

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC.

GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES

Sheraton Westport – St. Louis, MO



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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

at
Marriott-Tulsa Southern Hills
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SATURDAY June 21, 2008

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Chairperson: Dick Yanko Phone: (207) 796-9475 Time/Room: NO MEETING THIS DATE	REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Chairperson: Dave Heinemann Phone: (708) 448-7851 Time/Room: 6:00 p.m. – Please check signs
FINANCE COMMITTEE Chairperson: Deb Murphy Phone: (330) 784-1527 Time/Room: **6:00 p.m. – Please check signs	REGIONAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE Chairperson: Jack Wilson Phone: (815) 885-2700 Time/Room: 6:00 p.m. – Please check signs
CHARITY COMMITTEE Chairperson: Patrick Dolan Phone: (517) 651-2029 Time/Room: **6:00 p.m. – Please check signs	REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Chairperson: Bob Bowen Phone: (319) 377-1829 Time/Room: 6:00 p.m. – Please check signs
CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE Chairperson: Hal Bellamy Phone: (574) 825-5536 Time/Room: **6:30 p.m. – Please check signs	SATURDAY HOSPITALITY ROOM Chairperson: Gary Foster Phone: (515) 233-2373 Time/Room: 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.– Please check signs

SUNDAY June 22, 2008

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Chairperson: Dick Yanko Phone: (207) 796-9475 Time/Room: 8:00 a.m. – Please check signs <i>**Please check with your chairperson to confirm if you will be having a meeting.</i>	BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING Time: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Room: Please check signs SATURDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM Time/Room: 12:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.– Please check signs
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Meeting Dates for 2008

Feb 29-March 1, 2008
May 2-3, 2008
June 21-27, 2008
September 12-13, 2008
November 7-8, 2008

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National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc.

May 3, 2008

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

Governors' Meeting Minutes

Dick Yanko – President

Dick called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. We had the pledge of allegiance. Members that have passed away since the last meeting were announced – *Ken Daby*, El Paso Corvette Club; *James Goad*, Palm Springs Corvette Club; *Karen Jenkins*, Colorado Springs Corvette Club; *Diane Veselmeyer*, Cornhusker Corvette Club; *Marlene Kortenhoven*, Crossed Flags Corvette Club; *Dale MacGruder*, Palm Springs Corvette Club; *Charles Mertz*, Midwest Region; *Frank Meyers*, Fort Wayne Corvette Club; and *Carl Young*, Route 66 Corvette Club. 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 explained that due to comments about the intimidating number of people seated up front, some of the appointed officers would now be sitting in the front row of the audience and would step up to the microphone to give their reports from the floor. Dick introduced the Elected and Appointed Officials, the 2008 Convention Director, 2008 Convention Treasurer, and Dennis Patrick for NCCC Merchandise. The introduction of Regional Officers and Regional Officer Proxies was then made. Three new clubs were announced by the RMDs: Shenendoah Valley Corvette Club in the East Region, Inland Empire Corvettes in the West Coast Region and Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta in the Southeast Region.

Dick asked for a motion to pay the Regional Officers that were proxies. Motion made by Larry Hickman with a second by Allen Morris. No discussion, motion carried.

Officer Reports:

Cindy Urenda – Secretary

Due to the change of Secretary, we are having some e-mail issues. A lot of people did not receive the minutes. The 30 hard copies that were on the table have been picked up, so if you did not receive them and need a copy, e-mail your request to ncccsecretary@comcast.net. Cindy will send out an e-mail to all Governors and Regional Officers this week, so if you have not heard from her by Sunday (Mother's Day), e-mail her so she knows there is a problem with your e-mail address and she can work on resolving it.

There were no corrections to the minutes. Motion was made by Gary Kelly to accept the minutes with a second by Joe Scafaro. No discussion, motion passed, minutes accepted as written.

Dave Heinemann – Parliamentarian

The REs are working on goals for NCCC Regions, seeing what they can do to make the organization better for everyone. They will continue their RE letters in Blue Bars. They have written some really good articles already. They are writing articles about what goes on in NCCC because very few members attend the National meetings, so their only real connection other than through their local clubs, is through Blue Bars.

All REs are on the By-laws Committee because Dave feels that they all represent their Regions and belong on the Committee because that is what runs this organization. We run by the By-laws and Standing Rules. Years ago, the Committee used to have the ability to recommend. When proposals were presented, the REs were able to support or not, but that ability was taken away from them. There will be a By-law change proposed to empower the REs to make the decisions they were elected for.

Dave said that working with the REs is a rewarding experience and he encourages anyone interested to run for Parliamentarian.

The Newsletter Committee is in their final tally and awards will be presented at Convention.

Larry Beebe – Public Relations

The two traveling displays were used about 20 times around the nation last year. It's already been out once this year. If your club is celebrating something and would like to display it, let him know.

Public Relations is trying to make us more visible, so if anyone would consider writing an article for magazines, they could submit it to him. We need to get some recognition for NCCC.

Jack Wilson – VP of Competition

The 2007 rebates were distributed to all Regions, and the patches were distributed to the RCDs last night. Jack also gave the Southwest Region their number 1 National Club patches so they can enjoy those instead of waiting until Convention.

A couple of things were added for communication under the Competition section on the Web. The drivers' schools were added and Jack developed a detailed description of what's going on in the Competition meetings. His minutes for February are posted so anyone can see what was discussed.

It was recommended at the February meeting that clarifications be put at the end of the Rulebook on the Web, and that has been done and they will continue to be updated.

Their objective this year was to put out the current points standings monthly. 72 events were received and posted as of the end of April. All sanctions and flyers received were also posted as of April 30th.

2008 Points:

Top Clubs

5. Americas Corvette Club, Florida 706
4. Gulf Coast Club, Florida 729
3. East Carolina Corvette Club, Carolina Region 886
2. North Florida Corvette Assoc., Florida 1881
1. Corvettes of Naples, Florida 1893

Ladies

5. Claudia Stouffer, East Region 115
4. Joan Clark, Florida 124
3. Mary Julie, Florida 236
2. Donna Littlejohn, Carolina 288
1. Tracy Gadu, Southwest 292

Mens

5. Dave Burger, Florida 144
4. Don Parks, Southeast 150
3. Don Smith, Carolina 193
2. Joe Tooley, Florida 208
1. Robert Ellis, Florida 312

These will be given to Joan to update on the Web.

The next record drags will be May 22nd in the Southwest Region, in Norman, OK. June 23rd, will be one at Convention, and September 20th there is one in the West Region in Kearney, NE.

Clarifications:

Regarding the advantage/disadvantage of quick release steering wheels, which is disallowed in Group I and II.
Answer: It is the Competition Committee's responsibility to provide Rulebook interpretation and not to define specific items that would provide a vehicle a competition advantage or disadvantage.

Can the quick release function be disabled, but left in the vehicle to satisfy this requirement?

Answer: The current Rulebook does not allow a quick release function for Group I and II.

Class M cars come equipped with cross drilled rotors in Group I and these would not be considered upgrades. Can these be replaced with a non-cross drilled, smooth surfaced iron rotor, a slotted iron rotor, or a dimpled iron rotor?

Answer: No. The current Rulebook does not allow these changes in Group I.

Regarding the waivers. At what age do minors have to sign for themselves?

Answer: There are 4 waivers. One is for everyone coming into the event. There is one that says "Minors Assumption of Risk and Release Waiver of Liability." This has a signature of the minor on one side and the parent/guardian must sign on the other side for the minor to be there. In the 2007 packet, there were Rally release waivers. In the 2008 packet is another "Minors Assumption of Risk and Release Waiver." The intent was to use the general waiver for rallies, but you may still use the Rally waivers if you have them. The second Minor waiver is for a specific track, so that the parents don't have to sign one each time. George and Jack have agreed that we will use the general waiver and the single use form for minors, and both parents should sign. Minor participants age 16-18 must also sign the general waiver.

Is it possible to replace the domed pistons with flat top pistons in a 360 hp, 327 ci, 1962 CLA Group I drag car?

Answer: It is not allowed in Group I, but is allowed in Group II.

A member has a 1969 with the radio delete option. The rule states that the radio cannot be removed. Must one be installed?

Answer: No. The radio does not have to be installed on a vehicle with radio delete option for that year, as long as the proper block out plate is in place.

There were questions in the meeting about the Certificate of Liability Insurance form. At the bottom, it says "type of event-non speed event". This is a generic form. K & K says to send it in and they will provide us with a speed event certificate.

The Committee had a presentation on the new system and how results are input to help everyone get up to speed. They discussed the Rulebook suggestions from the Regions. They are working on how to address the concerns around tire sizes, exhaust allowances, classifications, groupings, points, and making the forms more user friendly on line. When the RCDs make decisions, they are deciding what to recommend to the Governors at the September meeting, so the Governors can decide how to vote in November. The minutes are on the Web and in Blue Bars. Everything is still in the discussion stage. Give your input to your RCD to bring back to the Committee. They want to make the program understandable and user friendly.

Deb Murphy – Treasurer

Due to weather problems, Deb's flight was delayed and there was no Finance Committee meeting last night. Deb reviewed the highlights of the Profit and Loss statement. The Sheraton bill arrived late so will show two meetings on the next P & L statement.

The Balance sheet shows what money we actually have. It represents the general operating account without Grants & Scholarships and Conventions. The amount shown is what we have at the end of April based on what we spent on the P & L. The number at the bottom of the P & L always represents that period. The ending balance will be the starting point of the next report.

The budget is set up on an annual basis. The Budget Overview shows Jan-Apr actual income and expenses. On this report, it is being compared to what we have set up in the budget for the year. We are starting on the 2009 budget, and we want you to understand it. We have to keep enough to cover our liabilities, such as the

three year contract with the hotel for meetings and whatever contracts we have signed for Conventions. We are liable for over \$100,000 for Convention hotel costs, alone. Insurance is about \$80,000 a year.

Deb answered questions from Ray Meesseman about income from membership dues, with Bob Bowen supplying numbers. The anticipated income was based on the rather flat numbers of the past three years. Membership in November was 18,920; 18, 655; and 19, 075. At the end of January, when most renewals are in we had 8859 in 2006, 8960 in 2007, and 9028 this year, so if history repeats itself, with new members over the summer, we should come in just about where we budgeted. Each year, we consistently lose about 3,000 from Nov-Feb and get the numbers back during the summer months. We have 17, 354 members right now.

Larry Hickman asked about the profit of \$17,894 from 2007 Convention vs. the \$35,000 that was budgeted. Deb explained that \$32,000 in sponsorship went back out. There is nothing in here as far as what she thinks Convention will do. The invoices go through here, so that number will zero out and if there's anything, it will appear in another column.

If you have questions or think there is something missing in any of the budgets, please e-mail Deb. She will be happy to address it and include it in the budget if we need to.

Joan Thomas – Webmaster

Website contest entry ended yesterday. There are only 14 clubs entered out of 237 club Web sites. Judging starts tomorrow. Awards will be given out at Convention. Joan is looking for three judges for next year. All previous judges really enjoyed the experience.

She has started the process of putting NCCC history on the Web site and will need everyone's help getting the info. Joan needs 1985 top 12 Clubs, Ladies and Men. She only has the names of the first places. If anyone has it please let her know.

Convention information will be posted as she receives it, so keep checking for updates.

Patrick Dolan – Charity

The 2008 raffle car is in Tulsa. It is a black 6-speed coupe with a 3LT package.

The mailing to non-NCCC purchasers of tickets from last year, cost about \$1,100 and about \$7,000 was collected from it. Patrick thanked Bill and Elana for sorting through all the previous year's tickets by hand.

Green sheets in the membership packet are the best deal you can get. Both member and spouse can get the 5/\$25 price. Green sheets will be accepted at Convention

Windy City Corvette Club and North Texas Vettes are now 100% clubs. One \$10 ticket sold for each member of your club gets you a plaque at Convention from NKF. Patrick needs to know by June 18th if your club has reached 100%. Contact him at his home address. If you bring it to Convention, you will be announced and receive your certificate later.

Scholarship program for 2008 ended on May 1st. The scholarships will be given away at Convention.

The Charity Committee is working with our Webmaster to link other car raffles to ours.

Treasurer's report reviewed. \$4,020 went to NKF. Patrick has not written the check for the raffle car yet.

Grants & Scholarships report reviewed.

Hal Bellamy – Steering Committee

Hal says he understands the criticism and appreciates the support. He will do the best he can to do a good job. The committee decided last night that since they are serving approximately 5% of the membership at Convention, they will be concentrating their efforts on making it more appealing to more people. They would like to have some new and unique venues and would like input on ideas for new activities.

The Committee will be updating the policy and procedure manual.

Anyone interested in becoming Convention Treasurer for 2009 should contact Dick Yanko.

2009 Convention: Co-director, Hal Tumbleson was supposed to be here, but did not make it, so we have no update. We can expect more information at the Tulsa Convention.

2010 Convention: Florida Region is working on a bid for Bonita Springs or Kissimmee.

2008 Convention: 414 are signed up for Tulsa. The finances are all in order, no huge loss/no huge gain, thanks to Ron and Betty and their hard work. Ron will talk about reservation confirmations.

Dale Acker talked about the fun they have planned for us with cool tours, neat parties, good food and racing at Hallett.

Ron said the warm up was two weeks ago. Based on what they learned and the number of cars they ran, they have expanded the entry list, so everyone on the waiting list for high or low speed is in the event. There are now 185 in the low and 175 in the high. If you still need to sign up, they will try to get everyone who wants to race in.

They are right at 100 on the bracket drags and 75 on the records.

Tech will be open on Friday afternoon.

Saturday- Hawaiian theme party with live band. Bring your Hawaiian shirts.

Sunday- Outdoor tent barbecue and washer tournament. Proceeds will go to FCOA. Will also be doing the top 15 awards, so dress business casual for pictures.

Monday- Drag races, nothing at hotel.

Tuesday -Evening at the Riverwalk. There are three restaurants lined up. You will have a \$10 coupon and can pick any of the three between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday- Steve Lancaster magic and hypnotism.

Thursday- Country Western Band. Wear boots & jeans.

Friday- SW Region hosting the traditional NCCC awards banquet. Drawing for the raffle car and all the traditional awards. About 70% of the people attending Convention will be attending. Dress in the best you brought with you. There will be assigned seating for the banquet. Top 15 need to see Bernyce for seating arrangements.

Frank Weithen asked about reservations. Ron said if you haven't received the e-mail confirmation from the hotel, e-mail or fax him, or call the 1-800 number of the hotel.

Rhonda Higgins – Distribution

She is down to 600 Rulebook CDs Renewals are still coming in so she will be using them up.

Pat Kelly – FCOA

There are now 2647 kids in FCOA. Pat has been pulling off a lot of 16 year olds. Membership cards and patches came in and everything has been mailed as of mid-April.

The 2007-2008 dash plaque has arrived. She is still waiting for something from Chevrolet and will mail the member packets out in early July. North Florida Corvette Association will be sponsoring the 2009 dash plaques for the kids.

Mid America will be featuring FCOA in the 2008 Funfest book. Pat will be writing something up for them.

Frank Weithen asked how many former FCOA kids are now primary members. Pat thinks about 30, but there is no record. She would like to find out and do an article for Blue Bars about second generation FCOA members.

George Gallant – Business Manager

Make your room reservations at least 30 days ahead and cancel if not coming. If you do not reserve 30 days out, you may have to pay a higher price. The hotel is super to work with. The staff that manages our account is in the Convention center downstairs. If we need to arrange something special like a shuttle to take a group downtown, let George know so he can set it up at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The hotel is more than willing to help us out.

Thanks to the RCDs for the work they did on waivers. George says he is just the facilitator between NCCC and K & K. Our contract is based on the Rulebook. If you have questions or claims call George. The certificate in our packet is a generic one to use every possible place you can use. If you need to add insurance or the name of the venue, send it in and they'll send it back to you with a copy to George. Jason Mowery will be at Convention as a guest.

Ray Meeseman had a budget question on the promotion incentive. It was \$7,600 last year and is \$14,851 so far this year. That is because the perks and pins bill from last year was paid this year. Elana Siebel asked whether Mid America had paid for the pins and calendars. Debbie said the year before, it was part of the sponsorship agreement, but for last year, she used \$3,400 out of the total sponsorship money they gave us. Allen Morris asked what Mid America did pay. Debbie clarified that the sponsorship money was used for a percentage of the cost. This year we spent approximately \$9,000 for 2008 pins plus the extra 2007 pins that we ordered for members who had not received them.

Debbie Lindsey – Sponsorship

Debbie reviewed for us what the sponsors were doing at Convention. Mid America is sponsoring the Funkhana; Goodyear is sponsoring the Rallye and the Awards Breakfast on Friday; Michelin is sponsoring the Low Speed; Khumo will be sponsoring the High Speed; Chevrolet and Hoosier will be there; Bridgestone/Firestone will be taking care of Tech; Corvette Central will sponsor the party on Saturday night; Zip Products will sponsor the Peoples Choice Car Show... just to name a few.

The Michelen program is like a ride and drive. They will have two Corvettes for you to drive. One will be on Michelen tires and one on other tires. You'll have to sign up for it *early* in the Corvette Mall. Les Willard, who designed the tires for the Z01 will do two tire seminars on Monday.

Hagerty Insurance is a new sponsor. They will be helping with the Concours and Hospitality. They will provide roadside assistance on the Rallye. They are going to be offering a 5% discount on insurance for NCCC members.

New sponsors not involved with Convention are ProTeam Corvette Sales working primarily with advertising through Blue Bars and the Web site. CorvetteGuys.com is another advertiser in Blue Bars.

Check the Web site for special discounts for members. And remember we get a rebate when you use your NCCC Bank of America card.

At Carlisle, we are trying to get something put together for Friday night. Watch the Web site for further information.

Bob Bowen – VP of Membership

Bob already reported our numbers during Deb's turn.

The RMDs decided on the perks for the renewal packet. They want something different for the 50th. They will have a special 50th anniversary pin available for purchase. Our distribution plan for last year didn't work well. It would have cost us \$11,000 to mail them. The new items will be flat and flexible to comply with postal regulations. No pins. No calendars. Those cost too much extra to mail.

His job is open and he would like to talk with anyone who is interested.

Gary Foster – Sgt. At Arms

Gary thanked the East Region for the Friday night hospitality room food, and Jay & Linda Homer for going out to get the alcohol and cookies and things. The Candidates will do the food for the September meeting.

Sylvia Hoaldridge - Publications

After we sang Happy Birthday to Sylvia, she announced that she has been declared cancer free.

The deadline for the Summer issue is June 1. The Convention issue will be out in the fall. Sylvia commended everybody who responded to her request for articles. It's been a good response. Please keep up the good work.

Sylvia has decided to step aside and let someone with some fresh ideas take over the Blue Bars as of the winter issue. She has done it for six years and it has been a wonderful experience.

Old Business

This year the Chicago Corvette Club is celebrating 50 years.

A collection was taken up by her region for Leslie McCartney, who designed the new FCOA logo. A lifetime membership was purchased for her. She said in her thank you note that she will treasure it always and the For Sale sign is now out of the car.

The Governors' Meeting site ballots were counted. 269 were mailed; 208 returned; 4 were declared invalid. By a margin of 3 to 1, we will stay in St. Louis for the next three years. At the request of the Secretary, Dick asked for a motion to destroy the ballots as there is no reason to keep them. Bernyce Molenda made the motion and Allen Morris seconded. The motion was passed with no one opposed.

At the last meeting we tabled a dues increase for the second time. This was done primarily because we were out of time and had to get out of the room. We need everyone to understand why we think we need to increase the dues by \$5 a head. We like to have \$200,000 to \$250,000 in our savings account for unexpected liability issues and to keep the organization operating for the next year. A simple example is what Patrick does with the raffle car. When we went into the National Kidney Foundation as our charity, we had zero dollars in the bank. Patrick went out and got the car, we then got the money to pay for the car and we gave money to the NKF. As the years have gone on, Patrick has squirreled a little bit of money away each year, with the goal that we have enough money on January 1 to buy the car without ever selling a ticket. We are now to that point. We have \$50,000 in an account. The money belongs to the NKF, and they understand why we have it.

The same thing goes with Council on a bigger scale. Our liability for the hotel for the 2009 Convention is for 1,440 room nights over the 6-7 day period. We suffer no penalty if we're short less than 10%. If we don't fill 10%-30%, we pay a 30% penalty of the amount of money they would have gotten for filled rooms. If it's 30%-60%, we would have to pay 60% which would amount to approximately \$160,000. We could have the same thing happen this year in Tulsa with catastrophic results. Right here, we have \$20,000 a meeting liability for room nights. If we don't show up for a meeting, we have to write a check to the hotel for \$20,000. In addition to that, we would have to pay for all the meeting rooms we use.

The budget we presented last year was \$47,000 in the hole. We did that because prior to last year, the E-Board tried to present a balanced budget. Everyone turned in their budget and the Treasurer would put it together. When it was going to go over, we started cutting to get it down so we didn't lose any money. Some years we lost as much as \$20,000 and some years we did a really good job. If Convention was especially profitable, we could make as much as \$30,000-\$40,000. We could never tell you how much we were going to have. Last year, we put together the numbers we thought we would spend, using due diligence to not be in the hole. We are not going to make it this year. Mileage has gone up a nickel from last year, and may go up again. The numbers for Convention are in the range where we'll just about break even. If that happens, we will only have \$150,000 left in savings. Part of our income is from the money market account, and the interest rates have gone down.

Mike Weil, RE for East Region, said that his Governors want justification, not just that mileage and postage have gone up. We can't keep balancing the budget by cutting it. We need a better plan. If we need more money to operate this organization, we need to decide what we're going to do with it and what it's going to cost. We need a vision of the future. The Governors want to know what they're getting for their money. Mike figures, based on the financial statements, we spend roughly \$1.50 more per member than we bring in. We need a good long term plan even if it means raising the dues more than \$10. What are we going to do to improve the benefits to the members? Until we can answer that, his Governors aren't going to vote for an increase.

Chuck Stephens, East Ohio RCD, wanted to know how we can be a non-profit organization when we have \$250,000 in a checking account. Deb explained the criteria for a hobby, non-profit organization. What we take in must be within the perimeters of our program. It's based on where you got the money and what you're doing with it. We use it for our membership, which is within our program guidelines. The money from Convention is entrant fees from members for an in-program program. It is reported on our 990 to the IRS.

Dick Runyon asked if it is a problem to pay someone for administrative duties. Deb said it is not.

Dick Yanko said that NCRS's financial statement last month showed they have \$980,000 in savings. They also have an office, furniture and a paid business manager.

Chuck Heretta, Governor of Buckeye Corvettes and RE for East Ohio, said that we had this discussion five years ago when we wanted a \$10 dues increase. He stood up at that time and said we needed financial responsibility and a \$5 dues increase. We have come a long way and the E-board has done a yeoman's job moving toward financial responsibility on that \$5 increase. We had 16,776 members in February 2007 and 16,664 in February 2008. In spite of the decrease in members, our assets have increased \$58,000. Where did it come from? We do need future planning. We need to spend our money on advertising and bringing more people into the organization.

Dick said the current budget for advertising is \$2,500. This morning the E-board discussed the advertising budget. The smallest ad in Corvette Quarterly is 2" x 4" and is \$11,000 for all 4 quarters. People who buy a new Corvette get a 3 year subscription. We are also looking at advertising on the Corvette Forum. A banner is \$1,200 per month/ \$14,400 per year, and it gives a link back to our Web site. If we're going to grow this organization, we need to advertise. How many of you put out a news release prior to an autocross, a car show, or a rallye? We need to get people there to watch and get bitten by the bug. Next year, when we've eliminated that \$58,000 are you going to remember this conversation? As long as we have money in the bank, everyone thinks we're doing good.

Arnie Bailey asked about the committee for change that we talked about last meeting. That will be coming. He also said that his club had gone from about 80 members to 150 because they went to 100% NCCC to go for the Duntov award. Approximately 10% of them have anything to do with the competition program and a very few more than that will go to Convention. The rest don't care that much about NCCC, even though they've made the effort to drag them out to car shows and rallies to make them aware of it. He doesn't want to ask them for a dues increase because it would be counter productive.

Jeannie Ruston said that people join because of the people.

Manny called the question to stop the debate and get it off the table.

Dave read from the November minutes, the motion that Dick Runyan made from the floor:

Dick Runyan, Governor from Corvette Club of Indiana, as the council is getting in dire need of funds to keep operating as we are operating now, made a motion to modify the first two sentences of standing rule 9 under financial matters be modified as follows: "The dues for NCCC are set at \$40.00 for new members, \$30.00 for renewals and \$15.00 for spouse/companion and dependents..." Dave stopped at this point to explain what we have to do before we can consider this motion for vote. There was a date applied, "The dues are set as of 3/1/08." assuming that we would make a decision on this at the February meeting. We were not able to address it in February because the meeting was lasting until 5:00 and we had to get out of the room.

According to the February minutes, "*Dues increase was tabled at the last meeting. Allen Morris made a motion that we table the dues increase discussion until the May meeting so it can be reviewed further...*" Someone needs to make a motion to extend the date before we can even consider the motion, because we've

already exceeded the timeline. If we apply a date, Dave suggests we make it at 2009 renewal. Allen Morris made a motion to amend the previous motion to take effect with the 2009 renewal process. John McGee seconded. Dave said that if it doesn't pass today, it cannot come up again until next year.

Ron Ruston asked for clarification of when it would take effect. It would start with anyone joining in September, since they pay dues 4 months early for the next year.

Chuck Heretta expressed concern that the REs have come from their regions with specific instructions on how to vote, but with the additional information brought forth today, they may not be voting in the best interest of NCCC. There is no time to go back to the clubs for further discussion. Dave says that the Governors elected the REs to represent them to the best of their ability at this meeting. It would be up to you to go back and explain the way things were presented, that you felt you needed to vote how you did. We only have four meetings a year, and it's very difficult to always get things back and forth. This has been out there since November. They elected you to make decisions, so that is how we need to look at it.

Patsy Shearer pointed out that many clubs have dues amounts in their By-laws and would need time to adjust that. Dave said that dues should be in Standing Rules. By-laws should say we have a dues procedure. The Standing Rules are the operating procedures that allow you to change the dues when you need to.

Bernyne Molenda clarified that the motion on the floor is only to change the date. She made a motion to call the question. Joe Scafaro seconded. Dick said if the vote to change the date fails then the dues increase is off the table until 2009. Dave said that if this amendment fails, there can be another amendment proposed. Dick said we are now voting to change the date from March 1st to the 2009 dues renewal process on the original motion for a \$5.00 dues increase. 79 voted opposed, no abstentions. We have a total of 245 (65 warm bodies and 180 proxies) so the motion passes.

Dave read the motion on the floor for the dues increase as made by Dick Runyon: "The dues for NCCC will be set at \$40.00 for new members, \$30.00 for renewals, and \$15.00 for spouse, companion or dependent." This is right out of Standing Rules with the \$5.00 added to each amount.

Dick explained that some of the \$58,000 that Chuck was questioning came from finding a cheaper vendor for the calendars. That, and the savings on mailing packets without pins and calendars, added up to almost \$23,000 for just those two cost savings.

Allen Morris seconded Manny's motion to stop the debate. Vote to stop discussion was unanimous. Dick called for the vote for all in favor of the motion to raise the dues by \$5.00 to the \$40.00, \$30.00 and \$15.00 rate effective with the 2009 renewals. 47 in favor; no abstentions; motion defeated. We will not be increasing the dues.

Larry Hickman, Governor of Crossed Flags Corvette Club and member of the Convention Steering Committee, thanked Jim Harris for being the Steering Committee Advisor/Chairman for the last 13 years and Jim Krebs for his 23+ years on the Committee. Larry then offered his resignation from the Committee, effective today. Dick thanked him for his eight years on the Committee.

The National Corvette Museum has not removed our display yet. On their web cam you can look at the construction area. It will be a month or two before they remove our stuff and the NCMS stuff. Dick was unable to attend the March 4th meeting at the Museum. It was the Friday after he had his knee operated on. John Pirkle from the NCMS made an impassioned plea about why the NCMS should be there. They will get a 42" flat screen monitor, space for several pictures, and a plaque in the library. We aren't getting anything. The E-board decided Dick would send a letter to Mr. Strode and Mr. Cooksey, the Chairman of the Board, and invite them to our September meeting to address the E-board on Saturday morning and the Governors on Saturday afternoon. Dick will probably have them box up our display and he will pick it up and store it. He would like the REs to get a count from the Governors of how many members are NCM members by August 1st. Alan Smith, Indianapolis Corvette Club, asked about the bricks. Dick said that we do own our bricks, but the only way you'll get it is if you replace it with a new one.

We talked about a Change Committee as we wind down our first 50 years and go into our next 50 years. This ties into the dues increase and the request that we come back with a plan. It is very hard for individuals on committees to objectively look at cutting the budget, eliminating themselves, or combining things. The new Committee could meet here. Most of their conversations will be on the internet or telephone. It is volunteer, not getting funded, and may have some expenses that will have to be submitted and approved. Nothing is

sacred in their charge. They can look at everything that this organization does. They can look at how we have our regions structured, dues, charity, sponsorship, President's responsibilities, Steering Committee, the number of meetings we have a year...Dick envisions the Committee going for approximately two years. The first six months would be primarily getting themselves familiar with what we do and how we do it, coming up with a plan to present to the Governors, and then proceeding about their business. Dick proposed to the Governors that the Committee is: Dennis Patrick, Penn Pritchett, Jim Asbury, Kevin Milton, Joe Vasta, and possibly one or two more that he will present at the September meeting after he's had a chance to talk to them. Dick Runyon made the motion to approve the Committee, Arnie Bailey seconded. Discussion: Larry Hickman asked about the possibility of seeking a member outside the organization. Dick said the Committee could request a consultant that would probably be paid and would have to be approved by the Governors. Chuck Heretta called the question, Sylvia seconded. The motion passed.

New Business

We need a candidate for Treasurer for the 2009 Convention. Applications and resume sheets are on the Web site. If interested, fill one out and get it back to Dick. We are also looking for a Blue Bars Editor. For those who are looking for an opportunity, offices coming open this year are President, Vice President of Membership, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Director of Public Relations Applications are on the Web site. If interested, fill them out and turn them in to the Nominating Committee. Job descriptions are also on the Web site. Dick and Gary are at two years and can run again. The others are out due to term limits. Dick would like to have the name of the new Blue Bars Editor for nomination for approval in September, November at the latest. Sylvia will cover it until we get someone.

The 2008 Nominating Committee of Diane Bowen, Patsy Shearer, and Sue Puksich was unanimously approved.

Ray Meeseman asked why we send out two envelopes with ballots. Dave explained that the outside identification is to verify what club Governors have turned in their ballots, so the club can verify that they've voted. The inside envelope containing the ballot should be blank and inserted in the outside envelope that identifies who they are, so the teller committee gets all blank envelopes.

No other new business.

Paul Clawson, Governor of the Fort Wayne Corvette Club, won the 50/50 raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Urenda
Cindy Urenda
Secretary

Regional Executive Meeting - Friday, May 2, 2008

Dave Heinemann, NCCC Parliamentarian called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

In attendance:

Chuck Heretta – East Ohio

Michael Weil – East Region

Carolyn Montgomery – Florida - Proxy

Mary Bellamy – Indiana

William Siebel – Michigan

Warren Snyder – Midwest - Proxy

John Maxwell – Rocky Mountain

Jim Gray – Roadrunner

John McGee – Southeast

Bernyce Molenda – Southwest

Allen Morris – West Coast

Jerry Limpach – West Ohio

Gary Brisbois – West

Margaret Bohannon – Carolina

Sylvia Hoalridge - came into the meeting to introduce Judy Post from Lanier Corvettes Limited from the Southeast Region. She indicated that the Blue Bars is going to be late and the next issue, The summer issue will be closing it's press date on June 1. It will cover from The first of July. This issue is going to be a "Tribute to Fallen Members."

Allen Morris – No Finance meeting

Deb Murphy - brought in the Budget and P&L. The meeting expense was not added to this copy. Next meeting will have two Sheraton bills in it. The money market interest rates have dropped significantly. The September timeframe is coming up and we need to present a budget at that time, and we are putting time into getting these numbers together. The Auditor is putting numbers together for this year's audit as well as will be the group that is doing the tax return this year. Because as the NCCC, we are a non-profit volunteer run group the auditors are checking the fact that all of the books and the bank match up. A discussion was had as to why the audit takes so much money. Since the bylaws indicate that this has to be done, we have to live with the costs.

Gary Foster - came in. Food in the hospitality room is being provided by the East Region. Door prizes are always needed, so if you have anyone that has them, please see Gary.

Dave Heinemann - indicated that the newsletter committee has to have the voting results to Dave by June 1 to order trophies. The judges have the month of May to judge the entries and Dave needs 10 days to get the awards. Jerry Limpach indicated that there are seven entries at this time.

Larry Beebe came in to the meeting. As public relations director, the displays are available for anyone's use. They have been out to Ohio already; contact me if you want them. We need to be more visible for "public relations" by getting our name out in front of the public in various publications to get visibility. If anyone has ideas for magazines that I should contact, please let me know. I would be glad to submit them for you, just contact me. Email: publicrelations@gmail.com.

Cindy Urenda came into the meeting and indicated that 208 out of 263 got proxies back. She provided copies of the minutes that did not get distributed properly.

Dick Yanko came in and indicated that Wendell Strode and Wil Cooksey are invited to the September meeting to answer questions about what is happening with the museum. He requested that we find out who are members of the Corvette Museum before the September meeting.

Old Business

Tabled dues increase from November last year. Dick read the motion. There was a date of 3/1/08 put into the motion on the floor which was table. The amendment to the motion can be presented on the floor tomorrow. Dick Yanko commented that this will lie on the table until the February meeting. It was tabled in February again due to time constraints on the meeting day and has come up again. Information was requested of the finance committee as to how much it costs us per member. A supposition was made by members of the finance committee that it costs us more than we take in, but there has been no documentation put forward to back this up. Michael Weil indicated that the East Region cannot support any dues increases without some concrete documentation as to why they need the money. Since the criteria for all postage and costs have changed over the year, the costs for 2007/2008 are less than previous years.

Using new money to pay for old debt is the wrong idea. We need to move up, improve our level of service to the members. Since cutbacks have happened so many times in the last two years, it's very hard to put a finger on this. We need someone to put a pencil to the numbers and tell us what they want to do, how we are going to do it, and how much money we need to put on the books to make this happen, instead of taking things away.

New Business

At the September meeting, the Corvette Museum will have two representatives at the meeting, Wendell Strode and Wil Cooksey. It would be a good chance for you to hear what the Museum is doing and to show your support for the Museum. Please let your Governors know who members of the Museum are by 8/1/08 so that it can be tallied up by Dick Yanko .

The E-Board has requested that we ask the Governors to allow us to recommend things to the Council. This will be researched and presented probably early next year for consideration.

RE Letter due for 6/1/08 regarding why to belong to NCCC. Elaborate as to the good things that come into our lives being members of the NCCC. What do we realize from the membership? What are the tangibles and intangibles? What has the organization done for you?

Round Table Discussions

Round table discussions were had about how to present this organization to the new Corvette owners. Suggestions were given that we put a postcard in magazines like Corvette Quarterly with an offer for your first year of free membership.

The meeting was called to a close at 8:52PM.

Minutes by John Maxwell

Submitted by Dave Heinemann, Parliamentarian

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP'S May 2, 2008 MINUTES

Bob Bowen, Vice President of Membership, called the Regional Membership meeting to order at 7:00 PM on May 2, 2008. There were 17 members in attendance. They were: Diane Bowen-West Region, Ellouise Morrison-Rocky Mountain, Sue Runyan-Indiana, Joe Scafaro, proxy-Michigan, Gail Yanko-South East, Patsy Shearer-Florida, Cliff Harris-West Coast, Peggy Stephens-East Ohio, Cheryl Surdick-Southwest, Gail Dawley, proxy-Carolina, Pat Brown-West Ohio, Sue Puksich-MidWest, Joe Vasta-East Region, Ron Scott-RoadRunner, Fred Scott, proxy-NE, Pat Kelley-FCOA, and Rhonda Higgins-Distribution. Ron Scott is taking over for Ken Daby who passed away shortly after our February meeting.

President-Dick Yanko-stopped by. No questions for Dick.

FCOA Director, Pat Kelley, passed out and reviewed the FCOA membership report. She has been pulling out a lot of 16 year olds. Pat assigned FCOA #3800 since the last meeting. Dash plates are here. She is waiting for something from Chevrolet before she mails next packets early summer.

Blue Bars editor, Sylvia Hoaldridge, The deadline is June 1 for Blue Bars articles to be in to her. This will be the summer issue not Convention issue. She is adding a new feature for our fallen members. Please let your governors know, so the names can be gotten to her. It is up to the individual club how far back they want to go to get the names. Sylvia is in need of portrait photos for the front of Blue Bars and Landscape photos for the back of the magazine. It is harder to get the photo for the front.

Rhonda Higgins-Distribution passed out a spreadsheet of the costs involved in distribution. She also passed out a sheet to each Region with their address corrections. She has a new e-mail address so note change

Larry Beebe-Director of Public Relations reported that he has two displays available. Would like to get articles sent to various magazines to let people know about NCCC. It was asked of Larry if there was some way to mark the applications in the kit so we could tell if it came from the display of the kiosk.

Gary Foster-Sgt-at-Arms stopped by. East Region is doing the hospitality room tonight. Secretary-Cindy Urenda collected the attendance slips. None of the RMDs received the e-mail with the Secretary's report. It was suggested that maybe her spam filter didn't allow that quantity out or that our spam filters didn't allow her in. Please put her in your book. She is sending out a blind test by Saturday. so watch for it.

Webmaster-Joan Thomas- There was many favorable comments on the new RMD web site. The website is a very valuable tool for us. If you can't access the site try Internet Explorer. She has a link up to the Raffle. Make sure you send her new E-mail address if it changes. Joan passed out an idea for the 50th anniversary patch.

Business manager-George Gallant reported that you should have received the K&K insurance packets by now. Discussed how to use the child waivers in the packets, there were no other questions.

Joe Vasta the RMD representative to the Finance Committee reported that they had no finance meeting because Treasurers flight came in late. The dues increase will come up on the floor for a vote tomorrow. Governors would like plans for what NCCC wants to do with increase. Not enough information to decide for an increase.

The nominating committee for 2009 officers was named. They are: Diane Bowen, Patsy Shearer, and Sue Puksich. The following positions are open this year: President, VP of Membership, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, and Director of Publications. President and Director of Publications can be on the board for two more years.

RMD representative Patsy Shearer will count meeting site proposal ballots at 10AM Saturday morning.

Bob sent around pictures and proposal for the 50th anniversary patch.

Discussed other ideas for 50th anniversary perks, designs and ways to get money to pay for them, including making the 50th anniversary membership card a two year card.

Question from Lifetime members: Can the lifetime members receive a 50th anniversary card. The vote was yes. There are 276 Lifetime members.

The membership database is out of date (1986) and self-destructing. A discussion followed as to what can be done and where to get the money for it. Bob has asked Walt Jenkins to look at it and give us a solution and cost.

Discussion on what we can do to get more members in NCCC. Gayle Dawley suggested that we offer a free NCCC membership to each person who buys a new Corvette. Leave a coupon with each dealer. Discussion followed on how that would work.

Ron Scott suggested that membership should be for two years, only need to bill every two years. Hard to implement that as NCCC is made up of clubs not individuals.

Sue Puksich suggested that we put region realignment on the agenda again and look at the facts and specifics pertaining to it.

Did some housekeeping items.

Round table discussion on RMD matters was held.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bowen

May 2, 2008
NCCC CHARITY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Those in attendance were: Patrick Dolan, Elana Siebel, Jean Morrison, Elaine Heretta, Thom Schultz, Sheila Schulz and Joan Heinemann.

Jean Morrison gave the financial reports for the Grants, Scholarship and Charity accounts. She reported that she received 2 declined checks.

Elana Siebel reported on the deposits she has made for ticket sales and the amount received from the National Kidney Foundation affiliates.

Thom and Sheila Schultz reported that the green sheet ticket sales are slowing and the mailing is also starting to slow down.

Joan Heinemann reported that Windy City Corvettes will be a 100% club with a donation for \$1,240.

Patrick Dolan reported that the Raffle Corvette is already in Tulsa. It is a 2008 Black on Black Coupe, 6 Speed with a 3LT Preferred Group Package.

Patrick has been in contact with John Osborn. John is busy working on all the scholarships that he has received.

Patrick discussed his nomination for the Roger Clancy Award. The committee all agreed with his nomination.

Deb Murphy came by and reported that George Gallant and Betty Parks will audit the Charity account.

Joan Thomas stopped in and talked about setting up a link to the NCCC Raffle. This would be available for any interested clubs. Patrick has been contacted by an individual who is interested in putting a link to the NCCC Charity on his Web Site.

Patrick gave Elaine Heretta all the Clubs Donation Reporting Forms that he received. Elaine will compile a list of all the responses into different categories, such as volunteer hours, monies donated...etc.

Thank you to Bill Siebel for sorting the 2007 Raffle tickets alphabetically!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Joan Heinemann

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes
2-29-08
Sheraton Westport Conference Center
St. Louis, MO.

NOTE:

The Minutes of this Committee Meeting are posted in full on the NCCC Web Site under Competition Information at <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Competition.html>