



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: June 12, 2021 Time: 5:00 PM Location: Speedway Club - Concord

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; Travis Meredith, Historian

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

President: Paul Mitchell

- The June QCCC Business Meeting was called to order by President Paul Mitchell and all attendees were welcomed.
- Paul thanked Donna Berst for organizing the Corvette Family Feud game and coordinating the Dinner afterwards. Paul thanked Paul Schmitt for being the 'host' of Corvette Family Feud. Fun time.
- QCCC Board of Directors and Staff members were introduced.
- Minutes from the May Club Meeting were approved.
- Paul announced that Angela Brannick (and Bill) will be moving and unable to continue as Newsletter Editor. With Board approval, Paul appointed Paige Mitchell to Interim Editor until Pam Tucker takes over as Newsletter Editor in September.
- Paul also announced that Mike Mariano has enthusiastically agreed to serve as the new QCCC NCM Ambassador, effective immediately– the position famously and outstandingly held by his father Paul until his passing in April.

Vice President: Richard Gwilt

- Dick announced that paper Newsletters from 1990 forward have been digitized and with the help of Webmaster Roger Winge they have been added to the Website.
- Dick announced the QCCC Club Meeting locations for the remainder of 2021
 - July – Billy Boat Exhaust, Mooresville
 - August – Hendrick Motorsports, Concord
 - September – VFW, Indian Trail
 - October – Davidson Farm, York, SC

- November – Speedway Club, Concord
- December – Victory Event Center, Mooresville

Treasurer: Craig Smith

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

Social Director: Donna Berst

- Donna organized four teams of 5 members each to participate in the fun “Corvette Family Feud” contest prior to the meeting – “Little Red Corvettes”, “Rookies”, “Vintage Members” and “Racing Family”. The “Racing Family” won the contest and were presented with awards.
- Donna requested everyone start planning for the Silent Auction items they plan to donate to the QCCC Corvette Show. Donna gave some ideas and requested donations.
- Ron and Donna Berst brought samples of items offered in the Spring Catalog, which has been posted on the website. Articles ordered at the meeting will be delivered in July.
- Donna thanked Marilyn Becker and Tracey Comfort for checking in those who registered and pre-paid for dinner after the meeting.

Upcoming Events

- **June 19, 2021 – Mountain Cruise/Lunch – Little Switzerland & *TwoMuchSylvia***
 - Leaders: Ron and Donna Berst
 - Caravan to Little Switzerland for Lunch
 - *TooMuchSylva* Evening Concert -- Kannapolis Village Park
- **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
- **Saturday, July 17, 2021 – The Embers – North Wilkesboro**
 - A group from QCCC will Caravan to the event.
- **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 (Absent)

- Dick Gwilt covered Membership for Justin.
- 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 – 88
- Prospective Members Attending – 14
- NEW Members Voted-In – 4
- Guests – 0
- Total Attendance - 102
- Average 12 Month Attendance - 91

- **Membership Stats**

- Total Membership – 344
- Total Families – 188
- Total Prospective Members – 48
- NEW Members Through June - 23

- **Introduced Prospective Members present.**

- *Third Meeting and Voted into the Club:*
 - **Victor & Lori Lessoff – Stanley, NC**
 - **Bob Novak & Jill Whalen – Huntersville, NC**
- *Second Meeting for:*
 - **Don & Roberta Lowe**
 - **John Looney**
 - **Charlie & Jenny Golden**
- *First Meeting for:*
 - **Jack (John) Semelsberger**
 - **Chad & Farrah Wood**
 - **Jim & Teresa Gillum**

Membership Care and Compassion: Paul Schmitt

- Paul shared an update on those members who are on the current list and asked for everyone to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.
 - Barbara Mariano
 - Al and Gerri Kessel

- Michelle Moore
- Pat and Bob Motta
- Note: While others in the club may also be hurting in some way, Paul will only share Blasts and information on those members who have so approved. Please contact Paul directly if you or a love one desires to be on the Care and Compassion List.

Automotive Director/Webmaster: Roger Winge

- The May 29 Shelton Vineyards Car Show was a great success. About 35 QCCC Vettes traveled to the Show.
- Cars and Coffee was held this morning at Waterbean Coffee in Cornelius.
- **June 19, 2021** - Next Cars and Coffee to be held at Charlotte Motor Speedway

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

- All Digitized Newsletters are located under ARCHIVES on the Website.
- Shared some ‘behind the scenes’ info on the QCCC Corvette Show online Registrations.
- QCCC Car Show Banners are still available for \$25 each. Contact Roger.
- 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 this meeting and other QCCC Events

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair: Tommy Loftin

- **2020 QCCC CORVETTE SHOW**
 - **October 2, 2021 QCCC 10th Annual Corvette Show**
 - **QCCC MEMBERS NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE ASAP**
 - FREE if you work the show and bring an item to raffle or auction
 - Tommy, Paul and Roger will meet in person with Hendrick Team on July 1.
 - 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.
- Members asked to take Car Show Flyers to distribute.
- Tommy talked about the **Troutman Independence Parade on July 3, 2021**, with Lunch after at the Village Tap House in Mooresville (Hwy 150 and Perth Road). BLAST will be sent – arrive at Kat’s Patch in Troutman before 10 am as streets will close to traffic.
- **Charity Update – Tommy/Brenda Loftin Charity Chairs**
 - **QCCC 2021 Charity - Wings of Eagles**
 - QCCC 2022 Charity Committee has been formed and will make a proposal to the Board and Membership for the 2022 Charity.
 - **50/50 Raffle for Charity** was conducted at the meeting by Tommy Loftin.
 - **Winner: Cindy Newsom**

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- **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 to membership.
- **Succession Plan - Board of Director Positions** - Members were asked to consider serving on the Board at some point in the future -- for 2022 and/or beyond.
- **June Birthdays** were announced at the meeting and celebrated in the Newsletter.
 - Birthday Darden Restaurant Gift Card won by **Jerry Fitzgerald.**

Old Business

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

New Business

- N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 8, 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.

Note: Roger Winge had to leave early.

MEETING DISCUSSION:

President, Paul Mitchell

- Paul welcomed attendees to the meeting and called the meeting to order.
- Paul reminded the Board that Angela Brannick has resigned as Newsletter Editor due to a pending move to South Carolina.
- Board approved proposal for Paige Mitchell to serve as Interim Newsletter editor, and then Pam Tucker to begin serving as Newsletter Editor effective September 2021.
- Board discussed and agreed that all monthly Newsletter articles from the Board should be submitted to the Editor by the 25th of the month.
- Paul talked with Mike Mariano regarding the open QCCC NCM Ambassador position formerly held by his father, Paul Mariano. Mike enthusiastically agreed to assume that position immediately.
- Board discussed and agreed to all the updates made to the QCCC Awards Programs. Pending awards will be discussed in the July Board Meeting.

Vice-President, Dick Gwilt

- Dick presented a club business meeting location update for second half of 2021.
 - July – Billy Boat Exhaust, Mooresville
 - August – Hendrick Motorsports, Concord
 - September – VFW, Indian Trail
 - October – Davidson Farm, York, SC
 - November – Speedway Club, Concord
 - December – Victory Event Center, Mooresville
- Board discussed upcoming Board Meeting Locations.
 - Action: Once decided, Dick and Paul will communicate locations to the Board.
- Board agreed it would be helpful to have additional bio information on prospective members for use in recruiting for club positions.

- Board discussed and agreed that a number of club Board and Staff positions should have backup individuals in case of emergencies.
 - **Action: Board will discuss again at July meeting.**
- **Upcoming Membership Business Meetings:**
 - **June 12, 2021 – Speedway Club, Concord**
 - **July 10, 2021 – Billy Boat Exhaust Facility, Mooresville**
 - **August 14, 2021 – Hendrick Motorsports, Concord**

Treasurer, Craig Smith

- Reviewed the 2021 budget actuals with the Board.
- Craig will distribute the 2021 budget info to the membership prior to the upcoming club meeting for membership review.

Social Director, Donna Berst

- **QCCC Corvette Show Silent Auction**
 - Donna will hand out Auction Flyers with donation ideas at Club meeting.
- **QCCC Apparel Spring Catalog**
 - Donna will have sample items to display at the meeting along with Men's Hawaiian shirts for purchase for the upcoming Luau.
 - Catalog and order form has been posted to website.
 - Items ordered at the meeting will be delivered in July.
 - Blast will be sent regarding large logo requests on back of jackets.
- **Corvette Family Feud**
 - Will spend first 15 Minutes at start of meeting. Prizes for winners.
 - Paul Schmitt will host using the microphone.
 - Four 'family' teams will participate with 5 members each team.
- **Dinner after meeting**
 - Marilyn Becker & Tracey Comfort will distribute meal tickets
 - Total of 66 dinners reserved.

Upcoming Social Events

- **June 19, 2021 – Mountain Cruise/Lunch to Little Switzerland**
 - Menu dependent on number of cars.
- **June 19, 2021 - 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 17, 2021 – The Embers – North Wilkesboro**
 - Coordinator – Paul Mitchell
- **July 24, 2021 – Sunset Corvette Cruise**
 - Lake Norman State Park, Carolina Cones
 - Leaders: Ron and Donna Berst
 - Rescheduled from April 17

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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 – 341**
 - **Total Families – 187**
 - **Total Prospective Members – 44**
 - **Prospective Members with 2 Meetings – 6**
 - **New Members YTD - 19**

Automotive Director & Webmaster, Roger Winge

- Shelton Vineyard Car Show a great success – Approx. 35 QCCC Vettes attended.
- Ordered 2021 Car Show Banners for those who requested.
- Cars & Coffee events are listed on the QCCC Website Calendar
- Additional Automotive Events will be scheduled when announced by the Promoters.
- **Webmaster/BLAST Updates:**
 - Board discussed purchase of electronic equipment to be used for in-person event signup and payments.
 - **Action: Discussion will continue in July Board meeting.**
 - Roger adding Newsletter Archive updates to Website
 - DO NOT REPLY to Blasts!!!!!!- FORWARD only to those listed in BLAST.

Secretary, Carolyn Zimmer

- Still need the video of tributes made at the May Club meeting.
- 2021 Member of the Year Process Blast will be sent to Membership this Month and announced at June meeting.
- QCCC Bylaws Proposed Changes – Announced at June meeting and DRAFT document will be distributed to the membership for discussion in the July meeting.

- Discussed Succession Planning and possible need for Parliamentarian separate from Secretary. Carolyn provided more detailed information on Parliamentarian position and more discussion will take place at the July meeting.

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.

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair, Tommy Loftin

- **QCCC Car Show**
 - Registrations increasing for the Show.
 - Focus on Member Registration, Door Prizes and Silent Auction Items
 - Additional volunteers are needed for parking, registration and other teams.
 - Continued discussion on maximum numbers for touring Heritage Center
 - Hotel rooms have been blocked for visitors and members as applicable.
- **QCCC Charity Information**
 - 50/50 Charity Raffle will be conducted by Tommy Loftin at the June Club meeting.
 - 2022 Charity Committee members in place.

Tabled Discussions for July Board Meeting

- *Awards*
- *Succession Planning*
- *Parliamentarian*
- *Electronic equipment request*
- *Critical position backup plan*

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

- **Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – at 4:30 PM at TBD**

The June 2021 QCCC Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary