



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2020 Time: 6:15 PM Location: VFW – Indian Trail, NC

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: Travis Meredith, Historian; Gerri Leppert, Brian & Michelle Moore, Photographers; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador.

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

President: Paul Mitchell

- After the special “Valentine’s contest,” Paul called the club Meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.
- Thanked Mr. Rossini for the great Italian Meal, and Social Director Donna Berst, and all the volunteers who helped coordinate, decorate and setup for the excellent Valentine Event.
- Thanked Bob Chichester for coordinating the use of the VFW Hall.
- Announced that Dr. Sean Preston, CEO of the National Corvette Museum, has submitted his name for membership to QCCC. Approved.
- Introduced the QCCC Board and Staff.
- Minutes from the January 2020 Meeting were approved.
- Showed the Highest Participation Award won by QCCC at the Daytona Rolex 24 in January.
- Announced QCCC blankets, hats and other memorabilia are still available.
- Member Corvettes for Sale and Member-Sponsored Corvettes for Sale will be allowed one BLAST per car to Advertise the vehicle for sale. Sellers can also post Corvettes for sale on the QCCC Facebook Page.

Vice President: Richard Gwilt

- Talked about the great time they experienced at Barrett Jackson Car Show and Auction in Arizona in January. May be going again in 2021 and suggested others might want to join them.
- Dick is still looking for new ‘large’ meeting places for the club due to increase in club size. Completed a study of where all members live to assist in his search. Any ideas???
- Meeting locations for 2020 will be posted on the Website as they are confirmed.
- Asked that all members try to support our QCCC sponsor businesses.
- Gave out gift cards from the Speedway Club as Door Prizes.

Upcoming Club Meeting Dates / Locations:

- **March 14, 2020 – Streetside Classics – Concord**
 - **BRING CHAIRS**
- **April 11, 2020 – Loftin’s Garage – Troutman**
 - **BRING CHAIRS**

Treasurer: Craig Smith

- **2019 Budget Year End Actuals and Proposed 2020 Budget** were distributed to members prior to the meeting. There were no questions.
- Members present voted unanimously to approve the 2020 QCCC Budget.
- All Financial Questions should be directed to Craig Smith.

Social Director: Donna Berst

- Donna thanked Peggy Wood for coordinating Valentine Dinner RSVPs, Craig Smith for taking all the payments, and all the Volunteers to help decorate and setup for the night’s event.
- Ron Berst is leading a special committee to identify Overnight and Day Trip locations, along with volunteers to coordinate those trips. First meeting scheduled for February 20 at Cowboy Restaurant, Cornelius. 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 29, 2020 – Leap Year Southern Distillery Tour Day Trip**
 - **Event Leaders/Contact: Tommy & Brenda Loftin**
 - 1:30 PM Lunch at Lancaster’s BBQ in Mooresville
 - Drive to Distillery for Tours (\$12 per person) Tastings, etc.
 - Feel free to bring snacks.
 - See BLAST for additional details.
- **March 7, 2020 -Annual Awards Banquet – Speedway Club Concord**
 - **Event Leaders: Carolyn Zimmer and Donna Berst**
 - **Major Social Event of the Year (subsidized by QCCC)**
 - **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.)**
 - Plated Dinner, Self-pay Bars, 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

Membership Director: Paul Schmitt

- Welcomed attendees to the Valentine’s Meeting.
- Thanked Bob Chichester for coordinating the venue, and Mr. Rossini for the wonderful meal.
- Care and Compassion
 - John Meadows, Heart Surgery, Recovering
 - Iris Binder – Autumn Care Cornelius, contact Charlie Binder to arrange visit.
- **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.**
 - *Associate Members Voted into the Club*
 - **Dr. Sean & Jillian Preston (Bowling Green, KY)**
 - *Third Meeting and Voted into the Club:*
 - **Richard & Kathleen Taddonio**
 - *Second Meeting for:*
 - **Rob & Kati Humphrey**
 - *First Meeting for:*
 - **Howard (Troy) Comer**
- **Meeting Attendance: 106**
 - **100 Members**
 - **2 New Members Voted In**
 - **3 Prospective Members**
 - **1 Guest**
- **Average 12-Month Meeting Attendance: 129**
- **Membership Totals:**
 - **378 Members (includes New Members voted in)**
 - **206 Families:**
 - **25 Prospective Members**
 - **7 NEW Members through February**

Automotive Director/Webmaster: Roger Winge

- Have a new QCCC Backdrop for photos at the QCCC Banquet.
- **Upcoming Automotive Events (see QCCC Website for more info)**
 - **April 4 & 5, 2020 – Spring Auto Fair, Charlotte Motor Speedway Infield**
 - QCCC has 30 Spots. Will have LARGE 20 x 10 QCCC Tent
 - Will have a C8 Corvette at the Show.
 - Register ASAP with Roger.
 - **March 21, 2020 – Special Speedway Cars & Coffee**
 - Will be a special Corvette Corral for the Event
 - **Cars & Coffee Events & Cruise-ins**
 - Held every weekend at multiple venues
 - Check website for details.

- **Webmaster Report – DO NOT HIT ‘REPLY’ WHEN RESPONDING TO BLASTS!!**
 - QCCC will implement an online Event Registration and Payment Systems, beginning with the QCCC Corvette Show Registrations.
 - Also developing a process for on-site payments for events and activities.
 - Added password protected online Forms for BLASTs and the Suggestion Form on Website.
 - Reminder: Changes to Member Information for Blasts, Directory, etc. must be sent to **Paul Pelkey, QCCC Database Manager**, ppelkey@carolina.rr.com. Or, Roger will coordinate changes if you send them to him.
 - Reminder -**DO NOT HIT REPLY WHEN RESPONDING TO BLASTS!!!!**
 - Respond to email listed under Contact information.

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair: Tommy Loftin

- **2020 QCCC CORVETTE SHOW**
 - **October 3, 2020 QCCC 9th Annual Corvette Show - SAVE THE DATE**
 - Hendrick Motorsports – Concord, NC
 - QCCC Members Free Registration when you sign up to work at the show.
 - New Location for QCCC Corvette parking in front of Team Center.
 - Will have a Food Truck Alley near the Team Center
 - Pre-Registrations (including QCCC) receive a Collectible Show Coin
 - Bloomington Gold planning to field 60 cars for their judging.
 - Heritage Center and Race Show Tours again this year, 4 tours (of 15) per hour.
 - Site-wide sound system again in place, smaller stage
 - Mr. Hendrick will show his \$3M (Barret Jackson Auction) Vin #1 C8 Corvette
 - Will have a special C8 Corral
 - Trolleys will run all during the show again this year.
 - More details to come.....
- **Charity Update – Tommy Loftin Charity Chairman**
 - **Approved 2020 Charities are: Wings of Eagles and Kids First of the Carolinas**
 - Tommy has contacted **Wings of Eagles** and will be setting up dates for QCCC to visit and volunteer at the Ranch.
 - Plans underway to conduct toy drives and potentially food drives to support **Kids of the Carolinas**.

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- **February Birthdays** were announced and celebrated.
 - Birthday Darden Restaurant Gift Card won by **Steve Bonino**.
- **QCCC Annual Awards Banquet – March 7, 2020**
 - **As 2019 Social Director, Carolyn will Coordinate.**
 - **Details for the Event are listed under Social.**

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Paul Mariano

- NCM Membership Special This Month (February)
 - QCCC Members Special Discounted Cost to Join – Family Membership \$50
 - Contact Paul for additional details.
- Paul Mariano reminded folks of the **April 23-25, 2020 BASH** Celebration event in Bowling Green, Ky.
 - PLEASE PAY NOW!! - If you are attending the BASH and have indicated to Paul that you want a seat at the QCCC Reserved Tables at the BASH Banquet you owe Paul \$50 per person.

Old Business

- Michael Bullard conducted the 50/50 Raffle – Won by **Donn Kegel**

New Business

N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 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; Carl Bartlett, Member-at-Large; Tommy Loftin, Corvette Show Director.

Absent: Donna Berst, Social Director

MEETING DISCUSSION:

President: Paul Mitchell

- Paul called the Board meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the meeting.
- Indicated key topics to be covered by Board Members in the meeting.
- Discussed and Board approved to continue with meeting date of April 11, 2020
- Discussed NCM Parking Lot Banner for 2020
 - **Action: Roger** will work with Paul Mariano on 2020 details.

Vice President: Richard Gwilt

- Richard proposed and Board extensively discussed possible 2020 Business Meeting Locations and potential costs.
 - **Action: Richard** will work with Paul Mitchell and finalize a list of 2020 Meeting Locations.
 - **Action: Paul Mitchell** will check to see if the CMS Media Center use cost is viable.
- Discussed inventory of existing QCCC equipment.
 - **Action: Richard** will provide a list of all QCCC inventory in the February Newsletter.
- Discussed the possibility of certain QCCC Sponsors attending and presenting at a Business Meeting.
 - **Action: Richard** will work with MAL Carl Bartlett on sponsors eligible and review potential dates with the Board prior to scheduling.
- Discussed the 2020 VP Awards Program.
 - **Action: Richard** will work with Paul Mitchell to develop the Awards program for 2020 and discuss with the Board at the March Board Meeting.
- **Upcoming Meeting Locations:**
 - **February 8, 2020 – VFW - Indian Trail**
 - **March 14, 2020 – Streetside – Concord**
 - **April 11, 2020 – Loftins Garage - Troutman**

Treasurer: Craig Smith

- Board extensively discussed and then approved the 2020 Budget in preparation for the Membership Vote at the February meeting.
 - **Action: Craig** will distribute to membership prior to the February Board Meeting.
- Discussed a summary of dues payment or non-payment and some member resignations.

Social Director: Donna Berst (Carolyn Covering)

- Dinners and Luncheons Contact Information will continue to be added to the Social sections of the QCCC Monthly Newsletter for member information.
- Ron Berst will chair a Social Trip committee meeting on February 6 to identify and schedule trips and events over the year.
- **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
 - Dinner count currently 104.
- **February 29, 2020 – Day Trip – Leap Year Southern Distilling**
 - **Event Leaders: Tommy & Brenda Loftin**
 - 1:30 PM Meet at Lancaster’s BBQ in Mooresville, self-pay Lunch
 - 3:00 PM Drive through country to Southern Distilling Statesville
 - 4:00 PM Approximate Arrival at Distillery - \$12 per person to Tour
 - Music and self-pay bar available
- **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
 - Favors have been ordered.
 - 4:30 PM Social, 5:45 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Awards, 7:30 PM Music & Dancing
 - **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
- **March 14, 2020 – Streetside Classics Meeting**
 - **Action:** Donna will work with Tracey to bring cookies
 - **Action:** Board members will each bring a case of water.

- **April 11, 2020 – Annual Picnic at Loftins Garage**
 - **Event Coordinators: Jane Burt, Tommy & Brenda Loftin**
 - Times: 2:00 Social Begins, 4:30 Catered Picnic (or bring your own), 6:00 Meeting
 - More details will be sent in a BLAST.
- **May 15-17, 2020 – Maggie Valley Overnighter**
 - **Event Leaders: Tom & Terri Pennoni**
 - Lodging at Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge, 2716 Soco Rd, Maggie Valley, NC 28751
 - 42 Rooms Blocked under QCCC – Call 828-926-1301 to Reserve
 - Another BLAST will be sent.
- **September 18-20, 2020 – Oktoberfest Trip Overnighter - Helen GA**
 - **Event Leader: Steve Bonino**
 - Baymont Hotel, Helen GA, 25 Rooms blocked for QCCC – if we book 15 or more rooms, price will be \$129 per night plus tax. Minimum two-night stay.
 - To reserve, call 706-878-2111, tell them you are reserving with QCCC to get special rate.
 - Contact Steve at vettegs17@gmail.com to register for the trip.
 - Blast sent – another BLAST will be sent in two months.

Membership Director: Paul Schmitt

- **Membership Information**
 - **Total Members – 374**
 - **Total Families – 205**
 - **Total Prospective Members – 31**
 - **Total New Members YTD 2020 –3**
 - **Joined in January**
 - **Scott Preston**
 - **Richard & Pamela Murawa**
 - **Average Club Meeting Attendance – 142**

Automotive Director-Webmaster: Roger Winge

- Ordered a new 7'x7' QCCC Logo Backdrop for Banquet Photos
- Suggested a possible new venue for QCCC Meetings and Events.
- Speedway Club requested QCCC participate in March 21 special anniversary Cars & Coffee at the Speedway. Corvette Corral will be provided.
 - **Action: Roger** will coordinate and communicate to the Club.
- **Upcoming Automotive Events**
 - **Multiple Automotive Cruise-Ins – Check website calendar**

Webmaster Update:

- Added Forms on Website for (BLAST, Corvette for Sale, Suggestion Program, Care & Compassion.)
- Extensively discussed possible online and in-person digital payments for Club events. Possible use of online payments for the QCCC Corvette Show Registration will be discussed further in the March Board Meeting.
- Website will be upgraded to latest version software
- 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

- Provided Update on March 7, 2020 Banquet Planning
 - Discussed Banquet Program Content
- Board Approved updated Board Roles & Responsibilities Document
- One-Time Corvette Sale BLAST was discussed and modified.
 - **Action: Carolyn** will send update BLAST to Roger for distribution.
- Board had no changes to the updated Bylaws Document at this time.
 - **Action: Carolyn** will send final PDF version to Roger for Website posting.
- Discussed Board – Staff Interface Assignments - Approved by the Board
 - **Action: Carolyn** will add to the Board Policy Manual
- Discussed Updates Required to QCCC Staff Listing in Newsletter
 - **Action: Carolyn** will provide updates to Newsletter Editor Angela Brannick
- Discussed Board Policy Manual – Distributed prior to the Board Meeting.
 - **Action: Carolyn** will send section updates as appropriate to Webmaster for posting
- Discussed proposed updates and an addition to the QCCC Awards Program – Board Approved
 - **Action: Carolyn** will add to the Board Policy Manual
- Caring Cards were sent last month.
- Board Action Items and Tabled Topics were reviewed and discussed.
- February Birthdays will be announced at club meeting and gift card presented.
 - **Action: Carolyn** will send March Meeting Notice to Roger for Posting after February Meeting.

Member-at-Large Director: Carl Bartlett

- Carl working to find additional Photographers for Events and Meeting.
- Briefly discussed the QCCC Sponsors and Advertisers process.

Corvette Show Director – Charity Chairman: Tommy Loftin

- **SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 3, 2020 – 2020 9th Annual QCCC Corvette Show**
- Discussed some potential Car Show details.
- Working with Roger Winge on the 2020 Show Flyer
- Planning a possible 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.

- **Charity Committee**
 - 2019 Charity Chairman, Fred Rice, has resigned as of January 6, 2020.
 - Tommy Loftin has volunteered to serve as Chairman, and has formed a new Committee.
 - Tommy proposed and Board approved two Charities for 2020:
 - Wings of Eagles
 - Kids First of the Carolinas
 - Tommy will ask both to speak at an upcoming business meeting.
 - Tommy will coordinate club member visits to each of the Charities to volunteer.

Old Business:

- **Next Club Business Meeting:**
 - QCCC Board Tables and Logistics-**VP Richard Gwilt**
- **Next Board Meeting scheduled for: Tuesday, March 10, 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