



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: March 13, 2021 Time: 5:00 PM Location: Victory Lanes Events-Mooresville

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; Justin Cross, Membership Director; Carl Bartlett, Member-at-Large Director;

Absent: Tommy Loftin, Corvette Show Director and 2020 Charity Chairman.

Support Staff Members Present: Angela Brannick, Newsletter Editor

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

President: Paul Mitchell

- The September QCCC Business Meeting was called to order by President Paul Mitchell and all attendees were welcomed.
- Paul thanked Victory Lanes for allowing QCCC to have a ‘social’ cruise-in prior to the meeting, as well as hold the meeting in their dining room.
- QCCC Board of Directors and Staff members were introduced.
- Paul gave a brief overview of the number of events, meetings and activities that QCCC managed to conduct safely in 2020 despite the pandemic, and indicated three pages of possible events being planned by Social Director Donna Berst and her committee.
- Minutes of the last Club Meeting (November 2020 due to the pandemic) were approved.
- Paul announced that the Board has approved the posting of non-members Corvettes For Sale on the public/private QCCC Facebook pages. Policy will continue to be monitored.
- Paul stated that the plans for the QCCC Corvette Show scheduled for October 2, 2021 at Hendrick Motorsports, are moving right along. Members will soon be asked to register for the event – which will be FREE to members with a contribution to the raffle or silent auction, and with the commitment to work at the show on one of the teams.

Vice President: Richard Gwilt

- Dick thanked the owner of Victory Lanes Event Center for allowing us to use his facility and for his hospitality to QCCC.
- Dick has offered to assist our NCM Ambassador, Paul Mariano, with the leadership of the QCCC caravan to the NCM Bash in April.
- Dick is working on a Myrtle Beach trip for QCCC in the Fall. We may be able to coordinate some activities with the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club.
- Dick has ‘planned’ meeting locations for all of 2021, but has only confirmed the first three due to continued pandemic restrictions. Dick continues to search for ‘large’ monthly meeting places

around the Charlotte region with the ability to host QCCC, and asked for input from the members concerning any facilities they believe might be large enough with adequate parking.

- Meeting locations (and times) for 2021 will be posted on the Website as they are confirmed and Blasts will be sent as appropriate.

Upcoming Club Meeting Dates / Locations:

- **Saturday, April 10, 2021 – Loftin’s Homestead – Troutman (with Picnic)**
- **Saturday, May 8, 2021 – VFW - Indian Trail**

Treasurer: Craig Smith

- **2021 Budget Reports** were distributed to members prior to the meeting.
- As this was the first business meeting in 2021, the budget was approved by the membership.
- All Financial Questions should be directed to Craig Smith.

Social Director: Donna Berst

- **Sunday, February 20, 2021 – Heart of QCCC Ride**
 - First social event of 2021 was held – 17 cars participated in the event
 - Niven Park in Charlotte to Sweetheart Bakery/Sun-up Café at Langtree
 - Collected 15 containers of Lysol Wipes and \$160 for Wings of Eagles
 - Kathy & Larry Finocchi and Kim & Dave Kadel won the raffle prizes
- **Saturday, March 13, 2021 – Social at Victory Lanes Event Center Parking Lot**
 - Cruise-in and Social at 3 PM – Over 50 Cars!!!
 - Tracey Comfort brought Cookies (to celebrate her Birthday)

Upcoming Planned Social Events

- **Saturday, March 20, 2021 – QCCC Selfie/Photo Scavenger Hunt**
 - Must RSVP by March 18 for Event (and lunch if desired)
 - Concord Mills Area
 - Outdoor, socially distanced event with Corvettes - BLAST Sent
 - Bring Phone / Camera / Masks
 - Social time starts at 9 am – bring your chair and coffee
 - Hunt starts at 10 am and ends at 11 am (Instructions provided)
 - Prizes will be awarded.
 - Self-pay lunch to follow at Razzoo’s if desired
- **Saturday, April 10, 2021 – Picnic (with meeting) at Loftin’s**
 - RSVP DUE APRIL 1 – BLASTS have been sent
 - Loftin’s Homestead – 244 Hicks Creek Road, Troutman, NC 28166
 - Social – 3 PM, Dinner – 4:30 PM, Meeting – 5:30 PM
 - Bring your Masks (or purchase QCCC mask for \$3)
 - Bring CHAIRS and Pop-up TENT if possible
 - May bring your adult beverage of choice
 - Bring CASH for the 50/50 Drawing
 - Two **OPTIONS** for Food: (1) Catered Boxed Dinner, or (2) Bring Your Own
 - **(1) Catered Picnic Dinner -- Cost \$10 per person**
 - Boxed Port-a-pit 1/2 Chicken Meal, baked beans, potatoes, roll
 - **Website Pre-Payment Required by APRIL 1, 2021**
 - New Event Management System
 - Use Event Sign-Up Tab on QCCC Website

- Pre-payment will serve as your RSVP
 - Contact Donna with questions.
- **(2) Bring Your Own Picnic Food and Drinks**
 - **Attendees not ordering BBQ Must RSVP by April 1 to Donna Berst**
donnaberst@windstream.net
 - Need an accurate count for other goodies to be provided.
- QCCC Provides for all attendees:
 - Chips for afternoon snacking
 - Gourmet Cookie
 - Tea and Water
- **Saturday, April 17, 2021 – Sunset Caravan – Lake Norman State Park**
 - Coordinators: Ron and Donna Berst
 - More details to follow
- **Saturday, May 8, 2021 – Sock Hop with Meeting at VFW Indian Trail**
 - Social and Meeting Times TBD
 - Wear your best 50’s sock hop attire – music listening and dancing
 - Photos taken with vintage Corvettes
 - Prizes for best dressed
 - Come early for popcorn for each person – water provided also
 - Self-pay bar will be open throughout
 - After meeting, self-pay dinner
 - BLAST and pre-pay instructions to be sent
- **Saturday, August 21, 2021 – QCCC Annual Banquet**
 - Speedway Club – Charlotte Motor Speedway
 - Theme: “Elegant Luau”
 - Listening and Dancing Band – *Two Much Sylvia*
 - Self-Pay Bar throughout evening
 - More details to follow regarding RSVP and dinner pre-payment.
- **August 27-29, 2021 – Maggie Valley Overnigher**
 - Coordinated by Tom and Terri Pennoni
 - BLASTs have been sent.
 - So far - 20 cars registered
- **September 17 – 19, 2021 – Helen, GA – Oktoberfest Overnight**
 - Coordinated by Steve Bonino
 - Blast with reservation information has been sent
 - So far – 19 rooms registered

Membership Director: Justin Cross

- Welcomed attendees to the Meeting.
- **Reminder:** Any changes to your Membership Information (address, telephone, email) should be sent **directly to Database Manager Paul Pelkey**, ppelkey@carolina.rr.com.

- **Membership - Meeting Results**
 - QCCC Members Attending – 66
 - Prospective Members Attending – 24
 - NEW Members Voted In – 8
 - Guests – 0
 - Total Attendance -90
- **Membership Stats**
 - Total Membership – 335
 - Total Families – 174
 - Total Prospective Members – 31
 - NEW Members Through March - 8
- **Introduced Prospective Members present.**
 - *Third Meeting/Event and Voted into the Club:*
 - **Warren & Kimberly Knight – Mooresville**
 - **Jim & Sandie Holland – Mooresville**
 - **Anthony & Luanne Levigne – Mooresville**
 - **Laron & Nancy Thompson - Matthews**
 - *Second Meeting for:*
 - **Steve & Janet Kaufmann – Denver**
 - **David & Debby Nowlan – Indian Trail**
 - **Micah Patterson - Charlotte**
 - *First Meeting for:*
 - **Paul Manuel – Cornelius**
 - **Bill & Cheryl Bitters – Mooresville**
 - **Richard Panuski – Davidson**
 - **David Dent – Troutman**
 - **Lee & Hope Bakely – Pineville**
 - **Steven Josephson – Cornelius**
 - **David Calabrese – Cornelius**
 - **Rick Accurso & Lorri Black - Gastonia**

Automotive Director/Webmaster: Roger Winge

- **April 2021 Auto Fair** has been **CANCELLED**.
- Possible Car Care Day will be scheduled in April prior to the BASH
- **NCM BASH – April 23-25, 2021** in Bowling Green, KY
 - Coordinator, Paul Mariano – QCCC NCM Ambassador
 - If necessary, Dick Gwilt has offered to lead QCCC attendees to NCM.
- **May 29, 2021 – Shelton Vineyards Corvette Show**
 - More QCCC participation info to follow.
- **October 9, 2021 - VIR IMSA Race (Corvette Racing)** moved from August
 - Group will attend from QCCC

Webmaster Report – DO NOT HIT ‘REPLY’ when responding TO BLASTS!!

- New QCCC online Event Management System is in use for upcoming Events and Payments.
- 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 also coordinate changes if you send them to him.
- Reminder -**DO NOT HIT REPLY WHEN RESPONDING TO BLASTS!!!!**
 - Forward to email listed under Contact information.

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair: Tommy Loftin (Absent)

• **2020 QCCC CORVETTE SHOW**

- **October 2, 2021 QCCC 10th Annual Corvette Show**
- Flyer and Challenge Coin have been designed. Challenge coin is on order.
- Team Leaders have been identified and detailed planning is underway.
- Major giveaways planned again this year.
- Registration will OPEN to Members on April 1, 2021
- Registration FREE to members who contribute to raffles or silent auction and work at the show.

• **Charity Update – Tommy/Brenda Loftin Charity Chairs**

- QCCC 2021 Charity - **Wings of Eagles**
- **March 27, 2021 -QCCC Work Day at Wings of Eagles**
 - Blast has been sent
- **50/50 Raffle for Charity** was conducted at the meeting by Ron Berst.
 - **Winner: Bill Cruthis**

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- **March Birthdays** were announced and celebrated in the Newsletter.
 - Birthday Darden Restaurant E-Gift Card won by **Ron Strausborger**

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

- Please Contact Paul Mariano to join the National Corvette Museum or attend the NCM BASH in April.

Old Business

- Dick distributed Door Prizes at the meeting to lucky raffle winners.

New Business

- Paul Mitchell asked for a show of hands of the members present who might like a large updated QCCC logo for the back of their current or new jacket (see older QCCC jackets). This straw vote was in response to a member's request that we might update the older QCCC club jacket design with the larger new logo if the club would cover the setup charge of \$200. The Board will gather additional information, including the cost of the application of the new logo on the jacket, and will discuss the proposal again in a future Board meeting. Feedback will be provided to the membership.
- Former President Bill Cruthis requested that the Board consider a proposal to include personal stories of members who are military Veterans in the monthly QCCC Newsletter. The Board will discuss the proposal at the next Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club **Board Meeting Minutes**

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MEETING DISCUSSION:

President, Paul Mitchell

- Paul welcomed attendees to the first face-to-face QCCC Board meeting for 2021 (due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and concerns.)
- Paul provided a recap of the QCCC 2020 activities, events and meetings held safely in spite of the pandemic.
- Brief discussion held regarding new and prospective member name badges. Justin will take the action necessary.
- Succession Planning - Paul stressed the need for each Officer/Director to search for current QCCC regular members who have a desire to serve on the QCCC Board at some time in the future. This will give future Board Candidates time to understand the positions and the expectations of serving on the Board.
 - **Action: Justin will review member info to see if anyone stated interest.**
- Board approved a proposal that non-members may post their Corvette for sale on the QCCC Website. This policy will be reviewed in six months to ensure this privilege is not being misused.
 - **Action: Paul will communicate policy to Jamie Stamey Hinson, Facebook Coordinator.**
- Paul reviewed some interaction with Hendrick Motorsports regarding the QCCC Car Show scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2021.
- Paul shared a request from a member to once again have a Club Jacket with the new large QCCC logo on the back.
 - **Action: Donna Berst will pursue some samples for the Board to review.**

Vice-President, Dick Gwilt

- Dick presented planned upcoming business meeting locations, subject to change due to Coronavirus.
 - **Action:** Dick will send confirmed meeting locations/times to Roger for Calendar.
- Dick has a plan for 2021 Member Awards and Points.
 - **Action:** Dick will document Awards Program and communicate to membership via meetings and BLAST.
- Dick has offered to lead the QCCC caravan to the NCM BASH in April if Paul Mariano is unable to attend.
- **Upcoming Membership Business Meetings:**
 - **March 13, 2021 - Victory Lanes Event Center, with Cruise In**
 - Social at 3:00 PM, Meeting at 5:00 PM
 - **April 10, 2021 – Outdoor Meeting with Picnic – Loftin’s Homestead**
 - Social at 3:00 PM, Picnic Dinner at 4:30 pm, Meeting at 5:30 PM
 - **May 8, 2021 – VFW Indian Train, with Sock Hop**
 - Times TBD

Treasurer, Craig Smith

- Reviewed the 2021 proposed budget actuals with the Board.
- Craig will distribute the 2021 budget info to the membership for review and approval at the March membership meeting (first opportunity to do so this year).
- Finalized the list of families whose dues are still outstanding and who have resigned. Will work with Justin Cross to edit Membership lists and Directories.

Membership Director, Justin Cross

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Automotive Director & Webmaster, Roger Winge

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- April 2021 Auto Fair unfortunately has been CANCELLED.
- **Car Care Day** – Roger will attempt to schedule a day in April.
- **NCM BASH – April 23-25** in Bowling Green, KY
 - Paul Mariano coordinating QCCC attendance at the event.
 - Dick Gwilt has offered to lead the QCCC folks if Paul cannot attend.
- Roger noted that the **IMSA VIR Race** (previously held in August) is now scheduled for **October 9, 2021**. A QCCC trip will be planned.
- **Webmaster:**
 - Roger has set up the ‘new’ QCCC online Event Management and Payment system for the April picnic, available under menus CLUB INFO/EVENT SIGNUP on the QCCC Website.
 - Roger has been assisting Carl Bartlett with the SmugMug tool.

Secretary, Carolyn Zimmer

- QCCC Governance
 - Reviewed the proposed Covid-19 QCCC Protocols document.
 - Board requested a simpler version to use on all BLASTS.
 - **Action: Carolyn will provide a one or two sentence policy statement for BLASTS and review with the Board.**
 - Discussed 2021 Annual Governance Review
 - Board agreed to add discussion to the April 6, 2021 Board Meeting.
 - **Action: Carolyn will forward all necessary documents to the Board in advance of the meeting.**
 - Board Succession Planning
 - Echoed statements by Paul Mitchell that Board needs to start NOW finding multiple potential candidates for the Board for future years (not necessarily next year but sometime in the future).
- Discussed the QCCC Care and Compassion List
 - **Action: Carolyn will request that Paul Schmitt forward the list to Carolyn when he sends the list to Angela Brannick for the Newsletter.**
- Awards Pending
 - **Action: Board will discuss all Awards at the April Board Meeting**

Member-at-Large Director, Carl Bartlett

- QCCC Sponsors and Advertisers
 - Carl provided a detailed Status List of Sponsors and Advertisers and current payment status. Contact list was updated to reflect Carl's information.
 - Carl has developed a new billing/invoice form and process for all bills to be sent and payment due on the same schedule.
- QCCC Photography – Smug Mug
 - Carl has worked to determine the current Administrative photo inventory and the Public Facing photo inventory.
 - Folders have been created and photos found have been loaded.
 - Still a very complicated tool and unsure if all photos have been or should be restored.
 - **Action: Carl will work with SmugMug Help Center Support to finalize.**

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair, Tommy Loftin

- Tommy and Paul are continuing to communicate with City Chevrolet and Hendrick Motorsports on the 2021 QCCC 10th Annual Corvette Show.
- Team Leaders have been identified and detailed planning is underway.
- Event Challenge Coin (on order) and Flyer have been designed.
- Sending Show advertisements to Auto Magazines.
- Will be major giveaway items again this year.
- Access to Hendrick Heritage Center again this year.
- NCRS planning to participate – awaiting confirmation on Bloomington Gold
- Will open Online Registration to Members on April 1
 - Registration FREE to members if they work at show and bring items
- Silent Auction is planned.
- **QCCC Charity Information**
 - QCCC will sponsor a Wings of Eagles Charity work day SOON.
 - 50/50 Charity Raffle will be conducted at March and all future meetings.
 - QCCC will again participate with Road Runners Vettes for Corvette Angels. Dick Gwilt has offered to lead the Angels toy collection for QCCC.

NOTE: The next (extended) QCCC Board Meeting will be held on:

- **Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – at 4:30 PM at Victory Lanes - Mooresville**

The March 2021 QCCC Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary