



## **Queen City Corvette Club**

### **Club Business Meeting Minutes**

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**Date: July 10, 2021 Time: 5:00 PM Location: Billy Boat Exhaust - 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; Tommy Loftin, Corvette Show Director and 2020 Charity Co-Chairman.

**Support Staff Members Present:** Mike Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Travis Meredith, Historian

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

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#### **President: Paul Mitchell**

- The July QCCC Business Meeting was called to order by President Paul Mitchell and all attendees were welcomed.
- Paul thanked Member Billy Boat for use of his great facility for the meeting and for the bottled water he provided.
- Paul thanked Donna Berst and her team for preparing the munchies in the cups!!
- QCCC Board of Directors and Staff members were introduced, including our new NCM Ambassador, Mike Mariano.
- Minutes from the June Club Meeting were approved.

#### **Vice President: Richard Gwilt**

- Dick announced upcoming QCCC Club Meeting locations. Blasts will also be sent but please Check the QCC Website for latest dates and times.
  - **August 14, 2021** – Hendrick Motorsports, Concord – Anniversary Meeting
    - Paul wants to Park Cars by Generation – Need volunteers to help
    - Mike Mariano agreed to take drone shots again this year
  - **\*\*September 25, 2021** – Loftin’s Garage, Troutman
    - Change due to Auto Fair on September 11 & Helen, GA Trip the 18<sup>th</sup>
  - **October 9, 2021** – Davidson Farm, York, SC
  - **November 13, 2021** – Speedway Club, Concord
  - **December 4, 2021** – Victory Lanes 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 thanked Tommy Loftin for organizing a great showing of 36 Corvettes for the July 3, 2021 Troutman Independence Day Parade, and the lunch following. Super weather and a great parade!!
- Donna thanked those who brought Silent Auction items to this meeting, and reminded others to bring their auction items to the August meeting, OR call Donna to make arrangements to get them to her.
- Donna and Ron Berst also requested ideas and volunteers for additional Day Trips.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Saturday, July 17, 2021 – The Embers – North Wilkesboro**
  - A group from QCCC will Caravan to the event.
- **Saturday, July 24, 2021 – Sunset Corvette Cruise – Lake Norman State Park**
  - Leaders: Ron and Donna Berst
  - Ice Cream after cruise at Carolina Cones in Cornelius
- **Saturday, August 14, 2021 – Ice Cream Social at Anniversary Meeting**
  - Coordinator: Donna Berst
  - Donna will bring paper products, baked goods, water, etc.
  - Roger & DeeDee Winge will bring Ice Cream!!
- **Saturday, August 21, 2021 – QCCC Annual Banquet**
  - Speedway Club – Charlotte Motor Speedway
  - Theme: “Elegant Luau”
  - Listening and Dancing Band – *Two Much Sylvia*
  - Social and Self-Pay Bar Opens at 4 pm
  - More details to follow regarding RSVP and dinner pre-payment.
- **August 27-29, 2021 – Maggie Valley Overnigher**
  - Leaders: Tom and Terri Pennoni
  - Tom shared the latest numbers and status for the event.
  - Tom & Bill Cruthis presented Ron Berst with a “Ron About” Corvette Fever award earned during the last Maggie Valley trip!!!
  - BLASTs have been sent.
- **September 17 – 19, 2021 – Helen, GA – Oktoberfest Overnight**
  - Leader: Steve Bonino
  - Steve shared some trip itinerary information – questions to Steve.
  - Blast with reservation information has been sent
- **October 22 – 24, 2021 – Overnight Trip to North Myrtle Beach**
  - Leader: Dick Gwilt
  - Ocean Drive Beach & Golf Resort
  - BLAST has been sent

## Membership Director: Justin Cross

- Justin shared Care & Compassion information for Paul Schmitt who could not attend.
- 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](mailto:ppelkey@carolina.rr.com).
  
- **Membership Meeting Results**
  - QCCC Members Attending – 88
  - Prospective Members Attending – 18
  - NEW Members Voted-In – 4
  - Guests – 0
  - Total Attendance - 106
  - Average 12 Month Attendance - 92
  
- **Membership Stats**
  - Total Membership – 349
  - Total Families – 191
  - Total Prospective Members – 48
  - NEW Members Through July - 25
  
- **Introduced Prospective Members present.**
  - *Third Meeting and Voted into the Club:*
    - **Don & Roberta Lowe – Troutman**
    - **John & Lynda Looney – Lancaster**
  - *Second Meeting for:*
    - **Jim & Teresa Gillum**
    - **Jack Semelsberger**
    - **Chad & Farrah Wood**
  - *First Meeting for:*
    - **Bob & Sue Billings**
    - **Tim & Terri Fridley**
    - **John Montera**

## Automotive Director/Webmaster: Roger Winge

- **September 11, 2021 – Charlotte Auto Fair** WILL be held at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Sign- up sheet was available at the meeting and Roger will send a BLAST
- Roger announced that the Board approved the purchase of a tablet for use as a point of sale and online registration tool for the Club.
- Cars & Coffee held today in Cornelius at Waterbean Coffee. A few QCCC cars there.
- Roger encouraged more attendance at Cars & Coffee events around the region. Check the Website for details.
- Encouraged registration for the **October 2, QCCC Corvette Show**. Roger has show banners (48 x 18) for sale for \$25 each. Contact Roger to order.

**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](mailto: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**

- **2020 QCCC CORVETTE SHOW -October 2, 2021 QCCC 10<sup>th</sup> Annual**
  - **MEMBERS (and Prospective) NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE ASAP**
    - FREE if you work the show and bring an item to raffle or auction
  - Need at least 125 QCCC Corvettes to Register/Participate in the Show.
  - Planning for at least 500 Corvettes 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 Heritage Center.
  - Our Sponsor City Chevrolet will again donate \$4K to the club for the show and will purchase our club volunteer T-Shirts for the event.
  - Challenge coin will be given to all QCCC members who Register for Car Show.
  - Team Leaders have been identified and detailed planning is underway.
  - Car Show Ads have been sent to major automotive magazines.
  - Car Show Announcements 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.
- **Charity Update – Tommy/Brenda Loftin Charity Chairs**
    - **QCCC 2021 Charity - Wings of Eagles**
      - Board has approved the donation amount for 2021.
    - QCCC **2022** Charity Committee has been formed and has made a proposal to the Board for year 2022 to approve Wings of Eagles again as our Club Charity.
    - Tommy requested members send him any other charities they believe should be considered.
    - Membership will vote later this year for the 2022 Charity.
    - **50/50 Raffle for Charity was conducted at the meeting by Tommy Loftin.**
      - **Winner: Steve Bonino**

**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

## **National Corvette Museum Ambassador (NCM) – Mike Mariano**

- At Paul Mitchell’s urging, the members welcomed Mike to his new position with the same traditional (friendly) “booooooing” given to his Dad (beloved member and NCM Ambassador Paul Mariano) in the past. Mike said he was honored to assume the position and thanked the members for their enthusiastic ‘welcome.’
- Mike also thanked the membership for all the cards, emails, love and support that he and his Mother Barbara and the family received after his Dad’s passing earlier this year.
- Mike shared details for QCCC participation in the upcoming NCM Anniversary weekend, scheduled for September 1-4.
  - Group Plans are for QCCC to Caravan over on Wednesday, September 1 and return on Saturday, September 4 – unless you want to make other plans.
  - Mike has reserved 25 rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bowling Green, KY for \$129/night including breakfast. He will send information on how to reserve those rooms. **Register prior to August 18**, when the reserved rooms will be released.
- Lifetime NCM Membership for those 65+ is now only \$500 (formerly \$1500) – a Deal. Talk to Mike for additional details.

## **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 in August and discussed at the September meeting. Changes will be voted on for approval by the membership in November.
- **Member of the Year Award** – Process and Criteria BLAST was sent to membership. Nominations will be accepted after September 1, 2021 and we will vote in November.
- **Succession Plan - Board of Director Positions** - Members were again asked to consider serving on the Board at some point in the future -- for 2022 and/or beyond.
- **July Birthdays** were announced at the meeting and celebrated in the Newsletter.
  - Birthday Darden Restaurant Gift Card won by **Tom Rockhold**.

## **Old Business**

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

## **New Business**

- N/A

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary*



## **Queen City Corvette Club**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

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**Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 Time: 4:30 PM Location: Speedway Club-Concord**

**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.

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#### **MEETING DISCUSSION:**

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##### **President, Paul Mitchell**

- Paul welcomed attendees to the meeting and called the meeting to order.
- Discussed the status of the Board Succession Plan.
  - **Action: Carolyn** will coordinate a Board Job Description information session and discussion for members, potentially prior to a Club Meeting.
  - **Action: Carl** will take pictures of Staff members for potential to post on website.
- Paul distributed the new Screen Cleaners that will be given to members at the meeting.
- Discussed the August Anniversary Meeting and topics to be covered there.
- Discussed the August Banquet and Introductions (only) that will be made there.

##### **Vice-President, Dick Gwilt**

- Board agreed it would be helpful to have additional bio information on prospective members for use in recruiting for club positions.
  - **Action: Justin** will update the application form to include more information
  - **Action: Carolyn** will develop a form and process for current member info.
- Board discussed and agreed that all club Board and Staff positions should have backup individuals in case of emergencies.
  - **Action: Each Board member** will recommend backups for their position by the August meeting.
- **Upcoming Membership Business Meetings:**
  - **July 10, 2021 – Billy Boat Exhaust Facility, Mooresville**
  - **August 14, 2021 – Hendrick Motorsports, Concord**
  - **September 25, 2021 – New Date due to Auto Fair – Loftins TBD**

##### **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**

- Donna will collect Car Show Silent Auction items at July club meeting.
- Ron Berst will distribute apparel ordered last month.
- Potential Large QCCC Logo for back of jackets received very little interest, and will not be pursued.
- Donna will distribute Red QCCC Cups with trail mix, water at the club meeting.
- Tom Pennoni and Steve Bonino will spend a couple minutes each at the July club meeting discussing their respective trips.

### ***Upcoming Social Events***

- **July 17, 2021 – The Embers – North Wilkesboro**
  - Coordinator – Paul Mitchell
  - Paul will send a BLAST this week with Caravan information and times.
- **July 24, 2021 – Sunset Corvette Cruise**
  - Lake Norman State Park
  - Leaders: Ron and Donna Berst
  - Rescheduled from April 17
  - BLAST will be sent this week.
- **August 14, 2021 – Ice Cream Social at Anniversary Meeting - Hendrick**
  - Coordinator: Donna Berst
  - Donna will bring brownies, cookies, paper products, water, etc.
  - Roger and Dee Dee Winge will bring ice cream.
- **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
  - Approved Pricing: \$40/member, \$55/prospective member (1+ meeting)
  - More details to follow regarding RSVP and dinner pre-payment.
- **August 27-29, 2021 – Maggie Valley Overnighter**
  - 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 – North Myrtle Beach Trip**
  - Coordinator: Dick Gwilt
  - BLAST has been sent

### **Membership Director, Justin Cross**

- **Action:** Justin will send email with list of new member applicants who declared interest in serving on the Board.
- **Membership Information**
  - **Total Members – 344**
  - **Total Families – 188**
  - **Total Prospective Members – 50**
    - **Prospective Members with 2 Meetings – 6**
  - **New Members YTD - 23**

### **Automotive Director & Webmaster, Roger Winge**

- Board approved the request for an electronic tablet, paid from the Gift Fund, to be used for point-of-sale electronic payments.
- Car Show Registrations (public) continue to be received and mailings to them are current.
- **September 11, 2021 - Charlotte Motor Speedway Auto Fair** will be held.
  - **Action: Roger** will communicate more details.
- Briefly discussed car show plaques and volunteer T-shirts.
- Cars & Coffee events are listed on the QCCC Website Calendar
- **Webmaster/BLAST Updates:**
  - Newsletter Archive has been updated.
  - 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.
  - **Action: Carolyn** will coordinate with Carl.
- Proposed Bylaws Changes, approved by the Board, will be discussed at the September Club Meeting
  - **Action: Carolyn** will send the DRAFT document to the members in August.
- 2021 Member of the Year Process Blast sent this week.
- Discussed Policy management, Parliamentary support, etc. separate from the Board secretary position.
  - **Action: Carolyn** will continue to research and present recommendation at August Board 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 were 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**
  - Met with the Hendrick team and discussed lessons learned from prior Shows.
  - Registrations increasing for the Show.
  - **STILL NEED QCCC MEMBERS TO REGISTER THEIR CORVETTES!!!!**
  - Focus on Member Registration, Door Prizes and Silent Auction Items
  - Preparing for a total of 500 Corvettes at the Show.
  - Additional volunteers are needed – Contact Tommy
  
- **QCCC Charity Information**
  - 50/50 Charity Raffle will be conducted by Tommy Loftin at the July Club meeting.

### **Tabled Discussions for August Board Meeting**

- *Awards*
- *Succession Planning*
- *Policy Coordinator - Parliamentarian*
- *Critical position backup plan*

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

- **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 – at 4:30 PM at Speedway Club**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary*