



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10, 2021 Time: 5:30 PM Location: Loftin Homestead - Troutman

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; Tommy Loftin, Corvette Show Director and 2020 Charity Co-Chairman.

Support Staff Members Present: Paul Schmitt, Care and Compassion; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador.

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

President: Paul Mitchell

- The April QCCC Business Meeting was called to order by President Paul Mitchell and all attendees were welcomed.
- Paul thanked Tommy and Brenda Loftin for the use of their Homestead and Garage for the meeting. We all appreciated Tommy moving all his Corvettes because of the rain.
- QCCC Board of Directors and Staff members were introduced.
- Minutes from the March Club Meeting were approved.
- Paul thanked those who sent cards and messages to his wife Paige after her recent surgery. He said she is doing well.
- Paul announced that Dick Gwilt, at his own expense, has purchased a trailer to carry QCCC tents and other items. Thanks Dick!! The Board approved the expense for QCCC logo stickers to be affixed to the trailer.
- Paul introduced Chris from **Wings of Eagles**, our QCCC Charity, who explained the purpose of the non-profit, and thanked QCCC for our contributions and efforts to assist.

Vice President: Richard Gwilt

- Dick announced the VP Participation Points Awards program for 2021-- awards to be presented at the 2021 Awards Banquet in 2022.
- Dick shared that he recently attended the Ron Fellows Driving School and recommends it to others.
- Dick reminded the group that he will lead the QCCC attendees' Caravan to Bowling Green, KY for the NCM BASH April 21.

- Dick has been trying to secure meeting locations around the Charlotte region for our QCCC meetings, but many of the prior locations are still under restrictions and unable to host the Club. Please contact Dick if you are aware of any locations that can accommodate us for a meeting.
- 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, May 8, 2021 – VFW - Indian Trail**
- **Saturday, June 12, 2021--TBD**

Treasurer: Craig Smith

- **2021 Budget Reports** were distributed to members prior to the meeting.
- All Financial Questions should be directed to Craig Smith.

Social Director: Donna Berst

- **Saturday, April 17, 2021 – Sunset Caravan - Will be Rescheduled**
 - Coordinators: Ron and Donna Berst
 - Tour area and end at Carolina Cones in Cornelius
 - BLAST sent.
- **Saturday, May 8, 2021 – Sock Hop with Meeting at VFW Indian Trail**
 - 3:30 Social/Sock Hop (outside if weather permits)
 - 5:00 Meeting
 - 6:15 Meal (optional) – Cooked and served by VFW Auxiliary
 - **BY MAY 1 - RSVP Online for Meeting and Meal Payment**
 - 50's sock hop attire optional – 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
 - BLAST and pre-pay instructions to be sent
- **Saturday, May 15, 2021 – Caravan to Wings of Eagles Horse Show**
 - Meet at Charlotte Motor Speedway Parking Lot
 - More details to be sent in a BLAST.
- **Saturday, May 22, 2021 – Brewery/Distillery Day Trip**
 - NEED A COORDINATOR / LEADER
- **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.

- **September 17 – 19, 2021 – Helen, GA – Oktoberfest Overnight**
 - Coordinated by Steve Bonino
 - Blast with reservation information has been sent
- **October 21 or 22 – 24, 2021 – Overnight Trip to North Myrtle Beach**
 - Coordinator: Dick Gwilt
 - BLAST has been sent

Membership Director: Justin Cross

- Welcomed attendees to the Meeting.
- Introduced Prospective Members present.
- **Reminder:** Any changes to your Membership Information (address, telephone, email) should be sent **directly to Justin Cross or Database Manager Paul Pelkey, ppelkey@carolina.rr.com**.
- **Membership Meeting Results**
 - QCCC Members Attending – 71
 - Prospective Members Attending – 16
 - NEW Members Voted In – 4
 - Guests – 0
 - Total Attendance -87
 - Average 12 Month Attendance - 88
- **Membership Stats**
 - Total Membership – 339
 - Total Families – 177
 - Total Prospective Members – 51
 - NEW Members Through March - 12
- **Introduced Prospective Members present.**
 - *Third Meeting/Event and Voted into the Club:*
 - **Paul Manuel – Cornelius**
 - **Billy Boat – Mooresville**
 - **Steve & Janet Kaufmann - Denver**
 - *Second Meeting for:*
 - **Bill & Cheryl Bitters – Mooresville**
 - **Richard Panuski - Davidson**
 - *First Meeting for:*
 - **Don & Roberta Lowe – Troutman**
 - **Bob Novak & Jill Whalen – Huntersville**
 - **John & Judy Alexander – Charlotte**
 - **John & Lynda Looney – Lancaster**

Automotive Director/Webmaster: Roger Winge

- **Completed:**
 - Car Show Challenge Coin
 - Car Show Brochure Design
 - Car Show Single Page Flyer and Ad
 - Car Show Banner (Taking Orders)
 - Car Placard – Taking Orders – Blast to be sent
- **NCM BASH – April 23-25, 2021** in Bowling Green, KY
 - Coordinator, Paul Mariano – QCCC NCM Ambassador
 - Dick Gwilt will lead QCCC attendees to NCM.
- **Cars & Coffee at Waterbean in Cornelius Started Today**
 - Great Cars – 3 from QCCC
- **May 29, 2021 – Shelton Vineyards Corvette Show**
 - Great Automotive Event!!
 - More QCCC participation info to follow.
- **July 3, 2021 – Troutman Parade**
 - Leader: Tommy Loftin
 - All Corvettes welcome
 - Stage by 9:30 AM – More details to be sent in BLAST
 - Group will go to lunch following parade.
- **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 now in use for QCCC 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.

Member at Large Director: Carl Bartlett

- Working to update all the QCCC Photos on the Website
- Members who have any event photos to be added should email to Carl
- Also need members to Volunteer to take Photos at QCCC Events

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair: Tommy Loftin

- **2020 QCCC CORVETTE SHOW**
 - **October 2, 2021 QCCC 10th Annual Corvette Show**
 - Flyer and Challenge Coin have been completed.
 - Planning on 100 QCCC Corvettes will Register/Participate in the Show.
 - QCCC Car Show Registration OPEN on QCCC Website – Register NOW
 - QCCC Cars will not be “Judged” but there will be Participant Choice Awards.

- QCCC Cars in a different location this year – near the Team Center.
- Challenge coin will be given to all QCCC members who Register for Car Show.
- Registration for QCCC Members is FREE if you bring items and work the show.
- Team Leaders have been identified and detailed planning is underway.
- Car Show Ads have been sent to major automotive magazines.
- Car Show Announcements being mailed to over 100 Car Clubs
- New and more Food vendors this year.
- Major giveaways planned again this year.
- Bloomington Gold will participate.
- **Charity Update – Tommy/Brenda Loftin Charity Chairs**
 - **QCCC 2021 Charity - Wings of Eagles**
 - Chris and two others from Wings of Eagles attended the meeting.
 - **May 1, 2021 – Next QCCC Work Day at Wings of Eagles**
 - **May 15, 2021 – Wings of Eagles Horse Show**
 - QCCC will participate
 - Watch for BLASTS
 - **50/50 Raffle for Charity** was conducted at the meeting by Ron Berst.
 - **Winner: Bill Cruthis**

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- **April Birthdays** were announced at the meeting and celebrated in the Newsletter.
 - Birthday Darden Restaurant E-Gift Card won by **Staton Boyette**.
 - Restaurant eCard will be sent to Staton via Amazon.
- Birthdays will continue to be published in the Newsletter each month.
- **Beginning at the May meeting, the Birthday Gift Card presentation, as in the past, will only be made at the meeting** to a Birthday member present (not via Amazon).
- **QCCC Constitution and Bylaws** – The Board has reviewed the Bylaws and made some suggested changes. The document will be sent to the Membership for review and discussed at a future meeting. Changes will be voted on for approval by the membership in November.

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Paul Mariano

- Dick Gwilt will lead the QCCC Participants to the NCM April BASH in Bowling Green.
- Wade Stickels will coordinate the QCCC Tables at the NCM Hall of Fame Banquet during the BASH.
- QCCC Members celebrating 15 years of NCM Membership (Congratulations)
 - Bob and Marilyn Becker
 - Staton and Sally Boyette
 - Bill and Judy Cruthis
- Please Contact Paul Mariano to join the National Corvette Museum or to change your membership to Lifetime Member.

Old Business

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

New Business

- N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 Time: 4:30 PM Location: Victory Lanes Event Center

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

Guests: Ron Berst, Tracey Comfort

MEETING DISCUSSION:

President, Paul Mitchell

- Paul welcomed attendees to the meeting and called the meeting to order.
- Board discussed and all agreed that with the expectation of face-to-face meetings for the remainder of 2021, the 3-meeting club bylaws membership requirement would resume immediately.
- Discussed and approved some possible member QCCC logo trinkets for 2021.
- Discussed the possibility of some alternatives to the Speedway Club for the Banquet if capacity restrictions continue in affect in August. The venue and the Band *Two Much Sylvia* are confirmed for August 21, 2021 at the moment.
- Discussed and agreed to cover expense for City Chevrolet and Hendrich Motorsports invited guests to the August QCCC Banquet.

Vice-President, Dick Gwilt

- Dick presented planned upcoming business meeting locations, subject to change due to Coronavirus.
 - **Action:** Dick will send a Reminder Blast for the April 10 meeting and once again request Tents (rain probable).
 - **Action:** Roger will bring the large PA system for the April 10 meeting.
 - **Action:** Dick will send confirmed meeting locations/times to Roger for Calendar.
- Dick reviewed his plan for 2021 VP Member Points Awards Program.
 - **Action:** Dick will send a BLAST and review with membership at the April 10 Club meeting.
- Paul Mitchell announced that Dick has purchased a trailer (his own purchase) for the exclusive use of QCCC to carry tents and other large items, and has affixed the Large

QCCC Logo to the trailer that Roger Winge designed. Board approved Primary Sponsor stickers as well.

- **Upcoming Membership Business Meetings:**
 - **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**
 - **Social at 3:30 PM, Meeting at 5:00 PM, Optional Dinner 6:15 PM**

Treasurer, Craig Smith

- Reviewed the 2021 budget actuals with the Board.
- Craig will distribute the 2021 budget info to the membership prior to the April club meeting for membership review.
- Craig discussed some incorrect Membership names in the Directory.
 - **Action: Craig and Justin will work to update, correct and reconcile monthly, and change any processes as necessary.**

Membership Director, Justin Cross

- Board approved purchase of needed membership packet items.
- Working with Craig on reconciliation of Membership data.
- **Membership Information as of March 9, 2021**
 - **Total Members – 335**
 - **Total Families – 174**
 - **Total Prospective Members – 45**
 - **Prospective Members with 2 Meetings – 7**
 - **New Members YTD - 8**

Social Director, Donna Berst

- **March 20, 2021 – QCCC Selfie/Photo Scavenger Hunt**
 - Eight Couples participated in the event
 - Four couples stayed for lunch at Razzoo’s.
- **April 10, 2021- Picnic with Meeting at Loftin’s**
 - Social 3 PM, Dinner 4:30 PM, Meeting 5:30 PM
 - Giveaway Cups at Check-in
 - Total RSVP 106 – 76 Ordered Boxed Meals
 - Board approved covering dinner expense for Wings of Eagles attendees.
- **April 17, 2021 – Sunset Corvette Cruise-Will be Rescheduled**
 - Lake Norman State Park, Carolina Cones
 - Leaders: Ron and Donna Berst
 - BLAST Sent
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- **Car Care Day** – Moved out to later in 2021.
- **NCM BASH – April 23-25** in Bowling Green, KY
 - Paul Mariano coordinating QCCC attendance at the event.
 - Dick Gwilt will lead the QCCC folks if Paul cannot attend.
- Additional Automotive Events will be scheduled when announced by the Promoters. Many still under pandemic restrictions.
- **Webmaster/BLAST Updates:**
 - New QCCC online Event Management and Payment system has worked very well. Confirmation email address added for member payments.
 - DO NOT REPLY to Blasts!!!!!!

Secretary, Carolyn Zimmer

- Birthdays and Gift Card discussion
 - Birthdays will continue to be posted in the Newsletter and also announced at meetings.
 - Restaurant Gift Card winner names will be drawn and presentation of the cards will now take place only at the meetings, as before the pandemic, starting at the May meeting.
- QCCC Bylaws and Board Policy Manual
 - Reviewed proposed changes to the QCCC Bylaws document.
 - **Action: Carolyn will finalize updates, review again with the Board, and then send to the membership in preparation of a meeting discussion. Membership approval Vote will be taken in November.**
 - Reviewed some changes to the Board Policy Manual, but due to time constraints, further discussion was tabled until the May Board meeting.
- Awards Pending
 - **Action: Board will discuss Awards at the May Board Meeting**

Member-at-Large Director, Carl Bartlett

- Carl provided a Status Update on the QCCC Sponsors and Advertisers
- Carl provided status on his progress with the QCCC Photography Inventory and the Smug Mug tool. He is working to organize the Event Folders and loading pictures for membership viewing on the QCCC Website. He is also working with SmugMug technical support to complete all the photography requirements.

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair, Tommy Loftin

- Letters to other Car Clubs are ready to stuff and mail.
- Food vendors have been selected.
- Registration open for QCCC Corvettes – new location
- All planning details moving forward.
- Team Leader sign-up sheets will be available at April meeting.
- Sending Show advertisements to Auto Magazines.
- Will be major giveaway items again this year.
- Access to Hendrick Heritage Center again this year.
- Bloomington Gold will participate.
- Silent Auction is planned.
- **QCCC Charity Information**
 - Wings of Eagles Charity work day was a great success.
 - Next Wings of Eagles work day planned for May 1.
 - Wings of Eagles Horse Show is scheduled for May 15. QCCC invited!!
 - 50/50 Charity Raffle will be conducted at April Club meeting – Ron Berst will coordinate.
 - QCCC will again participate with Road Runners Vettes for the Corvette Angels Toy Drive. Dick Gwilt has offered to lead the Angels toy collection for QCCC.
 - Charity Committee will prepare recommendation for 2022 Charity approval process.

Tabled Discussions for May Board Meeting

- *Awards*
- *Board Policy Manual Discussions*
- *Large QCCC Logo for QCCC Jackets (See April Agenda for Details)*
- *Bill Cruthis Proposal – Veteran Profiles in Newsletter*

NOTE: The next QCCC Board Meeting will be held on:

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

The April 2021 QCCC Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary