



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 2020 Time: 6:00 PM Location: Hopewell Presbyterian-Huntersville

Board Members Present: Paul Mitchell, President; Richard Gwilt, Vice-President; Craig Smith, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary; Roger Winge, Automotive Director and Webmaster/Blasts; Donna Berst, Social Director; Paul Schmitt, Membership Director; Carl Bartlett, Member-at-Large Director; Tommy Loftin, Corvette Show Director and 2020 Charity Chairman.

Support Staff Members Present: Angela Brannick, Newsletter Editor; Mal Speer, Gerri Leppert Photographers; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Keith Cross, Primary Sponsor Liaison.

MEETING DISCUSSION: *(See QCCC Website for more Detailed Event Information)*

President: Paul Mitchell

- Paul called the Club Meeting to order and welcomed all attendees to the first meeting of the 'roaring 20's' -- and our Annual Chili Cook-off!
- Congratulated those who drove their Corvettes in the rain to the meeting.
- Reminded folks of the upcoming Rolex 24 in Daytona – show of hands of those going.
- Thanked Fred and Gloria McCoy for reserving the Church and hosting us for the meeting.
- Thanked Paul & Christine Schmitt and all the volunteers who planned and coordinated a fabulous chili cook-off once again this year!!
- Asked Paul Mariano to give an update on John Meadows after his cardiac surgery.
- Welcomed Ken Brown back after his hip surgeries.
- Introduced all the QCCC Board Members and QCCC Staff present. Thanked Board and Staff who are continuing to serve in current or new positions.
- Announced that Angela Brannick will now serve as the QCCC Newsletter Editor.
- Minutes of December meeting were approved.
- Announced QCCC 50th Anniversary limited prints are still available for purchase, as well as coins and blankets. Screen wipes and other items still available at no cost.
- Announced that Fred Rice has resigned as Charity Chairman, and Tommy Loftin, assisted by Brenda, will serve as Charity Chair for 2020.

Vice President: Richard Gwilt

- Requested assistance in locating new 'large' meeting places for the club due to growth.
- Meeting locations for 2020 will be posted on the Website as they are confirmed.
- Gave out posters, mugs and gift cards as door prizes.

Upcoming Club Meeting Dates / Locations:

- February 8, 2020 – VFW – Indian Trail NC
- March 14, 2020 – Streetside Classics – Concord
- April 11, 2020 – Loftin’s Garage - Troutman

Membership Director: Paul Schmitt

- Welcomed attendees to the 8th Annual QCCC Chili Cook-off.
- Thanked Fred and Gloria McCoy for coordinating the use of the church, and thanked all the many volunteers who assisted with setup, food, cooking hot dogs, and cleaning up. GREAT EVENT!!
- Care and Compassion
 - John Meadows, Heart Surgery, in CCU, doing well (update by Paul Mariano)
 - Charlie and Iris Binder. Iris has been moved to Autumn Care Cornelius, wants visitors.
 - Welcomed Ken Brown back after his hip surgery issues.
- **Reminder:** Any changes to Membership Information (address, telephone, email) should be sent **directly to Database Manager Paul Pelkey, ppelkey@carolina.rr.com.**
- **Paul introduced Prospective Members present.**
 - *Third Meeting and Voted into the Club:*
 - **Richard & Pamela Murawa**
 - **Scott Preston**
 - *Second Meeting for:*
 - **N/A**
 - *First Meeting for:*
 - **John and Luke Bungard**
 - **Daniel Brindley**
 - **Rob & Kati Humphrey**
- **Meeting Attendance: 164***
 - **150 Members**
 - **3 New Members Voted In**
 - **10 Prospective Members**
 - **1 Guest**
- **Average 12-Month Meeting Attendance: 142**
- **Membership Totals:**
 - **374 Members (includes New Members voted in)**
 - **205 Families:**
 - **31 Prospective Members**
 - **3 NEW Members through January**
- ***Largest Chili-Cookoff Attendance in eight years!**

Treasurer: Craig Smith

- **2019 Budget YTD actuals** were distributed to members prior to the meeting.
- **2020 Proposed Budget** will be reviewed at February Board meeting, distributed to members, and approved at the February Club Meeting.
- All Financial Questions should be directed to Craig Smith.

Social Director: Donna Berst

- Ron Berst will lead a special committee to identify Overnight and Day Trip locations, along with volunteers to coordinate those trips. Ron will assist coordinators. Contact Ron if you wish to serve on the Committee, or lead a trip at ronberst@windstream.net.
- Donna announced details of upcoming Social Events and trips – see below.

Upcoming Social Events

- **February 8, 2020 – Valentine’s Dinner – VFW Post -Indian Trail**
 - **Event Leaders: Donna Berst and Peggy Wood**
 - **RSVP by February 2 to Peggy Wood at 2redvettes@att.net**
 - 4 PM Social, 5 PM Dinner, 6:15 PM Meeting
 - Catered by Rossini’s Italian Restaurant
 - Chicken Piccata, Meat Lasagna, Ziti with Alfredo Sauce, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Tea and Coffee
 - **\$20 Per Person-CHECK by Feb 2 to QCCC, PO Box 574, Paw Creek NC, 28130**
- **March 7, 2020 -Annual Awards Banquet – Speedway Club Concord**
 - **Event Leaders: Carolyn Zimmer and Donna Berst**
 - **RSVP by February 21 to Peggy Wood at 2redvettes@att.net**
 - **Payment by February 21: Check to Craig Smith, QCCC, PO Box 574, Paw Creek NC, 28130 (can also sign up and pay at February meeting.)**
 - Major Social Event of the Year (subsidized by QCCC)
 - Plated Dinner, Cash Bar, Entertainment, Dancing
 - House salad, seasonal veggies, chef’s starch, filet mignon and chicken marsala, rolls/butter, coffee, tea, desserts.
 - **AWARD-WINNING BAND: “TOO MUCH SYLVIA”**
 - Cost \$35 per Member, \$55 per registered Prospective Member who has attended at least one QCCC Club Meeting.
 - Special Favors for those attending.
 - **Event questions to Carolyn Zimmer.**
- **April 11, 2020 – Annual Picnic**
 - Loftin’s Garage – Troutman, NC
 - More information will be sent in a BLAST
- **May 15 – 17, 2020 – Overnight Trip to Maggie Valley, NC**
 - **Leaders: Tom and Terri Pennoni**
 - More information will be sent in a BLAST
- **Fall 2020 – Overnight to Helen, GA**
 - **Leader: Steve Bonino**
 - More information will be sent in a BLAST

Automotive Director/Webmaster: Roger Winge

- Two items purchased from Mr. Hendrick’s generous financial gift to QCCC have arrived.
 - New Hot Dog Roller for use during Chili-Cook Off and other events.
 - Silver 20’ x 10’ Club Tent with QCCC logo and name for use during events.

- **Upcoming Automotive Events (see QCCC Website for more info)**
 - **2020 Planned Automotive Events**
 - Rolex 24, Spring Auto Fair, NCM BASH, Shelton Vineyard Car Show, Dale Earnhardt Car Show, VIR Corvette Race, Fall Auto Fair, Corvette Angels, QCCC Corvette Show October 3, 2020.
 - **Cars & Coffee & Cruise-ins**
 - Held every weekend at multiple venues
 - Check website for details.
- **Webmaster Report**
 - Reviewing potential online Event Registration and Payment Systems.
 - Setting up Password Protection for Important QCCC Documents on website.
 - Reminder -**DO NOT HIT REPLY WHEN RESPONDING TO BLASTS!!!!**
 - Respond to email listed under Contact information.
 - Reminder: Changes to Member Directory must be sent to Paul Pelkey, QCCC Database Manager, ppelkey@carolina.rr.com.
- **Clark Belvin – Presented Tech Tips**
 - Screen Cleaner for Corvette Infotainment System Screen
 - Time to change batteries in your FOB Remotes.

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair: Tommy Loftin

- **QCCC Corvette Show**
 - **October 3, 2020 QCCC 9th Annual Corvette Show - SAVE THE DATE**
 - **Planning well underway!!**
- **Charity Update**
 - New Charity Committee was formed and presented two Charities to the membership for approval for 2020: **Wings of Eagles and Kids First of the Carolinas**
 - Membership unanimously approved the two 2020 Charities.
 - Tommy has contacted Wings of Eagles and will be setting up dates for QCCC to visit and volunteer at the Ranch.
 - Tommy and the Committee will review all other Charities submitted by the Members previously or in the future, and they will bring 2021 Charity recommendations to the membership at the November 2020 club meeting.

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- **January Birthdays** were announced and celebrated.
 - Birthday Darden Restaurant Gift Card won by **Ken Heavlin**.
- **QCCC Annual Awards Banquet**
 - **As 2019 Social Director, Carolyn will plan the event.**
 - **Details for the Event are listed under Social.**

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Paul Mariano

- Paul discussed magazine write-ups about QCCC 2019 Corvette Show
 - NCRS provided a good writeup, accurately describing it as QCCC's show.
 - Hot Rod Magazine pointed to the Bloomington Gold event, with QCCC as an afterthought. Paul encouraged feedback to Hot Rod Magazine.
- QCCC members Norm & Joyce Lontz will lead the Southeast Tour for NCRS.
- Paul Mariano reminded folks of the **April 23-25, 2020 BASH** Celebration event in Bowling Green, Ky.
 - NCM BASH Online Registration is now OPEN –
 - Only a few events are listed at this time, but more will be added.
 - Racing Banquet is filling up fast.
 - DO NOT register for BASH Banquet online. QCCC has reserved tables. If you have indicated to Paul that you want a seat at the BASH Banquet you owe Paul \$50 per person.
 - Paul is checking to make sure Hilton room reservations are accurate.

Old Business

- Michael Bullard conducted the 50/50 Raffle – Won by Darryl Kirkley.

New Business

- **Paul Schmitt announced the 2020 Chili Cook-Off Winners**
 - **First Place – DeeDee Winge (\$50 Gift Card)**
 - **Second Place – Eric & Kalyn Matthews (\$30 Gift Card)**
 - **Third Place – Barbara Mariano (\$20 Gift Card)**
 - **Most Unique Chili – Tracey Comfort (\$20 Gift Card)**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 Time: 4:30 PM Location: Speedway Club-Concord

Board Members Present: Paul Mitchell, President; Richard Gwilt, Vice-President; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary; Craig Smith, Treasurer; Paul Schmitt, Membership Director; Roger Winge, Automotive Director and Webmaster; Donna Berst, Social Director; Carl Bartlett, Member-at-Large; Tommy Loftin, Corvette Show Director.
Guest: Member Morris Graham.

MEETING DISCUSSION:

President: Paul Mitchell

- Paul called the Board meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the first 2020 Board meeting!
- Morris Graham attended the meeting to discuss his research into an electronic pay solution for QCCC activities (e.g., Corvette Show, Silent Auction, etc.). There was an extensive discussion regarding software applications, bank payment options, and event management systems. The Board decided to pursue a more robust event management solution encompassing event registration and payment, as well as a mobile point-of-sale electronic solution. Webmaster Roger Winge will lead the project, assisted by Morris Graham.
- Reviewed the Board of Directors Roles & Responsibilities for the new Board Members, and for the new year.
 - **Action: All Board Members** will review in detail and provide updates to Secretary Carolyn Zimmer before February Board Meeting.
- Reviewed the links to the **QCCC Board Governing Documents:** QCCC Constitution and Bylaws, North Carolina Statutes for Non-Profit Corporation Act, North Carolina Guidebook for Non-Profit Boards, QCCC Non-Profit Corporation Insurance Coverage, QCCC Board Policy Manual.
- Approved total payment of balance to Hendrick Motorsports for the remaining QCCC 50th Anniversary Prints.
- Discussed and approved expense for Favors for attendees at the March 7, 2020 Banquet.
 - **Action: Paul** with work with Ron Berst to Order
- Agreed to continue the Suggestion Box at Club meetings. Paul Mitchell will answer all.
- As approved in an earlier Board meeting, the Classified section of the Website has been removed. Any member selling a Corvette may submit a request for one BLAST to be sent to communicate.
 - **Action: Carolyn Zimmer** will prepare a BLAST to be sent explaining the process.
- Approved the cost of the Awards to be presented at the 2019 Awards Banquet on March 7, 2020.
- Succession Planning – Paul discussed the importance of planning for the identification and development of future members to serve on the QCCC Board of Directors.

Vice President: Richard Gwilt

- Extensively discussed 2020 Business Meeting Locations. Due to the growth of the club, new and larger locations are required, which may involve new or increased fees to use.
 - **Action: Richard** will continue to pursue larger locations around the Charlotte region.
 - **Action: Richard** will send to the Board a list of all currently identified locations.
 - **Action: Paul Mitchell** will check to see if the CMS Media Center use cost is viable.
- Discussed inventory of existing QCCC equipment.
- Discussed potential Door Prizes and Budget.
- Discussed Tech Topics at business meetings.
- Discussed the 2020 VP Awards Program.
 - **Action: Richard** will develop the Awards program for 2020 and discuss with the Board at the February Board Meeting.
- **Upcoming Meeting Locations:**
 - **January 11, 2020 – Hopewell Presbyterian Church - Huntersville**
 - **February 8, 2020 – VFW - Indian Trail**
 - **March 14, 2020 – Streetside - Concord**

Treasurer: Craig Smith

- Board discussed 2019 Budget Actuals.
 - **Action: Craig** will develop the proposed QCCC Budget for 2020 and discuss with the Board for approval at the February Board Meeting.
- Craig will send updated 2019 Budget Actuals to members prior to club meeting.
- Discussed a summary of dues payment or non-payment and some member resignations. It is expected that some members may pay at the January Meeting (due where due on January 1).
 - **Action: Craig** will send to the Board a list of members who have chosen to resign and members who have not yet paid their dues after the January 11 meeting.

Social Director: Donna Berst

- Ron Berst will chair a Social Committee to identify and schedule events over the year.
- **January 11, 2020 – Chili Cookoff**
 - **Event Leaders: Paul & Christine Schmitt**
 - Hopewell Presbyterian Church - Huntersville.
 - 4 PM – Social - Chili Taste Testing
 - 5 PM – Dinner – Hot Dogs (\$1), Sides, Dessert
 - 6 PM – QCCC Meeting and Chili Awards
 - Current RSVPs: 148 Attending, 21 Chili Entries
 - Discussed the need to have a Photographer at the Event
 - **Action:** Board was requested to EACH bring a case of water for the event.
 - Board / volunteers will arrive at 2 PM for setup.
- **February 8, 2020 – Valentines Dinner**
 - **Event Leaders: Donna Berst / Peggy Wood**
 - VFW – Indian Trail
 - 4 PM – Social
 - 5 PM – Dinner (Rossini's Italian, Peggy Wood Coordinating)
 - 6 PM – Short Fun Program
 - 6:15 PM - Meeting
 - Board approved the price of \$20 per person for dinner.
 - BLAST to be sent this week with more info and Sign-up at Meeting

- **March 7, 2020 – 2019 Awards Banquet**
 - **Event Leaders: Carolyn Zimmer / Donna Berst**
 - Speedway Club – 5th Floor – Concord
 - Major Social Event of the Year
 - Plated Dinner, Cash Bar, Entertainment, Dancing
 - House Salad, Seasonal Veggies, Chef's Starch
 - Filet Mignon and Chicken Marsala
 - Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Tea
 - Desserts
 - Band / Entertainment: *"Too Much Sylvia"*
 - Banquet Cost (same as 2019 – QCCC will subsidize)
 - \$35 Member
 - \$55 Prospective Members who have attended at least one meeting
 - **RSVP and PAYMENT by February 21, 2020**
 - RSVP – Peggy Wood at redvettes@att.net
 - CHECK – mailed to QCCC, PO Box 574, Paw Creek, NC 28130

Membership Director: Paul Schmitt

- Discussed Need for Photography Scheduling and Coordination
 - For Meetings and Events
 - For Pictures in Directories
 - Board agreed that Member-At-Large would oversee that activity.
- **Membership Information as of January 7 Board Meeting.**
 - **Total Members – 371**
 - **Total Families – 203**
 - **Total Prospective Members – 29**
 - **Total New Members YTD 2019 – 50 (All-Time High)**
 - **Average Club Meeting Attendance – 128**

Automotive Director-Webmaster: Roger Winge

- New Hot Dog roller arrived in time for Chili Cook-off
- New previously approved Silver 20'x10' Club Tent with QCCC logo and name has arrived.
- Board discussed and approved the purchase of a cart to transport the tent.
- Online Document Archive discussion tabled until February meeting.
- **Upcoming Automotive Events**
 - **Multiple Automotive Cruise-Ins – Check website calendar**

Webmaster Update:

- Reminder: All changes to QCCC member information should be sent to Paul Pelkey.
- **Members – PLEASE DO NOT HIT REPLY ON A BLAST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- Reviewed with Board
 - Board Roles & Responsibilities
 - Board Governing Documents
 - Board Policy Manual Content
 - **Action: Carolyn** will send updated BPM to Board.
 - Board – Staff Oversight / Interface List (*Tabled Discussion until February*).
- Caring Cards were sent last month.
- Board Action Items and Tabled Topics were reviewed and discussed.
- January Birthdays will be announced at club meeting and gift card presented.

- **Charity Committee**
 - Charity Chairman, Fred Rice, has resigned as of January 6, 2020.
 - **Action: Carolyn** will send a BLAST asking for Volunteers for position.
 - Discussed the need for 2020 Charity recommendations and Committee members.

Member-at-Large Director: Carl Bartlett

- Carl agreed to assume responsibility for QCCC Photography Oversight and Coordination.
- Briefly discussed MAL role for QCCC Sponsors and Advertisers process.

Corvette Show Director: Tommy Loftin

- 2020 Annual QCCC Corvette Show planning has begun
- **SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 3, 2020**
- Working with Roger Winge on the 2020 Show Flyer
- Planning a Friday evening event prior to the Show
- Finding hotels and rates to offer a Host hotel for guests
- Plan to take pictures of all registered Corvettes as they arrive for the show.

Old Business:

- **Next Club Business Meeting:**
 - QCCC Board Tables and Logistics-**VP Richard Gwilt**
- **Next Board Meeting scheduled for: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 – Speedway Club**

- **Tabled Discussions for future Board Meeting:**
 - *Event Management Software*
 - *Central Archive Proposal (Roger)*
 - *Board Process Manual to the Board (Carolyn)*
 - *Board Succession Strategy and Mentoring Process*
 - *LSAA and Overall Awards, Processes and Proposals (Carolyn, Paul Mitchell)*

New Business:

N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary