

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC.

## GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES



Sheraton Westport – St. Louis, MO

**May 6, 2006**

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**SATURDAY....August 5, 2006**

<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING</b> Chairperson: Roger Mitchell Phone: (817) 237-1330 No Meeting Scheduled	<b>REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Dave Heinemann Phone: (708) 448-7851 No Meeting Scheduled
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Deb Murphy Phone: (330) 784-1527 Time/Room: 6:00PM – BVP Convention Center Please check signs	<b>REGIONAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Mike Godfrey Phone: (574) 784-2991 Time/Room: 6:00PM – BVP Convention Center Please Check Signs
<b>CHARITY COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Patrick Dolan Phone: (517) 651-2029 Time/Room: 6:00PM – BVP Convention Center Please check signs	<b>REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Bob Bowen Phone: (319) 377-1829 Time/Room: 6:00PM – BVP Convention Center Please Check Signs
<b>CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Jim Harris Phone: (810) 621-3468 Time/Room: 6:00PM – BVP Convention Center Please check signs	<b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b> Time/Room: 10:00AM -8:00PM – BVP Convention Center Center Please check signs <b>WELCOME PARTY 8:00pm – 11:30pm</b> BVP Convention Center Please check signs

**SUNDAY August 6, 2006**

<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING</b> Chairperson: Roger Mitchell Phone: (817) 237-1330 Time/Room: 8:00AM – BVP Convention Center Please check signs	<b>BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING</b> Time 1:00PM – BVP Convention Center Please check signs
<i>Chairpersons are requested to let their committees know in advance of any changes.</i>	<b>COMPETITORS MEETING</b> Time: 3:00 PM –BVP Convention Center – Please check signs

Meeting Dates for 2006

August 5-11, 2006  
 September 8-9, 2006  
 November 10-11, 2006

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## **National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc.**

May 6, 2006

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

### **Governors' Meeting Minutes**

#### **Roger Mitchell - President**

Roger called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. welcoming all to the National Governor meeting with the first point of business the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deaths of members that occurred since the last meeting were announced: Pam Best, with Pacific Coast Corvettes, Liz Sawickis with West Coast Region, Andy Knebel with Orange County Vettes and formerly with Corvettes of Southern California who passed away on his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary cruise, Carol O'Brien with the Las Vegas Corvette Association, however her NCCC# was with the Windy City Corvette Club, Mark Hathaway from the Rocky Mountain Region, Hellgate Corvette Club, Robert (Joe) Pickelsimer from the Sunburst Corvette Club in the Midwest Region and Alan Swift from the Jackson Corvette Club. A moment of silence in remembrance was taken.

Roger introduced the Executive Board and a special welcome to our newest member of the E-Board, Gary Foster. The introduction of the Regional officers, Regional officers elect and proxies were then made. A special welcome was made to the new officers of the Northeast Region, John Backman, RCD, Nina Foxenberg RMD, and Thomas Gee, proxy RE. Roger also recognized the Convention Director for 2006, Larry Beebe, 2006 Convention Treasurer, Betty Parks, and the 2007 Convention Director, John McGee.

Roger reminded all that at the end of this year the following offices are open - President, Treasurer, Director of Public Relations, VP of Membership and Parliamentarian. Roger cannot run again as he has had two terms and this also applies to Jerry Limpach. Campaigning will be in full progress by the September meeting so be thinking about this if you are interested in one of the openings.

Roger asked for a motion to pay the proxy officers, motion made by Larry Hickman with a second by Calvin Camp. No discussion, motion carried.

#### **Officer Reports**

##### **Carolyn Montgomery – Secretary**

No corrections to the February minutes. No comments or questions. Motion made by Gary Kelly to accept the minutes as written with a second by Dick Yanko. No discussion, motion passed.

##### **Patrick Dolan – Director of Charity**

There is a Club charity page on our website, so if your club is doing a charity event please send in pictures, articles etc.

They will be doing the 100% Club again and Windy City just joined the ranks again for this year so their support is really appreciated.

The raffle car for this year is a Velocity yellow coupe, 6 speed, preferred equipment group package.

The transplant games will be in Louisville KY starting 6/17, and he will attend as a representative of the NCCC charity.

Green sheets are available; one sheet can be used for the primary and the spouse.

June is the Bloomington show, Charity and Membership will be sharing a booth and they could use some workers. If you are thinking of going and would be willing to volunteer a few hours, let Patrick know. This is 6/16-6/18/06.

The deadline for the scholarships is 6/1/06; this means a completed scholarship application must be received by John Osborn by this date. Patrick read an invitation from one of our past recipients, Ashley Rhodebeck from the Indiana Region, who is graduating from the Indiana University, with highest distinction. Ashley sent a very nice note

with her thanks for all the money and scholarships that she has received from NCCC.

Patrick then covered the treasurer's report and Deb covered the Grants report as she will be handling the Grants side of the financials. We are getting ready to do the budget for 2007 so what you will see will be a separate budget for the Charity, Grants and Scholarships groups. This will be a budget that you will have to approve along with the general fund. She will continue to work on this so that it is clearer to all.

Patrick then announced Windy City donated \$25,000 to Spina bifida in IL.

#### **Pat Kelly – FCOA Director**

Pat has received a lot of applications lately and has received eleven today at the meeting. She recently assigned FCOA #3200 to Ashley from the Buckeye Corvette Club.

Pat shared information about FCOA membership. Before every meeting each of the RMD's receives a copy of all the FCOA members and their regions. This is for the regional officers and governors and of course the governor's want to share this with the members of their club. If you want to use this information in the newsletter or club website it is a way of promoting FCOA however there is a lot of information on the report that is personal, such as addresses and she spends a lot of time assuring parents and grandparents that we don't make any of that information public. If you would like to have a membership list that you can use on your website or newsletter let her know, she will reformat the list and take out the addresses and any other private information. Her email is [FCOAKids@aol.com](mailto:FCOAKids@aol.com).

With funds received from the Cedar Rapids CC and Oklahoma City CC she bought some really cool mood pencils, when you touch them they change colors. These are for the packets and the kids should really like them. Thanks to these two clubs. The packets will also include a dash plaque donated by Desert Corvette Association, and notepads donated by Windy City Corvette. Each of these three items are spotlighting FCOA's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The notepads and dash plaques feature a 91 and 2006. In mentioning the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary she would like to acknowledge Don and Betty Parks as they were instrumental in starting FCOA at convention in 1991.

FCOA currently has the tire raffle, the tickets are \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20. This is for a set of 4 Goodyear tires, and the drawing will be held at Convention.

#### **Rose Schmitt – Distribution**

She is working on the design for next year's card, nothing else to report.

#### **Joan Thomas – Webmaster**

There have been 22,500 hits thus far this year on the National website. She is pleased with this, however not quite as pleased with the number of entrants for the website contest for 2006, but there is still time as deadline for the 1<sup>st</sup> step is 6/10. Some new clubs are entering this year which is good.

A caution she would like to make to all clubs and regional websites is to know who hosts your website as situations have arisen that the person who started the website is no longer active. The people that are active can not get on the site as they do not have the username or password. She encourages that someone else in your organization have access to this information, so that in case something like this happens there will not be a major problem.

Last night she met with Cal Camp from Midwest Region, Cindy Urenda from Rocky Mt Region, and Jerry and Janet Limpach to initiate a committee that the intent is to form guidelines for any type of media communication within NCCC. This will be a ways down the line and more information will be provided at a later date.

#### **Debbie Lindsey – Director of Sponsorship**

Debbie updated us on the sponsors for this year and how they are involved with NCCC:

Eckler's will be at Convention.

Mid America Motorworks will be helping at Convention and they are also helping with day planners, FCOA, the Charity program, Membership awards and pins for 2007.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber will be sponsoring the party Thursday night at Convention and will pay for our membership envelopes.

Kumho will sponsor the high speed, Hoosier will sponsor low speed, Bridgestone/Firestone will sponsor the banquet, Chevrolet will be a general sponsor and will also sponsor the membership cards for next year, Corvette Central will sponsor the party Monday night at Convention, Zip Products will sponsor the Rallye and also sponsoring the website award, Parish Heacock, which is a insurance company out of Florida, will be at Convention as a sponsor, as well as Langka Products, and Paragon Corvette Reproductions.

As mentioned at the last meeting, Firestone would like more involvement/participation at the regional level so at the E-Board meeting she had asked Mike and others the best way to disseminate this information. The suggestion was that she have the RCD's fax, email or mail a copy of their events with a calendar of the dates, location, and contact

person name and information. In many cases Firestone will come out to support your event, may give away tires, products etc., which can benefit your club.

She reminded all to use your MBNA card for purchases so we can continue to get a rebate.

When looking at sponsorships or discounts, be sure to check the special discounts page on the website. Recently there was a new change in the helmet requirements and some people have bought helmets from Extreme supply and received a 10% discount and free shipping. There are other discounts which can be used for traveling needs with hotels and rental cars.

As mentioned at the last meeting, the Eagle One award was given to Corvette Club of Naples. A suggestion has been made that NCCC enter with our charity program so she will be getting the information from Patrick and the charity committee to provide what we need in order to enter.

Eckler's rebate is continuing however the program is a little bit different this year. It is the same principal, but with a change in that the bar has been raised on our purchases for rebates. She encourages you to check Eckler's prices when shopping and if they are competitive buy from them which benefits your regions.

Gary Kelly asked if a representative from Langka would be at Convention as he would like to see a before and after demonstration of their product. Debbie will mention this to Langka to see if they would be interested in coming. She also mentioned Langka has offered a program, which is mentioned in *Blue Bars* that if your club is putting on an event, and you want goodie bags with samples send an email to Debbie with your club name and email address for your website and they will provide you with products for your club. At this point the only presentation she has set for convention concerns the tire pressure monitoring system.

#### **Jim Harris – Convention Steering Committee**

Jim thanked Debbie for her efforts with getting sponsorship.

**2009 Program** – Have a couple of groups looking at putting a program together, one is the Rocky Mountain Region and the other is the Michigan region.

**2008 Program** – Have received the completed bid proposal and this is out of the Southwest region, from Ron Ruston and Dale Acker, any questions see them for information. The dates are June 20-27, 2008 and will be in the Tulsa Oklahoma area. They will make their bid to the E-Board at the August convention.

**2007 Program** – Convention to be held in Nashville, TN. Convention director is John McGee and co-director Jim Krebs. The dates are 6/16-22/2007. There are three candidates for Convention treasurer, Mary Bellamy, Peg Quine, and Jay Hommer. The resumes will be reviewed at the September meeting.

**2006 Convention** – Larry Beebe gave an update of this program. Thanked all that has so far registered but would like to see more. There will be a contest for the person that can best fit into the oldest convention T shirt and he would love to see someone beat Cliff Payne at this! Another big item is the practice day at Sebring, which is the Friday before convention. He has received a really good response to this event. He encourages all that even if you are not involved in the competition come on down and watch, as it will be a fun day. If you are staying at Sebring consider using the hotel at the track as there are not a lot of real nice places around Sebring. He has some good entertainment planned for Convention. There were no questions, if any questions do come up send Larry an email or call him. Thanked the Florida people for their help.

Roger commented regarding people that are going to convention but not staying at the Convention hotel. This is where the members can really help us as NCCC has obligated to a certain number of rooms. If it is not a deal breaker for you or your family you would be doing NCCC a great service if you would stay in the host Hotel. You would be closer to the activities and all the fun around the host hotel. Additionally when we have the parties and the celebrations with the drinking etc it would be better for you to be in the host hotel, so he encourages you to not try to save in the area of the hotel.

#### **Sylvia Hoaldrige – Publications**

The last issue was mailed 4/17/06 and all should have received. If you have not received your issue, check with your RMD or with Sylvia.

The deadline for the summer issue is 6/1/06; this is in order to get the summer issue out before Convention. As a reminder please tell your members to consider the advertisers in *Blue Bars* and on our website. Some of these advertisers are sponsors and some are paid ads. We want them to come back and support us, so please remember them when purchasing items.

When making reports to your members, either in person or in a newsletter, every time there is an issue of *Blue Bars* ask them if they have received it as she is getting more emails than ever before about mailings.

### **Gary Foster – Sgt. at Arms**

Thanked the West Region for the munchies and helping him put it all together. He mentioned the starting time for the hospitality room as he had some people questioning the starting time, hoping it could be opened earlier. The consensus is that it will continue to be opened from 8 to midnight.

The following have submitted door prizes and he asks that we consider these people when buying:

Dennis and Jeanine Patrick contributed a T-shirt.

Debbie Lindsey donated 6 gift certificates.

Florida Region donated a gift certificate.

Patrick Dolan donated raffle tickets from the NCCC charity.

Dave Heinemann donated some car care products.

Additionally he received products from Jegs, Corvette America, Electronic Engineering, Mid America Motorworks, Zip, and O'Reilly's and Ozzie's restaurants. He would appreciate it if you could remember these contributors as you make purchases.

The providers of the munchies for the next meeting for the hospitality room will be the candidates. He will be looking for volunteers for the following meetings.

### **Jerry Limpach – Public Relations**

The traveling NCCC displays are traveling, if you need one please let Jerry know. NCCC pays the expenses for shipping. If you want to see what the display looks like there is a section on the NCCC website. The display goes out complete with membership applications and a supply of *Blue Bars* so pretty much everything you need is there to set up.

He is contacting some of the national magazines to see if they want to send someone to the Convention, hopes to get some press coverage.

Allen Morris had a question – In the latest issue of Autoweek it states that if you are going to buy a Z06 next year or the Blue Devil that is coming out, General Motors is saying you have to take a driving school. As an NCCC member, to do high speed events, one of the driving criteria are you have to have a high speed license. Is there any chance that you can contact GM, maybe put a plug in for NCCC that if you are a member of NCCC and have a high speed license you would not have to go through another driving school? This would be a way to get NCCC out there. Jerry commented we have helped them in the past in putting on driving demonstrations when the C4 was winding down, maybe we could work something out.

### **Hal Bellamy – Business Manager**

Hal reminded everyone there is a great opportunity going on right now as there are five elected offices coming open and 9 or 10 appointed offices that you can have. This is an opportunity for you to find out what the officers are thinking about.

There has been one claim since the last meeting.

He has added the charity treasurer to the bonding.

He introduced the two representatives from K & K, Dennis Liggett and Jason Mowery, who were available for a question and answer session. Jason has been with K & K about 11 years and working with NCCC for approximately three years. He is the main contact for us. Dennis has been with K& K for 17 years with a lot of that time being involved with NCCC. They indicated this visit for them was two-fold; to share with us that it has been a good relationship between K & K and NCCC, and to answer any questions.

1. Tom Russell questioned the waivers, are they posted on the website so we can just pull them down? Per Dennis can not do this at this time, you must have original waivers. Waivers are plentiful and they will provide all you need.
2. Elaine Heretta – questioned the orange sheets with form 1068, both parents have to sign the minor waiver forms, what if parents divorced, no contact with parents etc. Per Dennis, two parents are preferred however can have just one parent and or legal guardian sign. Re the other waiver –the other minor form (1069) – used for a lot of race tracks, does not really apply to us. This is a form, that once a minor signs the main form, then the minor can sign that form without the parent signature.
3. Gary Kelly – suggestion, all the major players are here today, Hal our business manager, Joan for the website, Mike for Competition and K & K. He is sure over the years they have heard and kept answering the same questions over and over again. Sometimes it is hard to find the answers; he would like to see a FAQ established on our NCCC website where we could have answers available without going back and asking the same questions. This would provide consistency and give all the players a chance to look at this. Dennis mentioned something like this had been done and published which was 10 of our major

questions of all time. This was in *Blue Bars* a couple of years ago and recently ran again. Per Dennis, if we need to keep doing that we can certainly do that. Agreed by all that this can be added to the website.

4. Brenda Lackey- re grandparents, what if a grandparent takes grandchild to an event? Can we sign for them? The answer is no. It must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. You can get a form signed ahead of time and bring it with you. For a minor the age is under 18.
5. Cal Camp- suggested that since this is an issue for everyone, put a note on your event flyer that if you plan to bring grandkids or kids and their friends that you must contact the chairperson of the event to get the form and have it signed to bring to the event. .
6. Jim Bartuska - a lot of Corvette clubs get asked to chauffeur around Kings and Queens at high schools, at parades etc and we never see the parents and do not have an opportunity to get them to sign a waiver. How do we handle that? The response is if you know the participants ahead of time, send them a waiver, or send to the school. If the event happens quickly, this is more than likely not an NCCC event and would not require a waiver, and if was an NCCC event you would just have to get the waiver to them for the required signatures. Allen Morris added a comment that this is not a competition event therefore a signed waiver is not needed. It was commented that this is true for K&K however they know that NCCC requires the waiver at most events, even some just for meetings. Signing a waiver is just one of our best safeguards.
7. Dick Yanko thanked them for all of the support K & K has given NCCC over the past years.
8. George- question on how you differentiate between a spectator and entrant especially when you are talking about minors and grandparents bringing them to events. The response is the spectator is basically those that are not gaining access to a restricted area. Depending on the event is how you would define restricted area. For some road courses that is your entrance to get in and whether you are there as spectator or a participant you are signing that waiver. Again going back to NCCC, depending on the type of event, the restricted area is for those participants that are participating and whether they are an official or whether they are on the race track, spectators generally are away from that area. Again going back to what the rule book says for NCCC depending on the event whether the waiver will be signed on not.
9. Gary Kelly –asked for some main parameters that determine our premium, is it our claim experience, what you read in our rulebook? Response is you are in a car club program where rates have been filed with every state, membership is looked at, the # of events you put on, and your rulebook. Various types of events are rated accordingly; the rates are all filed with the states. Experience comes into play and our experience has been great.

Thanks go out to Dennis and Jason for their attendance and help in answering the many questions.

#### **Dave Heinemann - Parliamentarian**

Dave has received nine entries for the Newsletter contest. This will continue to be a mailed copy for judging. He does realize a lot of the newsletters are now electronic, however please print a copy for the judging. The winners will be announced at Convention.

Last November there was an election of officers with no contest and the E-Board challenged him to look into some other method of voting when there is uncontested voting. He put this before the RE's and asked them to take this back to their regions for discussion. The RE's have come back with a unanimous decision that we will continue to send mailed ballots for voting as the governors do not want to lose their ability to vote and also want the ability to have a write-in vote. So we will continue to follow the by-laws and send out a mailed ballot.

Carolyn has been sending the minutes out by both mail and email. Last night the RE's discussed this issue and he then brought to the E-Board this morning. Everything we do is being done online, everything is going electronic and it is time NCCC moves up to the age of electronics. The RE's voted unanimously that they want to see all mailings sent electronically. This will be a cost savings to NCCC in postage, printing, and time to the secretary. This will be effective 1/1/07. If you are currently getting minutes mailed and you have electronic means, get to Carolyn and provide her with your email address. If you don't have email, it is time to step up, if you don't want to step up, it is time to get somebody to step up for you.

They worked on several by-laws that were presented and also had several standing rules. He really appreciates how this has been done, last year he stated he would not consider anything presented to him after the May meeting as it is not fair to the committees to have time to review, and not fair to the other committees that might be involved. They worked on those last night and plan on putting out a proposal that the RE's voted on with 100% agreement that they will put something on the floor in September that anything submitted will have to be submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year. Part of the reason for this is sometimes a by-law comes in that is a very simple by-law and can be dealt with quickly, however many other times by-law proposals come in and they affect other committees such as finance, membership, and competition and after they review they then have to send to the other committees.

Then once everyone involved has reviewed, and if everything fits, then it will be presented on the floor at the September meeting for consideration on the November ballot.

Roger added a comment to Dave's report. He had talked to a couple of committees last night and there seems to have crept in a sort of concern that we drift off into doing deals or preventing deals from being done and all these ideas in terms of rule changes that you suggest as members or as governors or regional officers that ostensibly would improve the way we operate are all valuable. The thing that Dave and his RE's are trying to do is ensure that when an idea comes in that we take enough time to look at it and pass it among those folks that has the closest interest or are affected by it the most, to make sure everyone gets to weigh in on this and we get the best answer. We take a little bit of time to do this we will actually come up with a better deal for all of NCCC and this is all that they are trying to do and he appreciates that effort. Sometimes when someone thinks they have a good idea they think it has to be done right now, and it may very well be right, but over the long haul a little bit of thought and study the time taken will pay off for us.

#### **Deb Murphy – Treasurer**

Deb went over the reports for the Convention. What she is trying to do with the convention part, is to let you know what comes through her hands to convention. She is trying to segregate monies to let you know what is just for convention. She also covered the Charity Program budget and Balance sheet for NCCC.

What you will see on the budget for next year is a little bit different as we want to make sure we end up in the black and sometimes co-mingling the checking accounts may not do that. So her mission here is to separate the different accounts. We will be working on the budget and hopefully have something for you in September.

#### **Bob Bowen – VP of Membership**

Bob was not in attendance; however his report was provided by Nina Foxenberg. The nomination committee will consist of Diane Bowen, Pat Brown, and Terry Brennan. Motion to accept the nomination committee was Larry Hickman, with a second by Allen Morris. No discussion, motion passed.

#### **Mike Godfrey – VP Competition**

Mike welcomed the new RCD, John Backman.

Had one record drag event since the last meeting and no record set so no new drag records.

National points have been updated with all information received as of May 4, 2006.

#### **Clubs**

5. Carolina Autocross Team with 1200 points
4. Nashville Corvette Club with 1330 points
3. Corvette of Naples with 1652 points
  
2. Corvette Atlanta with 1963 points
  
1. North Fl Corvette Assoc. with 2032 points

#### **Ladies**

- 5 Betty Parks of Southeast Region with 219 points
4. Janet Wilson of Midwest Region with 258 points
3. Claudia Stouffer of East Region with 284 points
2. Debbie Simmons of Carolina Region with 302 points
1. Donna Littlejohn of the Carolina Region with 401 points

#### **Men's**

5. Dave Septon of Florida Region with 250 points
4. Don Parks of Southeast Region with 272 points
3. Pancho Thompson of East Ohio Region with 276 points
2. Mark Stouffer of East Region with 277 points
1. John Haskell of Carolina Region with 288 points

#### **Clarifications**

Had two clarifications presented last night.

1. Can I run a non Z06 transmission in a regular C5 coupe in IJJ? Answer- to preface this, the IJJ class was created by this committee at the beginning of this year. Since it is a new class that was created felt we had some latitude in how that class would operate. So, this clarification is only toward IJJ. Any C5 with any Z06 specific engine, transmission, or differential parts will be put in IJJ class. One consequence of this, the

second clarification that was made in February is superseded by this clarification. In other words that clarification was about a Z06 cam in an LS1 engine and that would be in IJ and not in group III.

2. Three parts to this and only had to answer two. Can the Power Brake Vacuum system be replaced by a Hydra tech high performance hydraulic brake assist retrofit system and be installed on a group IIB car? Answer – No. If no, can the system be installed on a group III B modified car? Answer – Yes and this effectively answers whether it can be installed on an RP car.

Question from Arnie Bailey –he sat through the February meeting in regards to the clarification where the gentleman wanted to put the cam shaft in the J car and after much discussion the RCD's at that time said that it was null and void. At this point in time, he would like to read from the cover page of the rulebook. "The only changes that may be made to these rules are for the sake of safety, where specific reservation has been made in the Rulebook or those specifically spelled out pertaining to the 2004-2007 Corvettes (Classes may be added or changes may be made to Class Regulations to accommodate new design features)." He thinks this is for more along the lines that we just introduced a new Z06 so we have the right to put that in a class. He does not believe this language refers to the right to change the quality or the basics of the class, which if you go back to page 2-21, item 2.7.3.12 Engine, Engine Components and Accessories 1. May update and/or backdate within your class. Therefore he says an H car should have no business at all using a cam shaft or transmission or any other part that is not common to this car in this class. It does say may crossbreed parts from any engine within your Class. Therefore you could use a set of heads on a 99, they are different, but he does not see where this rulebook gives us the right to turn this into a completely different crossbreed where we can cross between others. Mike's response- there is a statement in the rulebook that we are allowed to change the new classes as we saw the need for competition. The IJ class was added as we felt it was a new class, this was when the Z06 first came out. It took a long time to get some experience with those cars and at that time it was determined that you could easily put the Z06 stuff on the H cars, so when you went to group II you would run IJH. It was determined that we did not feel this was in the best interest of competition so we created the IJ class. In the meantime for the years that we ran that, we allowed these cars to be built partially where you could just take a Z06 into a IJH. We did for several years exactly what you said we couldn't do, because we put them in the common IJH class and we did not feel it was proper to penalize the people that have done these things in the past and have run for three-four years and now forcing them into a group III car where they have no business being in. Arnie's response as an owner of an H car, he was informed when the Z06 came out, since a Z06 was put into his class, that he had the right to utilize the parts from that car with full knowledge of the fact that as we got information about that car it could possibly be put in another class, which it was. At the present time knowing that, he went forward and did purchase two complete sets of Z06 wheels and tires so that he could compete with the Z06's. Now we have one class in group II that we can do things to that we can not do to any other class. Mike responded that in fact what was stated in the last meeting that yes in fact not only could you, but to get into that class you had to.

Gary Kelly commented, going back to the cover sheet of the rulebook the words pertain to the 2004-2007 Corvettes, classes may be added or changes may be made to Class regulations to accommodate new design features, so unless we have a new design feature we can not change a class regulation which is what you are doing when you are allowing the interchanging of the parts. The only way you can do that is a rulebook change, and you would have to take it to the Board of Governors where they have to approve it and it takes effect the following year. So we are making a rulebook change just utilizing the clarification procedure. Per Mike this is not information that the committee was not aware of. The rule in the rulebook for creating the new class is what they felt they could work under. We are not doing this to give anyone an advantage; we feel this is the best for the competition.

Arnie asked if we are going to see on the website the proposed rulebook changes for the next rulebook so that everyone can review them rather than come in at the September meeting and have to vote on without review. Mike responded that his intention is to get this information out beforehand but he can not tell you that by a certain meeting you will get a final draft. That will not happen as they could still be tweaking up to the night before it comes before the board. However the information, as they are doing it, should be available through your RCD and there should be nothing secret about it. He does not want to put the proposed changes out to get 15,000 opinions. The people on board are elected by their regions to represent them, you need to talk to your RCD's, but just know that because you talk to your RCD and tell them your opinion does not mean that is the way he will vote as he has to vote for the whole region.

Alan Moore brought up that a couple of years ago at convention we were forced to taking a car into a class where it did not belong. Now we have a situation where we are saying that if I put an entire Z06 drive train into a C5 it is legal for the class. If I put the emblems for a Z06 on my car I now have to run group III. We got ourselves into a problem and are now trying to get out of it and unfortunately like it or not, we are trying to do something to show people that we are trying to be responsible and give legitimate answers to these things.

Dick Yanko commends the RCD's as he thinks they are taking a step in the right direction. As we have aged we now have enough money that we can do things to our toys to make them what we feel makes them better than what

GM could do originally. Because we so choose to do this to our cars don't think we should be penalized to be running group III, thinks the attempt with the IIJ is a great idea, suggest that when you put the new rulebook together to put words on the front cover that allow you some latitude to keep doing this in the future.

Several hours at the Friday night meeting were spent on the new rulebook, trying to hammer out these same questions that we are currently dealing with. The RCD's have made some progress, the goal is to produce a rulebook that is not only fair to all the competitors, trying to make it simpler and easier to read and able to quickly find answers. They will have a complete new rulebook for 2008. He is also looking at making the rulebook available electronically at some point in the future.

### **Old Business**

Pat Kelly announced she received the first rebate check from the sell of the FCOA T-shirts which was \$63.00, and she appreciates everyone's support. Manny modeled one to point out they do come in tent sizes.

Per Roger regarding the NCM expansion program, they have applied for a 2.5 mm grant for the expansion. The stipulation might be that they may have to begin construction in order to receive grant money. To do this they may have to borrow some money to begin the construction in order to get the grant money. For example if they need 5-6 million and they get 2.5 mm they may have to borrow 1mm to get that. From his perspective as a board member he has always been against borrowing money for this expansion however if in order to get money you borrow money this is a little bit of a different deal. The board has given tentative approval to at least consider some credit in the application of the grant in order to get this construction underway. It is stipulated only if it is demanded by, or constrained by the grant monies. If they do not get any grant money, there will not be any borrowing of money.

Re the ALMS race in Mid Ohio, several members helped them last year in supporting the museum by running the corvette corral. This was headed by Jerry Limpach, and members of his club and Bill and Peg Quine and members of their club. We had asked at the time that was completed if this was going to happen again this year and the answer was no. Roger asked again as late as November and was told that Chevrolet had contracted with people to do those things; they did not need car clubs to help. Now Roger has received a note asking for our help as the contractors have not worked out. Unfortunately the time is too short to prepare and we are unable to accommodate them.

### **New Business**

No new business to report.

Roger mentioned that for the officer candidates that run and are successful they will be invited to the November E-Board meeting to sit in and see what happens.

50/50 Raffle was \$170.00 to the winner, Cindy Urenda.

Motion to adjourn was made by Joe Scafero with a second by Larry Hickman. Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Montgomery*

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