



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14, 2020 Time: 5:00 PM Location: VFW – Indian Trail

Board Members Present: Paul Mitchell, President; Richard Gwilt, Vice-President; 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 Charity Chairman.

Absent: Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary;

Support Staff Members Present: Angela Brannick, Newsletter Editor; Keith Cross, Primary Sponsor Liaison, Travis Meredith, Historian.

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

President: Paul Mitchell

- The November QCCC Business Meeting was called to order by President Paul Mitchell and all attendees were welcomed.
- Paul thanked the VFW for hosting QCCC for our monthly meeting.
- Minutes of the October meeting were approved.
- Paul then made a very sad announcement – just prior to the meeting he was informed that QCCC member Bob McCall passed away earlier in the day due to a massive heart attack. Keith Cross led the club in prayer for Bob and his family. Bob will be sorely missed.
- Recognition was then held in honor of Veterans and in celebration of Veterans Day. Paul thanked each of the following groups and asked club members to step forward as their service was announced: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard – followed by Presentation of the Colors.
 - Paul mentioned that Brian Kruse, a former marine, was doing well after his recent surgery.
- Paul introduced the Board members and the Club Staff members.
- Paul thanked Angela Brannick for taking the minutes in the Secretary's absence.

Treasurer: Craig Smith

- **2020 Budget Reports** were distributed to members prior to the meeting.
- All Financial Questions should be directed to Craig Smith.
- Dues request email has been sent – Dues Due by January 1, 2021

Membership Director: Paul Schmitt

- Welcomed attendees to the Meeting and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving
- **QCCC Care and Compassion**
 - Paul referenced the Newsletter where those on the C&C List are named.
 - Paul spoke with Brian Kruse today, after his major surgery yesterday. Brian is doing great and said he felt great. Good news!!
- **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 – 40**
 - **Prospective Members Attending – 23**
 - **NEW Members Voted In – 11**
 - **Guests – 0**
 - **Total Attendance -63**
 - **Average 12 months Meeting Attendance – 84**
- **Membership Stats**
 - **Total Membership – 360**
 - **Total Families – 201**
 - **Total Prospective Members – 32**
 - **NEW Members Through January – 24**
- **Introduced Prospective Members present.**
 - *Third Meeting and Voted into the Club:*
 - **Lindsay Deneault- Charlotte**
 - **Brian & Carol McIntyre – Denver**
 - **Louis & Lynne Dunn – Mooresville**
 - **Larry & Kathie Finocchi -Mooresville**
 - **Chris Hoshour (and Riley Pascal – son) - Matthews**
 - **Ron & Brenda Smith - Charlotte**
 - *Second Meeting for:*
 - **None**
 - *First Meeting for:*
 - **Warren & Kimberly Knight – Mooresville**
 - **David & Debby Nowlan – Indian Trail**
 - **Steve Kaufman – Denver**
 - **Rick Beckman – Charlotte**
 - **Laron & Nancy Thompson – Matthews**
 - **Jeffrey & Denise Geyer**

Vice President: Richard Gwilt

- Dick announced that he and Paul Mitchell have just ordered their 2021 C8 Corvettes from City Chevrolet.
- Door Prizes were presented (Vette Poster, Tire Shine, Vette Calendar).

- Dick continues to search for club meeting locations which can accommodate the club numbers, which meet the Covid-19 guidelines, and which hopefully appeal to members in the Northern and Southern areas of greater Charlotte. Blasts confirming locations and times will be sent. Obviously due to Covid-19, changes may be required.

Upcoming Club Meeting Dates / Locations:

- **Saturday, December 12, 2020 – Victory Lanes Event Center-Mooresville**
- **Saturday, January 9, 2021 – VFW – Indian Trail**
- **Saturday, February 13, 2021 – Victory Lanes Event Center-Mooresville**

Social Director: Donna Berst

- Donna is working on an activity for a future meeting – QCCC Feud – hopefully in the Spring.
- Donna thanked all those who participated in the Brian Kruse Cruise Drive-By on November 7 – a total of 52 cars participated!!!!
- Donna is thinking of doing a gift exchange at the December meeting – more information will be shared via BLAST.

Automotive Director/Webmaster: Roger Winge

- See all possible Automotive Activities and Cruise-ins on the QCCC Website.
- **2020 Americarna Live Car Show for Autism**
 - Show will be held online (See Americarna Website)
 - Roger is inviting Ray Evernham (show owner) to our December meeting.
 - QCCC Board has approved a donation of \$500 to Ray’s autism charity.
- **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 – was CANCELLED**
 - Early Registrants outside of QCCC had option to donate fee to QCCC Charities or request refund. Roger Winge Coordinated.
 - QCCC Car Show coins are 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**
 - QCCC Members should plan to participate. Mark your calendars.

- Early discussions have begun with Hendrick Motorsports
- First meeting to be held 2nd week of January, 2021
- **Charity Update – Tommy Loftin Charity Chairman**
 - **Kids First of the Carolinas** – QCCC participated in their food drive.
 - **Wings of Eagles** – had a work day and we met with them several times.
 - QCCC donated \$5000 to each charity earlier this year.
 - **November 7, 2020** QCCC participated in the Road Runners Corvette Club annual **Corvette Angels** event in support of the annual Salvation Army Toy Drive. Tommy thanked Dick Gwilt and Jane Burt for all their help with the gifts.
 - **Troutman Christmas Parade** has been CANCELLED.
 - After previously reviewing and receiving support from the QCCC Board, Tommy, on behalf of the Charity Committee made the motion to the membership to accept Wings of Eagles as the 2021 QCCC single Charity. Motion was approved.
 - Wings of Eagles will have a new program in 2021 working with Vets. Tommy will provide more information when available.
 - **50/50 Raffle for Charity** was conducted and won by **Carl Bartlett** (\$230 split).

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer (Absent)

- **November Birthdays** were announced and celebrated in the Newsletter, and meeting attendees with a November birthday were recognized. The Birthday Darden Restaurant Gift Card was won by and sent via Amazon to **Gerri Kessel**.

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

- Paul Mitchell mentioned the Vets in Vettes event held by the Museum.
- Encouraged ALL QCCC members to become members of the NCM with all its many benefits.

Old Business

- N/A

New Business

- Darrell Kirkley suggested QCCC split the next meeting 50/50 with Ray Evernham for his Autism Charity as their Car Show needed to be cancelled this year. Members approved.
- QCCC 2021 Board of Directors Elections were held via show of hands. All candidates ran unopposed. Candidates were incumbents except Justin Cross, who was elected to Membership Director. 2020 Membership Director, Paul Schmitt, will continue to drive Care and Compassion activities in 2021.
- Paul Mitchell also thanked those Directors who were willing to serve another year due to 2020 being so unprecedented (aka crazy).

- 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
 - Corvette Car Show Director – Tommy Loftin

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Minutes recorded by Angela Brannick

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club

Board Meeting Minutes-September

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 Time: 4:30 PM Location: Gwilt's Garage Mooresville

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; Carl Bartlett, Member-at-Large; Paul Schmitt, Membership Director.

Absent: Tommy Loftin, Corvette Show Director and Charity Chairman

Guest: Ron Berst joined us for a short discussion at the beginning of the meeting.

MEETING DISCUSSION:

President, Paul Mitchell

- Paul welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order.
- Thanked VP Dick Gwilt for the use of his great Corvette Garage for the meeting
- Discussed the role of Primary Sponsor Liaison for the Club. Agreed a job description should be developed to better understand and communicate the role.
 - **Action: Paul Mitchell will provide the job description for finalizing in December.**
- Hats and Window Decals for sale have been ordered.

Vice-President, Dick Gwilt

- Dick provided a list of **proposed/potential** 2021 Meeting Locations for discussion. Locations are limited due to the size required and the Covid-19 Restrictions. More discussion is required and it is likely to change over time.
 - January - VFW Indian Trail
 - February – Victory Event Center – Mooresville
 - March – Streetside Classics – Concord
 - April – Loftin's Ranch - Troutman
 - May – Victory Event Center – Mooresville
 - June – Speedway Club - Concord if available
 - July – NASCAR Institute or Billy Boat Exhaust – Mooresville
 - August – Hendrick Motorsports – Concord if available
 - September – NASCAR or Billy Boar Exhaust – Mooresville
 - October – Davidson's Farm – York, SC if available
 - November – Speedway Club – Concord if available
- **Next Scheduled Club Meeting**
 - November 14, 2020 – VFW – Indian Trail
 - 4:00 PM Social – 5:00 PM Meeting

Treasurer, Craig Smith

- Reviewed the latest budget Report with the Board.
- Discussion of changes to line items for enhanced understanding.
 - **Action: Craig to continue to reach Bob Motta for Insurance Payment Info.**

Membership Director, Paul Schmitt

- Membership Information
 - Total Members – 349
 - Total Families – 191
 - Total Prospective Members – 31
 - Total NEW Members YTD 2020 – 13
 - Average Monthly Attendance – 94 (down due to Covid-19)
- Briefly discussed those on the QCCC Care and Compassion list.

Social Director, Donna Berst

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, December 12, 2020 – Social Time During Meeting-Victory Lanes**
 - Christmas / Holiday Theme
 - Considering Munchies, Drinks, Cookies
 - Planning to encourage folks to buy dinner there to support Victory Lanes
 - Considering a Gift Exchange??

Automotive Director & Webmaster, Roger Winge

- Moved QCCC Storage to a smaller unit (7x10) – Saved \$720/year
- Americarna Live Car Show – Ray Evernham Charity for Autism
 - Virtual Show with online Photo submission
 - \$30 Entry and \$5 Vote for Charity
 - Discussed and Board approved a \$500 donation from QCCC
- Roger was able to access SmugMug. Will work with Carl on process/backup.

Secretary, Carolyn Zimmer

- Care & Compassion Emails sent.
- Monthly Birthday Gift Card presented.
- Discussed November Meeting Board Election Process by Show of Hands
 - Blast will be sent this week as a reminder of the Candidates
- Briefly discussed updating the Board Nomination Process and Mentoring. Will discuss further with the Board at the Governance Meeting.

Member-at-Large Director, Carl Bartlett

- Carl will work with Roger on the process to update SmugMug.
 - **Action: Carl will schedule photographers for all meetings and events and ensure all photos are uploaded to SmugMug for website display.**
 - **Action: Carl will work on a redesign of the photo displays on the website.**
- Carl will work with Craig to develop a list of Sponsors and Advertisers and a Monthly Status for the Board.
 - **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

- Tommy and Paul M. have a meeting scheduled with Hendrick to kick-off discussions on the 2021 QCCC Corvette Show.
- **QCCC Charity Information**
 - QCCC Participated in *Road Runners* Corvette Angels toy drive on November 7.
 - QCCC Charity Committee will present Wings of Eagles as our 2021 Charity to the membership for vote at the November meeting.
- **NOTE: The next QCCC Board Meetings are currently scheduled at Dick Gwilt's Garage at 4:30 PM each day:**
 - **Tuesday, December 1, 2020 to discuss Governance (Bylaws and BPM, etc.)**
 - **Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – Regular Monthly Board Meeting.**

The November Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary