

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC. GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES



Sheraton Westport – St. Louis, MO

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May 1-2, 2009
at
Sheraton Westport Plaza
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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

FRIDAY May 1, 2009

<p>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Chairperson: Dick Yanko Phone: (207) 796-9475 Time/Room: 4:00 p.m. Conference Room B</p>	<p>REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Chairperson: Kevin Milton Phone: (812) 490-1078 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. Board Room 6</p>
<p>FINANCE COMMITTEE Chairperson: Bernyce Molenda Phone: (817) 370-1875 Time/Room: 6:00 p.m. Board Room 3</p>	<p>REGIONAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE Chairperson: Jack Wilson Phone: (815) 885-2700 Time/Room: 6:30 p.m. Conference Room A</p>
<p>CHARITY COMMITTEE Chairperson: Patrick Dolan Phone: (517) 651-2029 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. Conference Room B</p>	<p>REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Chairperson: Larry Morrison Phone: (970) 434-5120 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. Conference Room C</p>
<p>CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE Chairperson: Hal Bellamy Phone: (574) 825-5536 Time/Room: 6:30 p.m. Board Room 7</p>	<p>FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM Chairperson: Gary Foster Phone: (515) 233-2373 Time/Room: 8:00 p.m. SKYLIGHT</p>

SATURDAY May 2, 2009

<p>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Chairperson: Dick Yanko Phone: (207) 796-9475 Time/Room: 8:00 a.m. Conference Room C</p>	<p>BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Room: East Ballroom</p>
<p>**Chairpersons are requested to let their committees know in advance of any changes</p>	<p>SATURDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM Time/Room: 8:00 p.m. SKYLIGHT</p>

Meeting Dates for 2009	Feb 27-28, 2009	Sheraton Westport Plaza St. Louis, MO
	May 1-2, 2009	Sheraton Westport Plaza St. Louis, MO
	August 7-14, 2009	Convention, Colorado Springs, CO
	September 11-12, 2009	Sheraton Westport Plaza St. Louis, MO
	November 13-14, 2009	Sheraton Westport Plaza St. Louis, MO



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Sheraton West Port – Plaza Tower, St. Louis, MO

Governors' Meeting Minutes

Dick Yanko – President

Dick called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. We had the pledge of allegiance. Members that have passed away since the last meeting were announced – Michigan Region: *Lorraine McLaughlin* of Michigan Autocross Group and *Ralph Dewitt* of Grand Valley Corvette Association. From the Midwest Region: *John Spurry* from Kettle Moraine Corvette Club, *Lynette Sendt* from Wisconsin Corvette Club, and *Marlene Kortenhoven* from Crossed Flags Corvette Club. *Jack Napier*, former President of Corvette Club of Texas, *Charlene Lovell* of the Las Vegas Corvette Association, *Jack Eakins*, a lifetime member of NCCC from Mahonning Valley Vettes, and *Rhonda Higgins*, our Distribution Manager from Corvette Cruisers of Illinois. This was followed by a moment of silence. Dick asked that we also remember those serving in the armed forces in our thoughts and prayers.

Dick asked to reaffirm the appointed officers. There were no objections.

Publications - Sylvia Hoaldrige was nominated by Joe Scafero, 2nd by Elena Siebel.
Director of Charities - Patrick Dolan was nominated by Elena Seibel, 2nd by Joe Scafero
Convention Steering Committee – Hal Bellamy was nominated by Joe Scafero, 2nd by Ray Meesseman
Director of Sponsorship – Debbie Lindsey was nominated by Sylvia Hoaldrige, 2nd by Elena Siebel
Webmaster – Joan Thomas was nominated by Sharon Meesseman, 2nd by Sylvia Hoaldrige
Director of FCOA – Pat Kelly was nominated by Sylvia Hoaldrige, 2nd by Patrick Dolan
Distribution Manager – Larry Higgins was nominated by Sylvia Hoaldrige, 2nd by Walt Jenkins

All were reaffirmed with an “aye” vote. No one opposed.

Dick introduced the Elected Officials, the 2009 Convention Director, Walt Jenkins, his co-chair, Hal Tumbleson, the Convention Treasurer, Dale Samuelson, and the Merchandise Chairman, Dennis Patrick. The introduction of Regional Officers and Regional Officer Proxies was then made. Bob Bowen announced a new club in the West Region, 4 State Vettes, Inc. Gail Yanko announced three new clubs in the Southeast Region, Cleveland Corvette Club, Vette City Vettes, and Vettes of the Smokies Corvette Club.

We were moved from our regular meeting room, (the Chinchilla folks are paying a lot more than we are) and to compensate the hotel is providing a reception for us with an open bar and light snacks at 5:30 in the dining room.

Dick asked the new Governors for 2009 to stand up and introduce themselves and welcomed them to St. Louis.

Officer Reports:

Cindy Urenda – Secretary

There were no corrections to the November minutes.

James Bartuska made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Sylvia Hoaldrige seconded. No further discussion, motion passed, minutes accepted.

Cindy explained why there were two sets of minutes in the last issue of Blue Bars. That happened because the September meeting was on the 13th. The deadline for Blue Bars was August 31st. So both the September and November minutes went into the issue following the Convention issue. That will happen again because the deadline for the next issue is today, and the minutes will not be done today. (Sylvia said these minutes will be in the Summer

edition.) But they are posted on the Web site as soon as they are done, and they are e-mailed to all the Governors and all the Officers so you should already have them. The ones in the Blue Bars are an abridged version, anyway.

George Gallant – Business Manager

The early shuttle will leave at 4:45 in the morning for the 6:00 a.m. flights. Second shuttle is at 5:30.

George apologized for trading our room for food. The hotel needed us to move, so we get the open bar and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30. They are extremely easy to work with. If you had a problem with the rates that didn't get corrected, see him after the meeting. He thanked the people that moved to the Chalet to give that space and he hopes the breakfast they received was worth the move. If there are any other problems or issues see him or the front desk.

He went to the RE, RMD and RCD committee meetings last night to discuss the new insurance policy program we have been asked to institute by our insurance carrier. George gave Kurt Brinner our Rulebook to read. He was quite impressed with our attention to safety and took it to his superiors. They reduced our premium by \$3,000. It's a good sign that all of you run a safe program. We had a couple of small loses last year. A couple of clubs had autocrosses without certificates. Information on when you need the certificate (when a wheel turns) is on our Web site. Go to Forms, click on Insurance Certification and fill the form out. Click on the right hand corner of your server on "page" to get a drop down box with options to save or e-mail. You can e-mail it to K&K. Kurt is in Japan right now, serving in the Air National Guard, so if you need anything before he gets back at the end of the month, talk to Rose. If you have multiple events at the same location throughout the year, you need to ask for one certificate with all the dates on it. If two different clubs are hosting a dual event together, each club must get a certificate. Multiple sanction numbers for a single club on the same day can be put on one certificate.

Additional insurance is good for a day or a weekend event. Let K & K know if your vendor wants the certificate ahead of time, or they will hold it until 30 days before the event. Ray Meesseman asked how to handle borrowed sanctions. George says that the club doing the event has to make the request. You have to put the sanction number on the request and your club number is also on there. K & K is planning a new Web site that will allow us to go directly into the site, fill out the form and they will have it instantly. George receives a copy of every certificate that goes out. You can indicate in the comment area that you will accept the certificate electronically. Most of the answers to questions he's asked are in the pamphlet provided in the packet from K & K.

George thanked Dennis and Genene Patrick for the \$1080 given to NCCC for our commission on what was sold in NCCC merchandise.

Jack Wilson – VP of Competition

There were 1284 sanctioned events in 2008. Jack read the lists of the top 15 clubs, top 15 men and top 15 ladies.

PLACE	CLUB NAME	CLUB NUMBER	POINTS
1	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	WR-095	22539
2	OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	SW-131	16173
3	WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	MW-351	16089
4	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	SE-073	16045
5	NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	MW-167	12663
6	NORTH FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	FL-058	10865
7	MICHIGAN AUTOCROSS GROUP	MI-362	10018
8	CORVETTE CLUB OF IOWA	WR-022	8827
9	FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	IN-115	7744
10	CORVETTE CLEVELAND	EO-005	6583
11	CORVETTE ATLANTA	SE-142	6552
12	CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	MI-006	6492
13	TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB	EO-068	6325
14	COWTOWN VETTES	SW-055	5586
15	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	FL-276	4879

PLACE	NAME	POINTS
1	GAUDU, TRACY	2690
2	PARKS, BETTY	2368
3	MEESSEMAN, SHARON K.	2170
4	HAACK, DIANA L	2152
5	THOMAS, JOAN	2067
6	WILSON, JANET	2052
7	SAMUELSON, CAROLYN K.	1999
8	HARDY, ALYSIA	1764
9	GUTYAN, CAROL J	1726
10	JARRELL, DEBORAH	1605
11	TOOLEY, MARY	1503
12	MARSCHAND, PEGGY A	1309
13	DOCHERTY, BEVERLY	1276
14	MOLENDIA, BERNYCE	1112
15	ELLER, TERESA	1058

PLACE	NAME	POINTS
1	MEESSEMAN, RAY E.	3015
2	PARKS, DON	2489
3	WILSON, JACK C.	2184
4	HAACK, PAUL W	2165
5	ELLIS, H ROBERT	1984
6	GUTYAN, MIKE	1950
7	THOMAS, JIM	1944
8	WRIGLEY, PATRICK R	1756
9	GOTT, GEOFFREY H.	1686
10	SAMUELSON, DALE P.	1675
11	HARDY, METTS	1641
12	YANKO, RICHARD A	1637
13	ELLER, JOE	1630
14	WORKMAN, MARTIN A.	1597
15	TOOLEY, JOSEPH	1551

Congratulations to everybody. It's a lot of hard work and we appreciate your participation and look forward to more people out there this year.

So far in the 2009 competition program we have 794 sanctions, with 62% of what we had last year, already scheduled. 7 have already been completed in the Roadrunner Region. The first points standings for this year will be posted shortly.

Regional rebates have been received by all regions. The 2008 patches for the top 200 were distributed last night. The top 15 will be given out at Convention, as usual.

Last year we worked on the efficiency of the program and getting results in and posted quickly. Some of the points places were very close because people were able to monitor where they were at. We have two programs now. The one used by the Southeast Region and some folks in Florida, has been adapted into our program, so if they already use it, they may continue. All other results need to be put on the program that is posted on the Web. There are instructions there on how to use the program.

Jack expressed his appreciation for the support he has received during his first year as VP of Comp. The RCDs get together with their regions and between regions and form voluntary ad hoc committees and come up with ways to improve our whole competition program. They do a very good job in representing your regions.

For 2009 we have 7 approved high speed driving schools.

West Coast	March 7-8	Spring Mountain Raceway, Pahrump, NV
East Region	March 18	Summit Point Raceway, Winchester, VA.
Southwest	April 17	Hallet Motor Racing Circuit, Hallet, OK
East Region	April 18-19	Pocono Raceway, Pocono, PA
West Ohio	May 23-24	Blue Grass Motorsports Park, Sparta KY
East Region	May 25-26	Pocono Raceway, Pocono, PA
East Region	July 10	Summit Point Raceway, Winchester, VA

East Region has also arranged to do another driving school for teens.

Record Drag Events that are scheduled so far:

Southwest	May 23-24	Thunder Valley Raceway in Noble, OK
Rocky Mtn	Aug	Convention Bandimere Speedway in Denver
West Region	Sept. 19	Kearney Raceway in Kearney, NE

No new records have been set since our last meeting.

There were four clarifications.

1. Page 2-17, Sec. 2.7.1.2.1 & 2.7.1.2.3 Safety Requirements & Safety Items:

Question: Current verbiage says **Fire Extinguisher-minimum rating of 5BC**. I propose it be re-worded to *Fire Extinguisher-minimum rating of 5BC with a metal pressure gauge* to insure a properly inspected and charged unit. I think we should require units with gauges. Extinguishers do expire and without gauges we have no idea of their condition. And at the same time, let's outlaw the inferior plastic Wal-Mart type units, and plastic mounting straps.

Answer: The Competition Committee decided this falls under a safety issue and therefore becomes effective immediately. Page 2-17, Sec. 2.7.1.2.1 & .2 the words "using a gauge showing full charge." will be added. Section 2.7.1.2.3 will have a new sentence added, "Mounting bracket and strap must be metal."

2. Page 2-31, Sec. 2.7.1.14.2 Tires:

Question: In drags, is the M&H Race Master DOT certified wrinkle wall tire, Hoosier Quick Time PRO DOT, and Mickey Thompson ET 2 ply wrinkle wall legal in group 1? All these come in sizes like 26x10x15 & 26x9.5x16. In Group 1 A-D you would have to run on all 4 corners.

Answer: the Competition Committee decided this falls under a safety issue and therefore becomes effective immediately. All tires listed above in this question are considered a safety issue when used on the front of a vehicle and therefore denied.

3. Page 2-13, Sec. 2.7.1.3.14 Frame:

Question: Is the Corvette GTP legal in RPAF with the engine behind the front seats in the middle of the car?

Answer: No it is not legal.

4. Page 2-31, Sec. 2.7.1.13, Wheels:

Question: Note 1. Space saver spare wheels cannot be used. Why? I can understand why the space saver tire cannot be used but why can't the wheel with a high speed rated tire of sufficient capacity be used?

Answer: The space saver wheel is designed for emergency use only and not intended for high speed road use. Based on the current rulebook, the space saver spare wheels cannot be used on the vehicle for competition events.

George talked to the committee about insurance. There is nothing in the Rulebook that identifies that we do need insurance. In the next Rulebook, the RCDs will be adding language in the Introduction. Guidelines will be included. Jerry Limpach asked that we limit references to insurance verification in our Rulebook only to competitive events. And we don't want verbiage in the Rulebook that says under any conditions that we don't have insurance.

There are two errors in the current Rulebook.

On page 2-19 section 2.7.1.2.28 & 29, where it talks about safety equipment requirements (gloves, suit, socks), they forgot to list the shoes. The correction is effective immediately.

On page 31 & 32: Tires that can be used in Groups 1S and 1 were listed in one column in the old Rulebook. When it was split in the new Rulebook, the third item, "Any size that safely fits the wheel" was incorrectly typed in as NO. It should say NA.

A few Rulebook items were discussed last night. Any changes will be presented to the Governors in September.

Dick said it is important to let the membership know that because of the excellent job this organization has done in putting on events, that we got a break on our insurance this year.

Kevin Milton – Parliamentarian

The REs worked on two proposed by-law changes. One submitted by the membership committee, and one that has to do with how we go about amending the by-laws. Neither was finalized. Some business will be conducted through e-mail, to get everyone on the same footing and cut down on meeting time.

Bernyce Molenda – Treasurer

REs get the full report on the budget, so they should be able to answer your questions. Bernyce will e-mail her reports to the REs and the Finance Committee prior to the meetings, so they can look through it and have their questions ready. The Profit & Loss and the Balance Sheet showing how much money we have coming in and how much going out will be available at the Governors' meetings, but not the full packet. Bernyce clarified for Sylvia Hoaldrige that the new budget for 2010 would be provided in its entirety before it is voted on. Arnie Bailey requested more copies be available at the next meeting.

There was a profit of about \$38,000 on the 2008 budget. We had projected a \$47,000 loss. We made money in a few areas. Contact your RE for details. Mileage was decreased by the IRS from \$.585 to \$.55. Postage is going up in May.

Larry Morrison – VP of Membership

Larry thanked Bob & Diane Bowen for all their help in making the change over to him. As of last Tuesday, we had 16,374 members. This is down 2251 from our November meeting, but is not a large drop. Renewals were actually up 4%.

He changed the membership report a little bit. He listed the top 3 clubs in each region and those over 100 members. This lets us recognize some of the smaller clubs and smaller regions that never got to 75.

NE Region status was discussed at the committee meeting last night. At this point, the East Region officers will take care of their paperwork, similar to what the West Coast does for the NW Region. This will allow NE to continue their programs and competition and stay in compliance with NCCC, while giving them time to find some people to be their officers.

RCDs are working on membership by-laws clean-up (Article 3) and some rewording. They are also working on streamlining the membership process. They will be going to a new control sheet that eliminates the need for Larry to retype names and addresses, that someone down the line has already typed in. They talked about their budget needs for 2010, and perks and membership cards.

Please go back to your Regions and ask people to make address changes as soon as they know them. Remaining costs us double the postage. Larry thanked Larry Higgins for the excellent job getting the packets out and keeping Distribution up and running. All club renewals have gone out as of last Tuesday, and he is now working on late renewals and new members.

Dick called our attention to the green sheet in the packet, offering the best deal on raffle tickets for the 2009 Corvette. Mid America had a paper in there asking us to log on to their site. We need to respond to show our appreciation of their loyal sponsorship.

Larry Beebe – Public Relations

The pictures have been mounted on foam board for the displays. Repairs have been made on the wheels and binding straps. If anyone wants to use them for a show or event, contact Larry through the Web site.

Thanks to Debbie Lindsey and Doug McMahan for their work on the NCM tables and for Corvette Enthusiast. We have dropped Corvette Forum. We've exchanged advertising with Corvette Enthusiast. They have an ad in Blue Bars and we have an ad in their magazine. We are also exchanging ads with the NCM's magazine. We have a 4" x 6" ad on each side of the tables in the new NCM café. The new DVD for the museum is in the works.

The 50th Celebration Committee met yesterday. Everyone has their assignments. Charter members, past officers, award winners, past champions have been identified. It was a major job for Joan, but she tracked almost everybody down. Invitations will be sent out to all previous Convention people, inviting them to join us for Convention. The menu has been finalized. It will be a very nice buffet for \$32 per person. Social hour will start at 4:30 and dinner will be at 5:30. After dinner, the past officers & Convention directors, award winners and past champions will be acknowledged. Then we will do the 2008 national champions' awards, followed by the band, Phat Daddy and the

Phat Horn Doctors. It will be a fun evening and we hope everyone has already registered. If not, go do it on the Web site.

Gary Foster – Sgt. at Arms

Gary thanked the E-board for providing last night's munchies in hospitality, since no one volunteered. Also thanked Larry Walker, for storing our tubs so Gary doesn't have to cart them back and forth on the airplane.

While waiting for Patrick to approach the podium, Dick said he got an e-mail complaining that the 50th anniversary patches in our packets were made in China. He explained that we ordered them from a company that we've done business with for many years. We didn't know where they were coming from, but we have to look for the best price, so this could happen again in the future.

Patrick Dolan – Charity

The raffle car was ordered in February and should be built in the next group. It's a 2009 Cyber Gray 6 speed coupe with a 3LT package.

Scholarship applications are due by May 9th.

100% clubs (One \$10 ticket for every member) will be recognized at Convention. There are only two so far. Green sheets are in your packets. With that, you may purchase 5 tickets for \$25 for both primary and spouse (10 for \$50). There will be a big mailing going out within the next month, thanks to the Siebels. 2009 Convention is being very supportive of the Charity program and being very proactive in working out things to help with ticket sales.

Forms are in the membership packets for reporting what clubs have done as far as raising money for any charitable organization, or donations. Please turn those in to be tallied. Patrick acknowledged Windy City's donation of \$45,000 to a charity in the Chicago area.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. There was income from ticket sales of \$5,645. The NKF donation of \$86,241 has gone out. We have a balance of \$65,504.80 which is enough to cover the raffle car.

On the Grants side, there were donations of \$1437, interest of \$7.22 and no expenses. The balance is \$37, 606.56.

Dave Heinemann presented a check from Windy City Corvettes to Patrick for \$1,000 for the scholarship fund.

Pat Kelly – FCOA

Please show your support of Mid America as Dick mentioned by clicking on their Web site. They are the primary sponsor of FCOA, as well as sponsoring NCCC as a whole.

People have been asking for an FCOA application on the Web site that they can download and fill in. She and Joan put one out there last September. People are printing them out and filling them out by hand even though you can type it in and then print it. Pat would prefer to have them typed.

She recently assigned FCOA member #4,000 to a 7 year old boy from Cumberland Valley in the East Region. There will be an article about him in the Blue Bars.

She got over 125 packets back without good addresses. The RMDs have the list, so if Governors can help get addresses, she would appreciate it.

Pat Brown located a book that includes the C6, and Pat Kelly is working with the publisher to see if they will sell it to her at a discount to have available in addition to our other book and the coloring books.

Dick announced clubs celebrating anniversaries: Corvettes West Corvette Club – 25 years in February, Wisconsin Corvette Club – 50 years, Badger State Vettes – 25 years, Gaithersburg, Maryland – 25 years.

Hal Bellamy – Steering Committee

The Committee is continuing its review and update of the policy and procedure manual. The content is very well done; it's a matter of smoothing and updating.

A tentative bid was received for the 2011 Convention. It includes a track called the Autobon and the Route 66 Speedway, which is a NASCAR track. The Holiday Inn in Tinley Park, IL has 1500 parking spaces. More to follow.

Our 2010 program is moving right along. It's in West Palm Beach, Florida. Part of the program is a contract that we've already signed with Palm Beach International Raceway, formerly known as Moroso Motorsports Park. There is a new group of owners with a new group of lawyers, who want a prepayment deposit of \$8334.34 that we will be asking you to approve. Carolyn Montgomery, the Convention Director gave an update. The dates are July 24-30, 2010. Deb Murphy is the co-director. The hotel is a Marriot at \$99 a night. It is just blocks away from the Atlantic Ocean, 2 blocks from a mall one block from the Legacy where there is shopping and lots of restaurants, and 8 miles from downtown Palm Beach. The track is only 13 miles from the hotel. Track day is on July 23rd. High and Low speeds will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, with the drags planned for Thursday night. There will be tours and other activities.

Registration is open for the 50th Convention. Walt Jenkins gave an update on the Rocky Mountain Convention August 8-14, 2009 in Colorado Springs. Everything is on schedule and the contracts are signed. Registrations are coming in at a pretty good rate. Dale Samuelson [Convention Treasurer] and Walt would prefer that you register on-line. There were a few little problems with it, but they've been straightened out. If you have any problems with computer compatibilities or anything like that, call Walt and he will put it in for you. Hotel registrations are done in batches every 2-3 days. If you need to make any corrections to your registration, contact Dale. There are 278 adult registrations, so far; 987 room nights are reserved (only 180 room nights away from what is required by the hotel); 96% of those registered will be attending the Sunday night NCCC Celebration; 96% are going to the Wednesday night celebration; 37% are doing the low speed autocross, 26% are doing the high speed, 80% are doing the parade and barbeque in Woodland Park. Joan Thomas, Larry Beebe and crew have great plans for displaying the history of NCCC during the week. Track day on Friday is not attached to Convention. It is being put on by PPIR [Pikes Peak International Raceway]. There will be three 20 minute sessions per hour and you will get lunch. It starts at 9:00 a.m. and you will need a fire suit. There is a link to sign up on the Web site. Cost is \$150 payable with cash or check at the track. At this time, we are the only ones using the track, but it is an open track day, so there may be others. Saturday night, the clubs are invited to decorate their tables. Mid America is sponsoring that night and will do the judging. We will be following the NHRA rules for the drag races. Belts and harnesses cannot be more than two years old. Bandimere Speedway's requirements are on the Web site. Larry Morrison's [drag chairman] contact information is on the Web site if you have questions. Clubs are encouraged to submit congratulatory ads for the Convention program to NCCC for reaching 50 years. Rates start at \$20 for a quarter page, and need to be camera ready. Walt has also requested messages from the E-board and would like to have them by April 1st. Everyone is encouraged to purchase merchandise from the Web site, so we can keep the cost down. There will be 2-3 events at Convention that will benefit FCOA. You can sign up for those when you arrive.

Dick asked for a motion to pay the proxy RE from the NE Region; motion made by Allen Morris with a second by Manny Montgomery. No discussion, motion carried.

Sylvia Hoaldrige - Publications

Winter issue of Blue Bars is out. You will see a lot of black and white throughout the year. The photo on the back is there because Corvette Troy sends Sylvia their newsletter. She saw this picture in black and white in that newsletter and requested it from them. If you have an electronic newsletter, please send it to her. This is the second time she's found something that made a great cover.

The RMDs were provided with an updated ad rate sheet last night. There will be a 15% discount to any advertiser/sponsor that makes a one time purchase of four ads (a full year's worth) either full or ½ page size, color or black & white.

Blue Bars deadlines have been moved up one day, to the last day of the month. The RMDs were given a timeline for producing the Blue Bars. It shows when it's due, when it is sent to the printer, when she gets it back from the printer, when it is actually printed, and when it gets distributed. She is making a concerted effort this year to keep

the price down. The fall Convention issue was one of the two largest in the history of NCCC. You won't see that anymore. There will be less colored photos and less Convention photos. She will also work on making the photos a little larger than they were in the last Convention issue.

If you or your club send her something and do not get a response back from her within 24 hours, resend or call her. Sometimes there are problems with her server. You can also e-mail Debbie Lindsey and she will let Sylvia know. Send articles to either bluebarseditor@corvettesnccc.org or pinkvett@dot11net.net or to both. Send photos with the highest resolution possible, so it still looks good when it's blown up. Send as portrait and landscape in case it is chosen for the cover.

Debbie Lindsey – Sponsorship

Sponsors for this year are pretty much the people we've been able to count on in the past: Michelin, Mid America Motorworks, Kumho, Hoosier, Hagerty Insurance, Southern Car Parts.com, Paragon Corvette Reproductions, Ecklers, Adams Polishes (new sponsor) and Zip Products. GM is not sponsoring anything with the current economy, and not paying for employees to travel except for new launch vehicles. The Chevy Club Connection program is dissolved.

Log on to www.mamotorworks.com/nccc to register for their special discounts for members. You must log on this way to get the special offers. They would also like photos and stories of "when did it start for you?" to put in the second edition of their book. Submit to "When did it start" at www.mamotorworks.com by May 1, 2009.

The REs were given promotional information on CHOICE Hotels to pass out at regional meetings. It is a stay 2 nights, get one free offer. There are a lot of hotels under their umbrella.

No NCCC clubs won the Eagle One award sponsored by Valvoline this year.

On the special discounts for members page is a company called SharedBook. It is a book about the C6 that can be personalized with a picture of your car on the inside cover and a personal message. NCCC gets a 10% rebate on those.

Dick reminded us that this year we will open for nominations, the offices of VP of Competition, Secretary, Business Manager and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Joan Thomas – Webmaster

Joan encourages everyone to regularly visit the "What's New on the NCCC Web Site" link. That's where you can find out when everything gets posted. You can just click on it and go right to the posting.

The 2009 NCCC Web site contest opens tomorrow. It is open to any club that has a Web site. There will be 3 judges. It is not too early to volunteer to be a judge for next year. She prefers judges from the general membership, instead of officers, to be looking at the Web sites to see if it serves their purposes.

Joan added to the Web site application "where did you hear about us" and we did get one that heard about us through the Corvette Forum and through the Web site. Hopefully, this will help us determine where to put our advertising dollars.

The Regional Officers will be cc'd on the e-mail blasts that go out to the Governors. We will not be overloading you on anything, but will be sending out information from NCCC and from our sponsors for distribution to your members.

When you are in our Web site, and you click on a sponsor link, it shows them that a click came from the NCCC Web site.

We are down to about 50 people that we're trying to locate for the 50th Celebration. The list will be on the Web site. If you know how to reach any of these people please contact Joan.

An e-mail is going out soon to the Governors regarding club night on Saturday night at Convention. We want you to have the opportunity to do a blurb about your club, like when you were formed or became an NCCC club. There is an example on the Web page from the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club. These blurbs will be used in the history that is presented that night. Get any memorabilia or photos to Joan ASAP.

Dick asked for a motion to pay the proxy RCD from the East Region; motion made by Manny Montgomery with a second by Glenn Hutchinson. No discussion, motion carried.

Larry Higgins – Distribution

Larry expressed his appreciation for the help through a difficult time; the prayers and thoughts since 2005 when Rhonda found out she had cancer. They thought they had it licked, but it came back. Larry held up a stack of cards and said if anyone wants to know why you want to belong to this organization, this is it. He got cards and letters from all over the country. People they met when they were out running, people who have helped them, loaned them cars...you can't beat a family like this. He appreciates the E-board recognition of Rhonda with the empty chair. He thanked the regions that sent flowers. It was very touching. Larry said he hopes he has half the strength that Rhonda had.

NCM Update

Dick was not able to attend the last NCM meeting. They were supposed to approve their budget and he thinks they picked a new director. He will find out and let us know at our next meeting.

Some pictures are being passed around that the local paper had on the new addition. It is serving as a temporary entrance. Two weeks ago they had their first banquet in the new multi-purpose room. The new gift shop is open. The old gift shop area and the atrium are now under renovation. He took our display down about a month ago. Joan will take the boxes and use some of it for the 50th Celebration. When the renovations are done we will have a wall with a flat screen on it and there will be a display case. Not sure yet how big it will be. Dick asked the group from Carolina to take some videos of their speed event this weekend and send to Larry Beebe. We're looking for some current action videos of speed events, drags, car shows, picnics...something that we can put together and edit for the monitor we will have in the museum. We can use just about anything you want to send in.

Dick worked out a deal with the museum that we get a half page ad in their magazine, *The American Sportscar* and they will get a half page in Blue Bars. Glenn [Hutchinson] has done a real nice job on the ads on the tables. We are the only national Corvette organization taking part in that.

Attendance is suffering at the museum, probably due to the economy. They are planning their 15th anniversary celebration on Labor Day weekend with a national caravan, so they should get a good boost to their bottom line that weekend.

Old Business

There was a motion tabled at the last meeting, made by Allen Morris to eliminate the perks after 2009. Joe Vasta seconded. Manny requested it be tabled until this meeting so the Governors could talk to their clubs before voting. Discussion: Joe Vasta suggested we leave the decision in the hands of the RMDs. He said that cutting out the perks cuts out a way for the sponsors to get to our membership. Joe Orrizo said that we pay a lot of postage to send out perks that most of the members said they don't use. Chuck Heretta said postage was down \$4,000 in 2008, so that is not a viable excuse. Manny reminded him that the postage went down because we didn't mail rulebooks and pins. Barb Harris said that the RMDs and Governors still have last year's pins and calendars because people didn't ask for them. Dick said Mid America used to pay for the pins, then went to a percentage and eventually changed to paying a percentage on the calendars. That was all figured in to what Debbie was getting for sponsorship, so we can't really say we're getting money from the sponsors specifically for that. All of our sponsorship money is down right now. Other organizations just send out magazines and don't do anything else. They do not give a discounted rate for spouse membership. Dave Heinemann read the SCCA membership information. It includes a subscription to *Sportscar*, a participation license, SCCA insignia and a car decal. Cost is \$80 and \$33 for spouse or \$121 for family. Dave thinks it is time to look at practicality. The minutes now go out electronically to save money. The Rulebook, by-laws and standing rules are done electronically. We need to be cost efficient. Larry Higgins said he

had one call on the 800 number from someone wanting a pin. The caller did not have internet access, so Larry gave him Dennis' phone number. The postage is higher this year because of the special 50th anniversary perks. There is a definite cost savings to send out a flat package. The question was called. A vote was taken to eliminate the perks after 2009. The motion carried. Elaine Heretta asked if Dennis would offer the option of ordering the pins every year. He needs to know how many to order so he isn't left with old merchandise in his inventory like the cases of Rulebook covers he is currently sitting with. Pre-ordering might work. He ordered 5,000 of the 50th anniversary pins and sold about 4400 so far.

New Business

Dave Heinemann showed the commemorative license plates that the State of Illinois makes for them. This is one of the things that Windy City does to raise over \$100,000 a year for charity. They are legal plates that can be used on your car, and you don't have to live in Illinois. You have to send copies of your drivers license and registration. It is all handled by the Secretary of State. Order forms were provided.

Committee Appointments:

Dick read the lists as follows for a single motion:

2009 Web Site Contest Committee Judges

Art Fulkerson, Michigan Region
Carolyn Montgomery, Florida Region
Laurie Stone, Midwest Region

2009 Steering Committee

Hal Bellamy
Debbie Lindsey
George Gallant
Ron Ruston
Betty Parks
Larry Higgins
Anita Poss
Walt Jenkins
Dale Samuelson
Carolyn Montgomery

Charity Committee

Jean Morrison
Elana Siebel
Thom Schultz
Sheila Schultz
Joan Heinemann
Leslie McCarthy
Elaine Heretta
John Osborn

Glenn Hutchinson made the motion to accept the nominations. Allen Morris seconded. No one opposed.

At this meeting the Executive Board footed the bill for the munchies because we did not get a volunteer. In the past, the Sergeant-at-Arms has had to beg, coerce or threaten to get munchies supplied for the meeting. Jack Wilson has put together a schedule that runs from 2009 through May 2014. It starts with Carolina Region for our next meeting, in May and rotates through all the regions in alphabetical order. In September, the candidates always provide the munchies, so if this is approved, each region's turn will come up about once every five years. Dick asked if this would create a hardship for any of the regions. We spent about \$400 last night. Margaret Bohannon said Carolina does not have a lot of expendable income and she cannot commit without talking to them. It is too short of notice for her to do the next meeting. Manny Montgomery (Florida Region) offered to swap dates with her. Allen Morris said the West Coast doesn't spend any money without discussing it and voting at a regional meeting. Florida volunteered to take care of it for the next meeting. REs are to discuss this with their regions. We want to get a schedule in place so that we're not stuck like we were this time. Regions would be responsible for supplying

or paying for munchies once every 4-5 years. In the event of a Convention bid that wants to do one meeting, the list would all move down.

We have to give a check for \$8334 to Palm Beach Int'l Raceway along with the contract we are to sign by March 6. We have to give them another check in November. Since we haven't funded this Convention yet, Dick asked for a motion from the floor to expend \$8400 for the first deposit on the track. Sylvia Hoaldrige made the motion, Dale Acker seconded. Manny explained that we will use this track for the High Speed, the Low Speed and the Drags. The total price of \$20,004.50 includes the track day, ambulance, wrecker, and course workers. Manny negotiated this down from \$65,000. There is no rain date, but there is a hurricane clause. There is no budget for this Convention until September 2009, so this is basically a loan. Ron Scott asked if there is any guarantee that we will get our money back if they go under. No guarantee. This is the first time we have had to pay this far in advance. In the future we will ask that it be put in an escrow account so we don't lose it. Chuck Heretta asked if they will still get the \$5,000 advance that is customary for convention. They will because this is separate. No further discussion. One opposed, all others voted in favor. Motion carried.

The 50/50 raffle had \$143 going to Johnny Haskell.

Door prizes were distributed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Urenda

Cindy Urenda
Secretary

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP'S February 27, 2009 MINUTES

Larry Morrison, Vice President of Membership, called the Regional Membership meeting to order at 7:00 PM on February 27, 2009. There were 14 members in attendance. They were: Debbie Haskell-Carolina, Peggy Stephens-East Ohio, Denny Morin-East, Patsy Shearer-Florida, Dick Runyan-Indiana, Barb Harris-Michigan, Sue Puksich-Midwest, Ellouise Morrison-Rocky Mountain, Ron Scott-Roadrunner, Gail Yanko-South East, Cheryl Surdick-Southwest, Cliff Harris West Coast, Pat Brown-West Ohio, Bob Bowen-West Region, Pat Kelly-FCOA, and Larry Higgins-Distribution.

Denny Morin represented the NE region at this meeting, thanks to Denny for helping out the NE region with their membership in the absence of a RMD from that region. We discussed how we could help out that region. The East Region officers have volunteered to handle duties of the 3 vacant NE officer positions for the time being. We will be working with the NE region to try and resolve these problems. We also talked about NE realignment because they have no region officers. The realignment proposal the RMD's came up with was to split the region. All clubs east of US hwy 219 would become part of the East Region. The clubs west of US hwy 219 would become part of the East Ohio region. The reason for this dividing line is that hwy 219 is the dividing line through Pennsylvania for these two regions. This split would put one club in the EO region and 8 clubs in the ER. This proposed split was put on hold for now to see if things can be worked out for the NE region.

Blue Bars editor Sylvia Hoaldrige reviewed the updated advertising rates and time lines for producing Blue Bars. She is trying to reduce the cost of sending out Blue Bars by working on

getting the periodical postage rate. This is quite an involved and lengthy process but will really reduce our mailing costs. Another way she is reducing costs is to limit the number of color pages, articles, and photos. Sylvia asked for clubs to send their newsletters to her electronically. She sometimes can use things from them for Blue Bars. If anyone wants to send her photos for the front or back covers they need to be high resolution pictures, in both landscape and portrait format. The convention issue will not have any regional articles due to space needed for the convention articles.

Webmaster Joan Thomas will also include the regional officers when email blasts are sent to the regional officers and governors. Send email address changes to her ASAP she will change them for the governors and also send the changes to Larry (membership) and Cindy (secretary).

Distribution Larry Higgins has been handling sending out the membership packets. All of the club renewals have been sent and he is now working on late renew and new member packets. He has had about 100 returned for bad addresses. 10,000 plus have been mailed at approximately \$28,500 cost. This is \$15,000 higher than 2008 because of the 50th patch and luggage tags. Additionally, in 2008 the RMD's handled the pins and calendars so the packets were cheaper to mail in 2008 because of that.

President Richard Yanko came in and asked if we had anything for him, nobody did.

Secretary Cindy Urenda asked if we had anything for her, nobody did.

FCOA Pat Kelly reported that an email has been sent to the RMD's about bad addresses for the 125 returned packets she has with bad addresses. FCOA membership is up and she has assigned number 4000. On the web site there are 2 FCOA application forms; one in PDF and one in word format, which allows the applicant to complete the form electronically.

Finance Committee report Denny Morin renewals for 2009 are up 4%. The mileage rate for travel has gone down to 55 cents per mile. We are going to scale back our advertising budget due to Corvette Quarterly not being produced for two quarters and dropping the Corvette Forum popup ad. NCCC budget ended 2008 on the plus side with \$38,000 to the good.

RMD's discussed the 2010 budget for membership. There is a motion on the table to eliminate the perks from the renewal packets which will be voted on at the Governors meeting tomorrow 2/28/09. If it passes we will still send info/ flyers, etc to members in the packets. Discussed membership cards verses stickers, recommended stickers. But will look at different type of cards also.

Business Manager George Gallant talked about the new requirement that all events where a wheel turns will need to get an event certificate of insurance from K & K. Request form, information and guidelines will be posted on the NCCC web site for all governors.

The committee approved the use of a new control sheet form that will have all the application information on it and can be emailed to the VP-Membership. Larry stated he only needs and wants the address where the member receives their mail. He also asked that when a new spouse or dependent are sent in that the primary name or number be included so the connection can be made easier.

We had some more discussion on our purposed changes to the By Laws Article III that was submitted to the By Laws Committee. There are some minor wording changes needed and will work on this before the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Morrison and Barb Harris

Finance Committee Meeting

The finance committee met on February 27th, 2009 at 6:00 pm
All committee members were in attendance except Jean Morrison.

We discussed some goals for both the new treasurer and expectations of both the committee and treasurer.

The committee discussed the new rates for mileage and postage. Also discussed was what reports that were needed for the E-Board, finance committee and governors. At this time we also decided that the balance sheet and profit and loss summary would be emailed to both the finance committee and regional executives' prior to the meeting. This would allow time for them to be checked and if any questions arose could be answered at the national meeting.

I will also have hard copies printed for the E-board, and board of governors for each national meeting.

The national officers, both elected and appointed, will start working on their budgets for 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Bernyce Molenda
Treasurer

February 27, 2009 NCCC CHARITY COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting as called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Those in attendance were: Patrick Dolan, Elaine Heretta, Elana Siebel and Joan Heinemann.

Patrick Dolan reported on the members of the 2009 Charity Committee; Patrick Dolan, Jean Morrison, Elana Siebel, Elaine Heretta, Tom Schultz, Sheila Schultz, John Osborn, Leslie McCarthy, and Joan Heinemann

Elana Siebel reported that she made a \$15,238 deposit for ticket sales. We also have 2 100% clubs: Corvette Atlanta and Miami Valley Corvette Club. Elana reported that Bill Siebel is still busy working on the raffle tickets from last year, with the help of his Granddaughter. Who is helping him put them in alphabetical order and finding his mistakes. Members of Elana's club,

Kalamazoo Corvette Club have been busy addressing envelopes for the mailing. This year about 4,000 letters will be mailed.

Elaine Heretta was given a large stack of new Charity Report Sheets that Patrick received from NCCC clubs for the Charity work that they did in 2008. Elaine will again compile a spread sheet of all the club responses. The spread sheet included money donated, volunteer hours and gifts that were donated.

Hal Bellamy and Deb Murphy donated the cost of their officer appreciation awards to the Charity Fund.

Northern Illinois Corvette Club gave \$200 toward a scholarship. East Ohio region donated \$750 for the Jean Kutty Scholarship fund.

Patrick reported that the Corvette has been ordered a 2009 Silver Metallic Gray with the 3 LT package.

The 2009 Convention committee has talked to Patrick and really wants to work with the Charity committee to publicize the NKF Raffle, with local publicity.

Patrick sent Flowers for Rhonda Higgins funeral from the Charity Committee.

The date of the scholarship was changed to May 9, because that is what had been published on the Web Site.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectively submitted,
Joan Heinemann