



Queen City Corvette Club

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2022

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Victory Lanes, Mooresville

Board Members Present: Dick Gwilt, President; Ron Berst, Vice President; Mo Graham, Treasurer; Kathie Finocchi, Secretary; Roger Winge, Automotive Director and Webmaster/Blasts; Donna Berst, Social Director; Justin Cross, Membership Director; Tommy Loftin, Corvette Car Show Director and 2022 Charity Co-Chair

Absent: Carl Bartlett, Member-at-Large Director

Support Staff Members Present: Pam Tucker, Newsletter Editor; Travis Meredith, Historian

Meeting Discussion: Additional event details on QCCC Website

President's Report:

- The March QCCC Business Meeting was called to order by President, Dick Gwilt and all attendees were welcomed to the first in-person meeting of 2022.
- Dick thanked Victory Lanes for hosting the Club Meeting.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by the membership.
- Dick introduced the Board of Directors and Support Staff members consisting of Pam Tucker, Paul Schmitt, Paul Pelkey, Mike Mariano, Travis Meredith, Brenda Loftin, and Jamie Hinson.
- There were no 2022 meeting minutes to approve.
- Dick thanked Donna Berst for her outstanding work on the 2021 Awards Banquet; along with Paul Mitchell. We had a great turn out and was amazed at how many people dressed up and wore masks. At the banquet, we honored our Top 20 VP awards. Missing were Tom and Terri Pennoni, Paul Schmitt and Steve Bonino. A complete list will be in the April Newsletter.
- Dick announced that Bill Cruthis and Travis Meredith planned to do a photo show and short presentation at meeting end.
- Dick announced the Mark Fisher Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 7, 2022. There is a link in the calendar with Information. A BLAST is forthcoming.
- Regarding gas prices, 2 choices – either order a new Corvette and drive in 4-cylinder mode or find a 10HP Model T. 😊
- Dick brought in various car magazines to share with membership.
- Remember Daylight Savings time changes Sunday morning at 2:00am. Make sure and turn your clocks ahead one hour.
- Information on the new membership online application will be sent out. The Board is asking all to please complete.
- Mike Mariano is unavailable to be the event leader for the NCM BASH, so Dick and Jane will lead. If you plan to attend, please let Dick know because he has 4 tables reserved for the banquet.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mo thanked everyone for attending "rookie night" for him.
- Any questions regarding the 2022 February Budget that was distributed earlier in the week? No questions.
- There are a few changes in the 2022 Budget due to inflation. Any questions regarding the 2022 Budget? No questions. Made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget as presented. Motion accepted and membership approved.
- Dues will stay the same in 2022 😊

Secretary's Report:

- March birthdays were celebrated at the meeting. A Panera gift card was presented to Bonnie Wheeler.
- Kathie reminded membership to be thinking about the Member of the Year Award. Information regarding this award will be forwarded by month's end.

Membership Director's Report:

- **Membership Meeting Results:**
QCCC Members Attending - 78
Prospective Members Attending - 18
NEW Members Voted In - 4
Guests - 0
Total Attendance – 96
Avg. YTD Monthly Attendance - 96
- **Membership Stats –**
Total Membership - 320
Total Families - 176
Total Prospective Members - 66
New Members YTD - 4
- **Introduced Prospective Members present:**
- **New Club Members Voted In:**
Keith and Pamela Overcash - Kannapolis, 2020 Torch Red Coupe
Gene Gage and Shirley Pearson - Huntersville, 2008 Red Coupe
- **Second Meeting Attended:**
Jim and Marion Graham - Mooresville, 2021 Rapid Blue C8
Gregory and Jessica Miller - Midland, 2006 Silver Convertible
Mike Wells - York, 1965 Blue C2 Convertible
Matt Lovallo - Cornelius, 2017 Watkins Glen Gray Coupe
- **First Meeting Attended:**
Jeff and Jane Fawcett - Gastonia, 1966 Nassau Blue Coupe
John Nash - Summerfield, 2017 Red Convertible Grand Sport
Bill Robbins - Waxhaw, 2015 Black Z51 Coupe
Al and Kay Herold - Indian Land, 2022 Red Mist C8 Convertible
Sandra Csanyi and Chris Farrell - Salisbury, 2003 Red Convertible
- Members voted in were asked to see Justin after the meeting for pictures and directory information. Also existing members, if you notice that your picture is not in the directory, please see Justin after the meeting.

