



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: August 14, 2021 Time: 3:00 PM Location: Victory Events Center-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 2021 Charity Co-Chairman.

Support Staff Members Present: Mike Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Travis Meredith, Historian; Paige Mitchell, Interim Newsletter Editor; Paul Schmitt, Care and Compassion.

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

President: Paul Mitchell

- The August QCCC Business Meeting was called to order by President Paul Mitchell and all attendees were welcomed to the QCCC 53rd Anniversary Meeting.
- Paul thanked Donna Berst for coordinating the ice cream and brownies.
- Paul thanked Victory Event Center for hosting the club on short notice. It had been necessary to change the venue due to the possibility of NASCAR COVID guidelines preventing a meeting at the Hendrick Motorsports facility.
- Paul asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of member Al Kessel who recently passed away from illness.
- Paul introduced the Board of Directors and Staff members.
- Paul introduced former Presidents Travis Meredith and Bill Cruthis, two of the early founding members of QCCC. He then asked members to stand by the decade in which they joined to recognize the growth of the club.
- Minutes from the July 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.
 - **September 25, 2021** – Loftin’s Garage, Troutman
 - Date Change due to Auto Fair on September 11 & Helen, GA Trip the 18th
 - **October 9, 2021** – Davidsons 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 those who brought Silent Auction items to this meeting, and reminded others to bring their auction items to the September 25th meeting at Loftins', OR call Donna to make arrangements to get them to her.
- Donna discussed monthly luncheons and weekly and monthly dinners that were held regularly before the pandemic. It is hoped that a Monday night dinner can be held on September 27. Watch for the BLAST and RSVP.

Upcoming Events

- **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
- **August 27-29, 2021 – Maggie Valley Overnighter**
 - Leaders: Tom and Terri Pennoni
- **September 17 – 19, 2021 – Helen, GA – Oktoberfest Overnight**
 - Leader: Steve Bonino
- **October 9, 2021 – BBQ with Meeting at Davidsons’ Farm**
 - BBQ dinner will be catered this year and may be ordered/paid in advance.
 - BLAST will be 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 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 – 79
 - Prospective Members Attending – 12
 - NEW Members Voted-In – 4
 - Guests – 0
 - Total Attendance - 91
 - Average 12 Month Attendance - 89

- **Membership Stats**
 - Total Membership – 367
 - Total Families – 203
 - Total Prospective Members – 48
 - NEW Members Through August - 31
- **Introduced Prospective Members present.**
 - *Third Meeting and Voted into the Club:*
 - **Jack Semelsberger – Fort Mill**
 - **Jim & Teresa Gillum – Davidson**
 - **Charlie Golden**
 - *Second Meeting for:*
 - **Bob & Sue Billings**
 - **Don & Michelle Wiswall**
 - **Tim Fridley**
 - **Andy & Connie Anderson**
 - **John Montera**
 - *First Meeting for:*
 - **Melissa Donoghue**

Member Care and Compassion – Paul Schmitt

- Paul also discussed Al Kessel’s passing and funeral and asked us all to join in prayer for his wife Gerri.
- While speaking, Paul Schmitt was informed of the death a few minutes earlier of member Mark Fisher, due to Covid 19. Thoughts and prayers were requested for his wife Misty.
- Paul welcomed member Barbara Mariano to the meeting. Barbara recently broke her arm while visiting family in Myrtle Beach.

Automotive Director/Webmaster: Roger Winge

- **September 11, 2021 – Charlotte Auto Fair** will be held at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Reminded folks that Craig Smith will providing his famous BBQ.
- **October 10 – VIR** – Roger is not able to attend this year, but hopes someone will volunteer to lead the group who might be attending from QCCC.
- 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.**

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!!!!**

- Reply to BLAST using email address listed under Contact information.
- Issues with BLASTS or Website, contact Roger
- If you have an urgent BLAST, TEXT Roger to check his email after sending the BLAST information.

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair: Tommy Loftin

- **2020 QCCC CORVETTE SHOW -October 2, 2021 QCCC 10th Annual**
 - **MEMBERS (and Prospective) NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE ASAP**
 - FREE if you work the show and bring an item to raffle or auction
 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Parking and Judging
 - Judging Volunteer Training at September 25 Meeting
 - Volunteer T-Shirts will be distributed at the September meeting
 - Will pack Goodie Bags after the meeting
 - 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**
 - 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 Kaufmann**

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 meetings and other QCCC Events

National Corvette Museum Ambassador (NCM) – Mike Mariano

- Mike shared details for QCCC participation in the upcoming NCM Anniversary weekend, scheduled for September 1-4.
- Anyone wishing to sit at a QCCC reserved table should contact Mike ASAP.
- Stingray Café at the Museum is now open.
- Mike reminded attendees of the NCM Next Gen Legacy membership program and also that the NCM accepts car donations.
- Paul Mitchell discussed the Fire Pits to be donated to the Museum from QCCC that weekend, one in the name of Paul Mariano, and thanked Dick Gwilt for his generosity.

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- **August Birthdays** were announced at the meeting and celebrated in the Newsletter.
 - Birthday Darden Restaurant Gift Card won by **Gary Cunningham**.

Old Business

- Dick Gwilt distributed Door Prizes at the meeting to lucky raffle winners.
- Bill Cruthis announced the Vintage Member Awards for 2021 for those with 15 years with the club. Both 2020 and 2021 members were recognized.

New Business

- N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 10, 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.

MEETING DISCUSSION:

President, Paul Mitchell

- Paul welcomed attendees to the meeting and called the meeting to order.
- Discussed the status of the Board Succession Plans.
 - **Action: Carolyn** will coordinate a Board Job Description information session and discussion for members, potentially prior to a Club Meeting as appropriate.
 - **Action: Carl** will take pictures of Staff members for potential to post on website.
- Discussed the August Banquet and Guests planning to attend.
 - **Action: Carolyn** will compose a QCCC Ground rules Blast for the Banquet for Paul to review.

Vice-President, Dick Gwilt

- Dick provided an update on upcoming club meeting locations and times.
 - **September 25, 2021** – (DATE CHANGE) Loftins' Garage
 - **October 9, 2021** – Davidsons' Farm
 - **November 13, 2021** – Speedway Club, Concord
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- NCM Grilles are being installed – one in memory of Paul Mariano.
 - **Action: Dick** will review the wording on the plaque with Mariano family.

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

- July 17-- THE EMBERS event was cancelled due to weather.
- July 24—Sunset Caravan – 26 Corvettes participated.
- Donna will collect Car Show Silent Auction items at August club meeting.

Upcoming Social Events

- **August 14, 2021 – Ice Cream Social at Anniversary Meeting – Victory Event Center**
 - Coordinator: Donna Berst
 - Club will provide ice cream purchased from Victory Event Center.
 - Donna will bring brownies.
- **August 21, 2021 – QCCC Annual Banquet**
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 - 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 9, 2021 – BBQ with Meeting at Davidsons’ Farm**
 - Jackson’s Kitchen will cater boxed BBQ- delivered at 5 pm
 - Cost - \$15 per person – BBQ, bun, slaw, mac n’ cheese, maple glazed carrots, sweetened and un-sweetened tea.
 - RSVP and Pre-Payment for BBQ required.
- **October 21 or 22 – 24, 2021 – North Myrtle Beach Trip**
 - Coordinator: Dick Gwilt
 - BLAST has been sent

Membership Director, Justin Cross

- Discussed new member and member forms – profile information to assist with recruiting new Board members.
- Working with Paul Pelkey on Directory reconciliation.
- **Membership Information**
 - **Total Members – 349**
 - **Total Families – 191**
 - **Total Prospective Members – 50**
 - **Prospective Members with 2 Meetings – 4**
 - **New Members YTD - 27**

Automotive Director & Webmaster, Roger Winge

- Purchased two Samsung Tab S7 FE tablets with cover and keyboards for electronic payments at events.
- Member and prospective member emails are out of sync. Working with Justin to resolve.
- Car Show Registrations (public) continue to be received and mailings to them are current.
- Car Show Dash Plaques ordered.
- **September 11, 2021 - Charlotte Motor Speedway Auto Fair** – discussed status and payment.
- 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

- Succession Planning and Recruiting Processes discussed. Will continue to discuss the process and timeline in September Board meeting.
- Discussed roles and responsibilities for the overall governance, policy and process support position. Will discuss further in September 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.
 - Proposed some changes to the process.
- 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.
 - **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 August Club meeting.

Tabled Discussions for August Board Meeting

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

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

- **Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – at 4:30 PM at Speedway Club**

The August 2021 QCCC Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary