



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2020 Time: 5:00 PM Location: Victory Event Center-Mooresville

Board Members Present: Paul Mitchell, President; Richard Gwilt, Vice-President; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary; Craig Smith, Treasurer; 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; Keith Cross, Primary Sponsor Liaison.

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

President: Paul Mitchell

- The October QCCC Business Meeting was called to order by President Paul Mitchell and all attendees were welcomed.
- Paul thanked the Victory Lanes Event Center folks and the owner, Paul Kreins, for allowing us to use their facility for the meeting.
- Paul reminded attendees of the IMSA Race (Corvette Racing), scheduled for 8 pm that evening, at the Roval at Charlotte Motor Speedway.
- Paul introduced the Board members and the Club Staff members.
- Minutes of the September meeting were approved.
- Paul announced that the requirement for membership, defined in the bylaws, has been temporarily changed by the Board due to the emergency Covid-19 response. The Board will meet separately to review the ongoing membership requirements for any potential Bylaws changes in the future.

Vice President: Richard Gwilt

- Dick introduced Victory Event Center owner, Paul Kreins, who said a few words.
- Dick presented the Door Prizes.
- Dick continues to search for club meeting locations which can accommodate the club and hopefully appeal to members in the Northern and Southern areas of greater Charlotte.

Upcoming Club Meeting Dates / Locations:

- **Saturday, November 14, 2020 – VFW Indian Trail**
 - **4:00 PM Social – 5:00 PM Meeting**
 - **Meeting BLAST will be sent.**

Treasurer: Craig Smith

- **2020 Budget Reports** were distributed to members prior to the meeting.
- All Financial Questions should be directed to Craig Smith.

Social Director: Donna Berst

Upcoming Social Events

- **Sunday, October 18, 2020 – Foothills Run to the Colors**
 - QCCC will Meet at SHEETZ Exit 150 off I-40, by 8:15 AM
 - 27 Cars currently registered to attend.
 - Please email Paul Mitchell if you wish to ride back on Brushy Mountain Road.
- **Saturday, October 24, 2020 – Ride to Table Rock State Park, SC**
 - Reserved a Picnic Shelter – Holds 50 people
 - Cruise Scenic SC Hwy 11 to the Park.
 - Covered Shelter with 20 picnic tables
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Membership Director: Paul Schmitt

- Welcomed attendees to the Meeting.
- Discussed those QCCC members who need Care and Compassion
- **Reminder:** Any changes to Membership Information (address, telephone, email) should be sent **directly to Database Manager Paul Pelkey, ppelkey@carolina.rr.com**.
- **Membership - Meeting Results**
 - **QCCC Members Attending – 46**
 - **Prospective Members Attending – 8**
 - **NEW Members Voted In – 4**
 - **Guests – 2**
 - **Total Attendance -60**
 - **Average 12 months Meeting Attendance – 84**
- **Membership Stats**
 - **Total Membership – 349**
 - **Total Families – 191**
 - **Total Prospective Members – 44**
 - **NEW Members Through January – 13**

- **Introduced Prospective Members present.**
 - *Third Meeting and Voted into the Club:*
 - **Jim & Michelle Leonard - Troutman**
 - **Johnny Sutton & Dora McKenna - Cornelius**
 - *Second Meeting for:*
 - **Chris Hoshour - Matthews**
 - **Kathie & Larry Finnochi- Mooresville**
 - **Anthony & Luanne Levigne - Mooresville**
 - **Louis & Lynne Dunn - Mooresville**
 - *First Meeting for:*
 - **N/A**

Automotive Director/Webmaster: Roger Winge

- See all Automotive Activities and Cruise-ins on the QCCC Website.
- **November 27, 2020** – Americarna Car Show still Scheduled.
- **Webmaster Report – DO NOT HIT ‘REPLY’ WHEN RESPONDING TO BLASTS!!**
 - 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

- **QCCC CORVETTE SHOW**
 - **October 3, 2020 QCCC 9th Annual Corvette Show - CANCELLED**
 - The 2020 QCCC Car Show coins were available for members to pick up -- free to anyone that wants one. They will be available at future meetings and events.
 - **October 2, 2021 – QCCC 10th Annual Corvette Show**
 - Early discussions have begun with Hendrick Motorsports for the 2021 Show and detailed planning will begin in January 2021.
- **Charity Update – Tommy Loftin Charity Chairman**
 - **Kids First of the Carolinas** (a 2020 QCCC Charity) has cancelled their 2020 annual toy drive. Focus totally on Corvette Angels.
 - **November 7, 2020** Road Runners Corvette Club will hold their annual **Corvette Angels** event in support of the annual Salvation Army Toy Drive. QCCC will participate. Due to Covid-19, this event will be a drive-through drop-off at Carolina Place Mall from **9:00 am to 11:00 am**. If you are unable to attend, please get unwrapped toy donations to Dick Gwilt or another Board member prior to the Event. Dick Gwilt has offered his trailer to transport the toys.
 - The Charity Committee reviewed their QCCC 2021 Charity selection with the Board, and the Committee will present their recommendation to the Club at the November meeting for approval.
 - **50/50 Raffle for Charity** was conducted and won by Theresa James.

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- **October Birthdays** were announced and celebrated in the Newsletter, and meeting attendees with an October birthday were asked to stand. The Birthday Darden Restaurant Gift Card was won by and presented to **Kathy Miller**, who was present at the meeting.

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Paul Mariano (Absent)

- No Report this Month.

Old Business

- Paul reminded members that a few 50th Anniversary Blankets are still for sale, and Car Show Coins, Pins and QCCC Business Cards are available free.
- Nominations for Board positions closed at the end of the October meeting. Paul reminded attendees that Board elections will be held at the November meeting. Due to the limited attendance at Club meetings caused by the Virus, elections might be held electronically if there are multiple candidates for the same position. At the meeting, the following were nominees for the QCCC Board of Directors for 2021:
 - President – Paul Mitchell
 - Vice President – Dick Gwilt
 - Secretary – Carolyn Zimmer
 - Treasurer – Craig Smith
 - Membership Director – Justin Cross
 - Social Director – Donna Berst
 - Automotive Director – Roger Winge
 - Member-at-Large – Carl Bartlett and Jeff Crosby (Note: Following the meeting, Jeff Crosby withdrew his name. Election will be by Show of Hands.)
 - Corvette Car Show Director – Tommy Loftin

New Business

- **December 5, 2020** – Annual Troutman Christmas Parade is scheduled. See the Troutman Website for additional information. Please contact Tommy Loftin if you wish to participate.
- **President Paul** announced that due to the limited activities and events in 2020, the Board has decided to forego presentation of any Awards at the 2020 Banquet if held as scheduled on March 6, 2021. The Board plans to resume normal yearly Awards for the year 2021 and present those at the 2022 Banquet. More details will be communicated.
- Question was asked and answered that any member who receives a QCCC Award (e.g., QCCC Service Excellence Award) continues to be eligible for any other QCCC Award. For more information on Award criteria and eligibility, please see the Award descriptions on the QCCC Website.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club **Board Meeting Minutes-September**

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 Time: 6:30 PM Location: Conference Call

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

MEETING DISCUSSION:

President, Paul Mitchell

- Paul welcomed attendees to the QCCC Board Meeting Conference call (due to the Covid-19 pandemic), and called the meeting to order.
- Discussed a proposed Bylaws change for Membership requirement due to NC Covid meeting restrictions and abundant caution. Board approved an emergency temporary measure to allow Prospective Members who have attended at least 3 functions (meetings/events/dinners) in a six-month period to be voted into the club. When possible, the membership requirements will return to those defined in the Bylaws. The Board will meet again soon to discuss any potential Bylaws change regarding membership and other topics.
 - **Action: Paul will announce this process change at the October meeting.**
- Reviewed current candidates for the 2021 Board, briefly discussed the nomination process and the November election process. Due to limited attendance at Club business meetings, the Board approved an electronic ballot voting process for the November election, assuming multiple candidates exist for the same position. If all candidates are running unopposed, the election will be by show of hands at the November meeting.
 - **Action: Paul will announce this process change at the October meeting.**
- Nominations for 2021 Board of Directors will close at the end of the October club meeting.
- Due to the Covid-19 Virus and the limited ability for members to participate in club meetings and events, the Board voted to forego awards for 2020 which might have been presented at the 2021 Banquet. Therefore, if a Banquet is possible as scheduled in March 2021, it will be a celebration banquet rather than an Awards banquet.
- Board approved Paul's proposal to conduct in-person Board meetings starting in November. Dick Gwilt offered his Corvette garage in Mooresville for these meetings.
 - **Action: Dick will send the garage address to the Board.**

Vice-President, Dick Gwilt

- Due to the ongoing and remaining NC Covid-19 indoor and outdoor gathering restrictions, club meeting locations are very limited for the remainder of the year and early 2021. Dick has continued to work with the Victory Event Center in Mooresville and VFW in Indian Trail (both of whom have indicated availability to host larger gatherings) to schedule upcoming club meetings, hopefully geographically agreeable to members.
 - October – Victory Event Center Mooresville
 - November – VFW Indian Trail
 - December- Victory Event Center Mooresville
 - January – VFW Indian Trail
- Dick has offered the use of his new trailer for Tent Storage and transport. The Board authorized up to \$300 for a QCCC logo to be affixed to the side of the trailer.
- Dick briefly discussed his thoughts regarding a Board position turnover process. This will be discussed further when the Board meets in person to discuss the Bylaws and the Board Policy Manual in further detail.
 - **Next Scheduled Club Meeting**
 - October 10, 2020 – Victory Event Center Mooresville
 - 4:00 PM Social – 5:00 PM Meeting
 - 55 People currently signed up to attend.

Treasurer, Craig Smith

- Reviewed the latest budget Report with the Board.

Membership Director, Paul Schmitt

- Membership Information
 - Total Members – 345
 - Total Families – 189
 - Total Prospective Members – 45
 - Total NEW Members YTD 2020 – 9
- Paul proposed an increase to the amount (from \$50 to \$100) of the QCCC Memorial Gift which is presented to the family's charity of choice following a member's passing. Board unanimously approved.
- Board briefly discussed the Care & Compassion pages on the Website, and agreed that those pages can be removed. Members instead should notify Paul via email if they or their spouse desire to be added to Paul's Care and Compassion list, and Paul will obtain their approval before sending a BLAST to all members.

Social Director, Donna Berst

- Donna reported that Angela Brannick has agreed to hold the monthly Newsletter distribution until immediately after the Board meeting to include up to the minute Event information from Social and Automotive. All other Newsletter contributors should continue to submit by the 25th of the month.

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, September 24, 2020 Poker Run**
 - 12 Cars Attended
 - Stopped at 4 Advertiser's Locations to Draw Cards
 - Raised \$250.00 for Charity Fund
- **Saturday, October 10, 2020 – Social Time Before Victory Event Meeting**
 - Small Individual Candy Bars for Members available
 - Bar will be open (self-pay)
- **Sunday, October 18, 2020 – Foothills Run to the Colors**
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Automotive Director & Webmaster, Roger Winge

- Roger is working with Tommy and Craig to send out Car Show refunds and Charity Thank you letters to those who registered for the now-cancelled QCCC Corvette Show.
- QCCC Electronic registration and payment system is ready for use for club events.
- Directors should each continue to send Club Meeting and Social Updates to Roger for posting on the Website.

Secretary, Carolyn Zimmer

- Care & Compassion Emails (vs. cards) sent.
- October Birthdays posted in Newsletter-gift card to be delivered.
- Updated Board Policy Manual and prepared draft update of Bylaws with Board input
 - **Action: Board will discuss both in a special meeting.**
- Discussed November Meeting Election Process
- Briefly discussed updating the Board Nomination Process and Mentoring. Will discuss further with the Board.

Member-at-Large Director, Carl Bartlett

- Board asked for follow-up to the request to post pictures to the Website in addition to Facebook. Carl has been unable to reach former coordinator Karin Mariano concerning login information for Smug Mug.
 - **Action: Roger will email Karin as we need that login for the Website.**
- Advertisers and Sponsors – Carl is compiling data and financial information.
 - **Action: Carl will send the Board a monthly report of Sponsor and Advertiser information and status of renewals and receipts.**

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair, Tommy Loftin

- Car Show Registrants who have requested refunds, and those who have not responded at all, will receive refunds of their registration payments. Other registrants replied with a request to donate their registration payment to Charity.
- Tommy and Paul continue to work with Hendrick Motorsports on 2020 Car Show expenses and payments, and on plans for the 2021 QCCC Show.
- **QCCC Charity Information**
 - The QCCC Volunteer work day at Wings of Eagles Ranch (2020 Charity) was very successful and much appreciated by the Wings of Eagles team.
 - The 2020/21 Charity Committee has proposed Wings of Eagles Ranch as our 2021 Charity. The Board approved, and the proposal will be presented to membership for final approval at the November meeting.
 - Discussed QCCC participation in 2020 Corvette Angels. It was agreed toys should be collected at the upcoming October meeting for those unable to attend the Corvette Angels Drive Thru on November 7 from 9 am until Noon. BLAST will be sent.
- **NOTE: The next QCCC Board Meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at Dick Gwilt's Garage, Mooresville, at 4:30 PM.**

Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary