



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: May 8, 2021 Time: 5:00 PM Location: VFW – Indian Trail

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 Co-Chairman.

Support Staff Members Present: Paul Schmitt, Care and Compassion;

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

President: Paul Mitchell

- The May QCCC Business Meeting was called to order by President Paul Mitchell and all attendees were welcomed.
- Paul thanked Donna Berst for organizing the celebration of life and for creating a framed picture display of the four members we lost to Covid in 2020-21 – Iris Binder, John Jensen, Paul Mariano, Bob McCall.
- Paul asked for a moment of silence to remember and honor our fellow members and friends, and then read a tribute to each of them on behalf of the Board.
- The Mariano family requested in lieu of flowers that a donation be made to the National Corvette Museum in Paul's name. Paul Mitchell described the memorial to Paul Mariano that the Club is planning for the NCM.
 - **Paul will send a BLAST** to all members with a picture describing the donation.
- QCCC Board of Directors and Staff members were introduced.
- Minutes from the April Club Meeting were approved.
- Paul introduced Dale Ledbetter, Member of the National Corvette Museum Board of Directors. Dale serves as General Manager of Hendrick Performance, overseeing the Hendrick Heritage Center Collection as well as the supervision of classic car renovation builds and special late-model OEM projects. Dale has also served as the Hendrick Performance Driving School Director, and Curator of the Hendrick Heritage Center. Dale is a member of NCRS where he has served as a judge for over 20 years. Paul shared a number of stories about Dale and his ongoing support for QCCC. Dale is our primary interface to Hendrick Motorsports for the Annual QCCC Corvette Show, participates in multiple Car Show planning meetings with Tommy Loftin and Paul Mitchell during year, drives a C8 Corvette and is planning to join QCCC this evening.

Vice President: Richard Gwilt

- Dick has been trying to secure locations around the Charlotte region to accommodate QCCC business meetings, but many of the 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, June 12, 2021—Speedway Club – Concord**
- **Saturday, July 10, 2021 – Billy Boat Exhaust - Mooresville**

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, May 15, 2021 – Caravan to Wings of Eagles Blue Ribbon Horse Show**
 - Leaders: Tommy & Brenda Loftin
 - Meet at Charlotte Motor Speedway Parking Lot
 - More details to be sent in a BLAST.
- **Saturday, May 22, 2021 – Brewery/Distillery Day Trip**
 - STILL NEED A COORDINATOR / LEADER
- **June 19, 2021 – Mountain Cruise/Lunch – Little Switzerland & *TwoMuchSylvia***
 - Leaders: Ron and Donna Berst
 - Caravan to Little Switzerland for Lunch
 - *TwoMuchSylva* Evening Concert -- Kannapolis Village Park
 - Blasts will be sent
- **Saturday July 3, 2021 – Troutman Independence Day Parade**
 - Leader: Tommy Loftin
 - Meet at Kat's Patch in Troutman by 9:30-10 AM (before Streets Close)
 - Self-Pay Lunch after parade.
 - BLAST will be sent
- **Sunday, July 24, 2021 – Sunset Corvette Cruise – Lake Norman State Park**
 - Leaders: Ron and Donna Berst
 - Ice Cream after at Carolina Cones in Cornelius
- **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 Overnighter**
 - Leaders: Tom and Terri Pennoni
 - BLASTs have been sent.
- **September 17 – 19, 2021 – Helen, GA – Oktoberfest Overnight**
 - Leader: Steve Bonino
 - Blast with reservation information has been sent
- **October 21 or 22 – 24, 2021 – Overnight Trip to North Myrtle Beach**
 - Leader: 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 – 62
 - Prospective Members Attending – 12
 - NEW Members Voted In – 7
 - Guests – 0
 - Total Attendance - 74
 - Average 12 Month Attendance - 84
- **Membership Stats**
 - Total Membership – 340
 - Total Families – 186
 - Total Prospective Members – 42
 - NEW Members Through April - 19
- **Introduced Prospective Members present.**
 - *Third Meeting and Voted into the Club:*
 - **Richard Panuski – Davidson**
 - **Bill & Cheryl Bitters – Mooresville**
 - **David & Debby Nowlan – Indian Trail**
 - **Micah Patterson – Charlotte**
 - **Dale Ledbetter – Indian Trail**
 - *Second Meeting for:*
 - **Bob Novak & Jill Whalen - Huntersville**
 - **Victor & Lori Lessoff - Stanley**
 - *First Meeting for:*
 - **Caz Thomas & Wendy Pannone – Indian Trail**

Automotive Director/Webmaster: Roger Winge

- **Distributed:**
 - Car Show Challenge Coin – Registered Car Show Members
 - Car Show Banners to Members who Ordered
 - Car Placard – Taking Orders
- **Cars & Coffee at Waterbean in Cornelius**
 - Good turnout from QCCC
- **May 15, 2021 – Cars & Coffee – Charlotte Motor Speedway**
- **May 29, 2021 – Shelton Vineyards Corvette Show**
 - QCCC will participate again this year
 - Great Automotive Event!!
 - BLAST will be sent
 - Will meet at I-77 Rest Area above I-40 and Caravan to Shelton

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 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 (Absent)

- **2020 QCCC CORVETTE SHOW**
 - **October 2, 2021 QCCC 10th Annual Corvette Show**
 - QCCC MEMBERS NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE
 - Free if you work the show and bring an item to raffle or auction
 - Planning on 100 QCCC Corvettes will Register/Participate in the Show.
 - 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**
 - Wings of Eagles QCCC Workday was a success.
 - Wings of Eagles Horse Show May 15 – QCCC will attend.
 - **50/50 Raffle for Charity** was conducted at the meeting by Ron Berst.
 - **Winner: Tracey Comfort**

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- **May Birthdays** were announced at the meeting and celebrated in the Newsletter.
 - Birthday Darden Restaurant Gift Card won by **Rosalie Kirkley**.
- Birthdays will continue to be published in the Newsletter each month.
- **Just a reminder, 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.
- **Member of the Year Award** – Process and Criteria will be sent by June 1.
- **Succession Plan - Board of Director Positions** - Members were asked to consider serving on the Board for 2022 and/or beyond. More information will be sent.

Old Business

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

New Business

- N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 4, 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 Co-Chair.

Others: Member Brenda Loftin, Charity Co-Chair

MEETING DISCUSSION:

President, Paul Mitchell

- Paul welcomed attendees to the meeting and called the meeting to order.
- Board approved proposal to vote Dale Ledbetter for membership at May meeting.
- Board agreed that VFW will receive the 50% Charity portion of the 50/50 Raffle at Saturday's meeting--as we have done in the past.

Vice-President, Dick Gwilt

- Dick presented a business meeting location update.
- Dick is collecting points data for the 2021 VP Member Points Awards Program.
- Dick stressed the importance of finding good candidates for future Board openings.
- **Upcoming Membership Business Meetings:**
 - **May 8, 2021 – VFW Indian Trail**
 - **Gathering at 3:30 PM, Meeting at 5:00 PM, Optional Dinner 6:15 PM**
 - **June 12, 2021 – Speedway Club (hopefully) – Backup is Victory Lanes**
 - **July 10, 2021 – Billy Boat Exhaust Facility - Mooresville**

Treasurer, Craig Smith

- Reviewed the 2021 budget actuals with the Board.
- Craig now has access to reports for online event payments.
- Craig will distribute the 2021 budget info to the membership prior to the upcoming club meeting for membership review.

Social Director, Donna Berst

- **May 8, 2021 – Gathering/Dinner with Meeting at VFW Indian Trail**
 - 3:30 PM Social Gathering – outside weather permitting
 - Gathering to honor those club members we lost due to Covid-19
 - 5:00 PM Meeting – Inside – Speakers for those sitting outside
 - 6:15 PM Meal – Optional-Cooked and served by VFW Auxiliary on Patio
 - **Action: Dick will send reminder to bring Chairs.**
 - So far 63 RSVP to attend, 52 RSVP for dinner.
- **June 19, 2021 – Mountain Cruise/Lunch to Little Switzerland**
 - Menu dependent on number of cars.
 - *2MuchSylvia* also playing that evening in Kannapolis
- **July 3, 2021 – Troutman Independence Day Parade**
 - QCCC will participate
 - Coordinator: Tommy Loftin
 - Details will be sent in a BLAST
- **July 24, 2021 – Sunset Corvette Cruise**
 - Lake Norman State Park, Carolina Cones
 - Leaders: Ron and Donna Berst
 - Rescheduled from April 17
- **August 21, 2021 – QCCC Annual Banquet**
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 - More details to follow regarding RSVP and dinner pre-payment.
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 - Coordinated by Tom and Terri Pennoni
 - BLASTs have been sent.
 - So far – 21 Rooms Booked
- **September 17 – 19, 2021 – Helen, GA – Oktoberfest Overnight**
 - Coordinated by Steve Bonino
 - Blast with reservation information has been sent
 - So far – 37 people registered
- **October 21 or 22 – 24, 2021 – North Myrtle Beach Trip**
 - Coordinator: Dick Gwilt
 - BLAST has been sent

Membership Director, Justin Cross

- Justin will send email with list of new member applicants who declared interest in serving on the Board.
- **Membership Information**
 - **Total Members – 333**
 - **Total Families – 181**
 - **Total Prospective Members – 47**
 - **Prospective Members with 2 Meetings – 8**
 - **New Members YTD - 12**

Automotive Director & Webmaster, Roger Winge

- Ordered 2021 Car Show Banners – 20 for Members
- 25 QCCC Member Car Show placards ordered
- QCCC Car Show Challenge Coin-passed out to VIPs at the NCM BLAST
- Car Show Brochure Design complete
- Some Cars & Coffee events are starting up.
 - Saturday May 8 – Waterbean, Cornelius
 - May 15 – Charlotte Motor Speedway
- **May 29, 2021 – Shelton Vineyards Car Show**
 - QCCC will participate.
 - Meet at a Rest Area on I77 and Caravan in together
 - More details will be sent in a BLAST.
 - Will bring QCCC Yellow Tent and Car Show Info/Flyers
- Additional Automotive Events will be scheduled when announced by the Promoters.
- **Webmaster/BLAST Updates:**
 - Justin is maintaining the QCCC PM list which is updated in the email list when changes are made.
 - Online Payment Due Date cutoff was an issue – will resolve
 - DO NOT REPLY to Blasts!!!!!!

Secretary, Carolyn Zimmer

- 2021 Member of the Year Process Blast will be sent this Month.
- 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
 - Continued review of proposed changes to the QCCC Bylaws document.
 - Reviewed some changes to the Board Policy Manual
 - **Action: Carolyn will update both documents and send to the Board for additional review.**
- Awards Pending
 - **Action: Board will discuss Awards at the June Board Meeting**
- Other Pending
 - Discussed Succession Planning and possible need for Parliamentarian separate from Secretary.
 - **Action: Carolyn will provide more info to the Board**
 - Bill Cruthis proposal -Veteran articles - on hold for now. Bill making changes.
 - Large QCCC Logo Setup Charges Proposal
 - **Action: Donna Berst will determine level of interest before Board votes.**

Member-at-Large Director, Carl Bartlett

- Carl provided a Status Update on the QCCC Sponsors and Advertisers
 - Advertisers whose payments have not been received will be removed from QCCC publications.
- Carl provided status on his progress with the QCCC Photography Inventory and the Smug Mug tool.

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair, Tommy Loftin

- **QCCC Car Show**
 - Great progress on preparations for the show.
 - Focus on Member Registration, Door Prizes and Silent Auction Items
 - Continued discussion on maximum numbers for touring Heritage Center
 - Hotel rooms have been blocked for visitors and members as applicable.
- **QCCC Charity Information**
 - Wings of Eagles Charity work day was a great success.
 - Wings of Eagles Horse Show is scheduled for May 15. QCCC will participate. Tommy will send another BLAST with updated meeting time.
 - 50/50 Charity Raffle will be conducted by Ron Berst at May Club meeting.
 - Brenda Loftin, Charity Co-Chair, presented proposals to the Board
 - Board approved the 2021 donation of \$10,000 to Wings of Eagles Charity
 - Board approved the proposal for a single charity in 2022.
 - Board reviewed and agreed with the proposal to keep Wings of Eagles as the QCCC Charity in 2022 – for a number of very key reasons which Tommy will discuss when the membership is asked to approve.
 - 2021 Charity Committee members will serve again in 2022.
 - Board urged Charity Chairs to update Charity Timeline Process for 2022

Tabled Discussions for June Board Meeting

- *Awards*

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

- **Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – at 4:30 PM at Victory Lanes - Mooresville**

The May 2021 QCCC Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary