meeting. Ballots should be returned to the Secretary. Al is still looking for pictures of members that have not submitted them for the Hall of Fame book.

CHARITY:

Elaine Heretta stated that the Raffle Car was won by a woman who had donated an organ to her brother that was participating in the Transplant Games when she won the car. She has elected to take the money so the car will be available for purchase. Elaine will bring 2011 Raffle Car tickets to the December meeting. Eight scholarships were given out at the Convention. The 2011 Scholarship deadline is May 1, 2011. Applications must be received by May 1, 2011.

MEMBERSHIP:

Peggy Stephens reported that there are 17 clubs in the East Ohio Region as of October 15, 2010 with a total membership of 917. The 2011 membership goal is 960. Buckeye Corvette is the top club with 183 members; Central WV Corvette Club with 107; Corvette Cleveland with 93; Competition Corvette with 82; Tiretown Corvette with 74; Lake Shore Corvettes with 69 and 11 clubs with less than 60 members.

NCCC membership total is 17,186 as of September 7, 2010. This is a loss of 694 members since September 11, 2009, and we've lost 5 Clubs since that date. NCCC has 289 lifetime members and 399 Members At Large. Her report shows Buckeye Corvette as the largest club in the East Ohio Region with 175 Members. Peggy advised you print our membership list from the new database. Please check for spelling of members' names, addresses, cars owned, etc. If you find

an error, please correct it as you do your Club's renewals. Peggy requested that all Governors confirm their e-mail addresses.

Larry sent all Governors a Membership Database User Guide. If you follow the instructions, you can do your renewals without any problems. Please don't hesitate to call Peggy at (704-378-6398) or send an e-mail (Stephecr2@Windstream.Net). Peggy will help you.

Peggy reported the total FCOA members as of January 1, 2010 was 2,719 with 250 added less 145 children who reached the age of 16 for a new total of 2,824 as of September 9, 2010.

The Midwest Region has the highest number of FCOA members with 546, the West Region has 435, the East Region has 296, the Michigan Region has 306, the Florida region has 267, and the East Ohio Region has 172. Corvette Cleveland is the top club in the East Ohio Region with a total of 53 FCOA members.

When an FCOA child turns 16, check if this child actually joins NCCC as a member. Peggy needs to keep all information concerning FCOA members in our club up-to-date.

The Corvette books are still available for \$10 and profits help run the kids program. These are great Christmas gifts. FCOA dues have increased to \$10 per child. This covers the child from birth to age 16. You can sign up your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Peggy reported there was discussion in St. Louis concerning the Blue Bars. The Vision Committee wants to know the long term marketing plan. They feel we need to tell a story through Blue Bars. Some items in Blue Bars need to be moved to the website, and we need more club news and social event articles like what is going on in our clubs along with some technical articles – "How To Articles"; "Ask A Question Of The Experts"; and advertisements. Sylvia Hoaldrige is still having trouble with the Periodical Rate. She feels they are putting us off until after the first of the year because the rate will increase 8% and we won't be saving as much. The Blue Bars article deadline is November 30, 2010. Get your articles in.

Peggy advised the Governors make sure all NCCC membership applications are signed. Name on File will no longer be accepted. Old applications will not be accepted. Please ask new applicants if they have belonged to NCCC before. If they have, ask them what club they were with and what year, if they know.

Governors are now responsible for the membership list in their club. Even if you give your password to the club's membership director, you are still the responsible person for this information. Be careful when giving out your password. NCCC doesn't want more than one or two people in a club to have the ability to get into the database.

If you purchase a new Corvette, NCCC is printing up a publication to be put into all new Corvettes being sold. Don't forget to submit your club's newsletters for next year's newsletter contest. You can find the requirements on the NCCC website at www.corvettesnccc.org.

Chuck Heretta asked that all clubs make out their Membership Renewal checks to NCCC. Larry Morrison does not agree with the system that Deb Murphy set up. The East Ohio Region Head Tax check will still be made out to the Region. The 51% sheet is no longer submitted to NCCC. It is only there for the Governors' personal use. The cutoff date for renewals to be submitted to Peggy is November 15. There is NO GRACE PERIOD. Anything submitted after that date will pay new member fees. There was discussion as to making changes once it has been submitted. Once you hit the submit button, you will be locked out of the system. Peggy can make changes until November 15. Chuck Heretta suggested that renewals be sent to Peggy by November 7 so that she has ample time to make corrections. If you run into a problem, get on the phone with Peggy and she can walk you through it and document the troubles that the Governors are having.

COMPETITION:

Chuck Stephens passed out the proposed rule book changes to the Governors. The proposed changes are attached to these minutes in a pdf file. These are set up like a ballot and Chuck Heretta would like them returned to him before the National meeting so he can vote the proxies. Chuck went over the changes and how he has voted on them in the past. Alan Moore stated that the "Time Trials" are not what we used to do and that information can be found on the web-site in regard to them. There was discussion in regard to how much time an entrant or worker must stay to be awarded points. It was suggested that they stay 80 – 90% of the time. There was also a discussion in regard to voting for the entire package or by line item. Chuck Heretta gave his opinion on each item and why he would not vote for the entire package. He asked each Governor whether or not they would vote for the entire package or if each item should be voted individually. The general consensus was that they would vote NO on the entire package. The biggest stumbling block is the fire extinguisher issue.

Chuck stated that the RCD minutes are discussions, not votes. Some helmets have expired and the new ones are not yet available. It was decided to let those with expired helmets finish the season. The National points were announced, as were the Regional Point Standings. Chuck discussed the article that he had published in Blue Bars. It dealt with having a different way to give awards at the end of the year, possibly separating the different types of events. Alan Moore and Ken Rutherford talked about how that was what the East Ohio Championship Series was and what led to its demise. Chuck asked if we would be interested in a revision of the Regional Competition Program and the answer was yes.

Broke for lunch from 11:30 PM to 12:20 PM.

COMPETITION: Continued

Ken stated that only 4 ½% of the Region's members participated in Competition events. Dennis Arthur suggested that the social aspect also be included. Bill Wood asked Chuck Heretta to explain the Buckeye Corvettes point system. Buckeye Corvettes uses the NCCC point system as a guideline and extends it to include socials, parades, and fundraisers and awards its top 10 participants.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

Chuck Heretta stated that most of the items that he would normally discuss had already been covered in other reports. He said the most pressing matter at this time would be the National Council elections. He used his ballot as an example and began the discussion in regard to this. Candidate bios and views are provided on the NCCC web-site. He then gave information on the candidates as he knows it. He stated that he would not tell the Governors how to vote, but would give them as much information as he could to make an informed decision. The By-Law change proposals were also announced and discussed. There are no new committees, only changes in the composition of the committees.

Alan Moore presented a proposal to get more of our Governors to the National Meeting. He is proposing a bus trip with activities in addition to the meeting. The proposal at this time is for the February meeting. The cost is \$75 per person. He needs to know by the December meeting. The flyer is attached in pdf format to these minutes.

The presentations for the proposed National meeting sites will be presented at the February 2011 meeting. The best meetings to attend would be the September and November meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Governor Subsidy Program has been restarted. Chuck Heretta explained the procedure. This is a one time reimbursement per club in the amount of \$150 when receipts are presented.

The 2011 Regional Banquet will be at the Holiday Inn at Belden Village in North Canton. Chuck asked the Governors for an electronic copy of their clubs logo as soon as possible. The guidelines for putting on a banquet are available to be used for future Banquets. Chuck will have a cost to utilize the Regional Timing equipment at the December meeting. At this time it looks to be approximately \$50 per day. He said that we will discuss rebuilding the timing lights.

NEW BUSINESS:

The election of the RCD and the RMD was held. Buckeye Corvettes cast one vote in the affirmative for Chuck Stephens and one vote in the affirmative for Peggy Stephens since there were no other candidates for their respective offices.

The Regional Chili Challenge will be on Saturday, November 20 at St. Michael's Church in Akron. We will again be in the larger room and are shooting for attendance of at least 150 people. A flyer was sent to all Governors.

Chuck Heretta asked all clubs to think about a bid for the 2012 banquet.

Chuck directed the treasurer, Sue Hamilton, to send the second installment of our five year pledge to the Corvette Museum. Chuck will send the check with a letter by certified mail.

Chuck Heretta, again, brought up the idea of a different way of computing points for the East Ohio Region Competition Program. He would like the Governors to consider, for the year 2011, eliminating travel points from the Program so that it becomes a true competition program. According to National Council, Rand McNally must be used to calculate travel miles. There was much discussion regarding this issue. Pat Adams suggested a committee be appointed to handle this.

The 2011 Convention will be held in Tinley Park, Illinois. The next National meeting will be in St. Louis, MO on November 12, 13 and 14.

The Regional meeting, at Esber's Restaurant on December 4th, will be the 2011 Competition bidding meeting. Chuck reminded the Governors that all Regional dues must be paid to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the meeting to be eligible to bid. Clubs may add their sanction fees in the same check with the head tax. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM.

Pat Adams brought up the procedure to obtain paperwork from K & K. Chuck Heretta stated that requests must go to him. Chuck Stephens asked that any HARD dates for 2011 be submitted to him by November 15. You may only lock in one date.

Alan Moore invited all present to the Tiretown social that is being held this afternoon at Maize Valley Winery in Hartville.

The 50/50 drawing collected \$85 and Carol Etzel won the drawing of \$42.50.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan M. Hamilton
Secretary/Treasurer East Ohio Region