Social Director's Report:

- Donna thanked all members who volunteered their help with set-up and clean-up at the Awards Banquet. A big thank you to Paige Mitchell and her Dad for making all the medallions.
- Many upcoming events so please check out the calendar on the QCCC website and read your Newsletter.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Saturday, March 26 – Ride trip to McLeod Farms in McBee SC
Driver meeting: 9:15am, leave at 9:30am
Location: Speedway Service Station, 13354 Albemarle Rd, CLT (corner of Hwy 24/27 & Hwy 51)
 - Monday, March 28 – Up Yonder Dinner @ Shoal's Grill (Kati and Rob Humphrey to organize)

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair's Report:

- Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 1, 2022** for the next **QCCC Corvette Show**.
- 700 Corvettes expected at the QCCC Corvette Car Show this year at Hendrick Motorsports.
- Bloomington Gold has confirmed their attendance and participation.
- Flyers are done and coin approved.
- Plan to print 5,000 business cards to advertise the show.
- Hendrick will provide "Best of Show" trophy and a plaque will be done to hang in the Heritage Center.
- Paul and Paige Mitchell have secured 6 food trucks for the show.
- We will be in charge of selling tickets on Friday at the Heritage Center and setting up tours. Hopefully, the Motorsports Tour will be open.
- Expecting 5,000 visitors this year.
- Dale Ledbetter offered a venue change to zMAC Dragway. We declined.
- We had 120 QCCC Corvettes in 2021.
- Sold \$4,000 of 50/50 tickets in 2021.
Next meeting with Hendrick will be March 28.
- Team Leaders needed for the management of the trolley car, Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle. Justin Cross has agreed to be Team Leader for parking.
- You can register on-line for the QCCC Corvette Car Show; it's free.

Charity Update - Co-Director's Report:

- Tommy spoke to Chris (Christine Cronin, Director) at Wings of Eagles Ranch, our QCCC 2022 Charity. The first work day is Saturday, April 23 (rain date April 30) to clear trails and brush from property.
- QCCC donated \$10,000 for splash pad materials for handicapped kids. Labor was donated at no charge.

Automotive Director and Webmaster/BLASTS Director Report:

- Automotive Events appear to be back on track again after 2 years.
- On-line signups for every event from now on. There will be a link in every BLAST for the event.
- 34 cars signed up for AutoFair, 1 space open. Roger announced if you would like a QCCC Car Show Placard for AutoFair; go to Club Info, Club Forms, QCCC Car Show Placard, cost \$5.
- Roger emphasized reading every detail in the BLASTS because they are full of information.
- Make sure your details are correct in the Directory for mailings.
- National Corvette Museum BASH, cool event. If you have never participated, you should consider. Dick and Jane will be the event leaders.
- Saturday, May 28 – Shelton Vineyards Corvette Show, BLAST will be sent.
- In June, Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet Car Show. BLAST forthcoming.

- Roger asked who went to Cars & Coffee this morning? When the weather warms up, he would like to see more participation.
- Roger will be sending a BLAST regarding the new membership information online update, which will now have a bio section. Asked for all members to please complete the update.
- Roger is having major problems with Windstream.net emails on the web-site. Suggested members send him a different email address if one available until the problem can be resolved.

Member-At-Large Director's Report:

- Carl not present, so Dick explained how we plan to bring one advertiser in for a Club Business Meeting on occasion.

Vice President's Report:

- Ron introduced Chris Farrell as one of our advertisers. Chris has 12 years tech service experience at City Chevrolet. Currently, he has his own shop, Aces Complete Auto Care in Indian Land. Years of experience working on Corvettes but he can also work on any type of car. Right now, he has a Michelin Tire sale ongoing.
- Five door prizes were awarded - Ron conducted a trivial contest; 2 categories – 1 for C1-C4 Corvettes and 1 for C5-C8 Corvettes. Three additional raffle tickets were chosen.

Jane Burt and Larry Finocchi conducted the 50/50 raffle. Total monies collected was \$410. The lucky winner of \$205 was Kim Knight!

Dick introduced Bill Cruthis and Travis Meredith and they entertained us with pictures and stories of their lives in the 70s and 80s when QCCC had a club house on Independence Blvd. Make sure to read the QCCC History and Vintage QCCC articles in the newsletter each month

The next QCCC Club Business Meeting will be on Saturday, April 16, 2021 at the home of Brenda and Tommy Loftin in Troutman.

The Club Business Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Finocchi, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Speedway Club, Concord

Board Members Present: Richard (Dick) Gwilt, President; Ron Berst, Vice-President; Kathie Finocchi, Secretary; Morris (Mo) Graham, Treasurer; Roger Winge, Automotive Director and Webmaster; Justin Cross, Membership Director; Tommy Loftin, Corvette Show Director and Charity Co-Chair, Kathie Finocchi, Secretary; Carl Bartlett, Member-at-Large and Photography Coordinator

Absent: Donna Berst, Social Director

Guests: Paul Mitchell, past President; Carolyn Zimmer, Documents Administrator (via phone)

Meeting Discussion:

President: Richard (Dick) Gwilt

- Dick welcomed attendees to the meeting and called the meeting to order
- Future Board/Staff positions – Dick Gwilt, Ron Berst and Paul Mitchell will work together on succession plan as a committee
- Dick gave each Board Member the list of membership names for their review prior to the March 12 meeting. The Board will act as the selection committee regarding candidates for the Service and Lifetime Achievement Awards prior to the selections being made by membership vote
- Dick to make membership aware of the Mark Fisher Memorial Car Show on May 7 in Salisbury
- Dick gave each Board Member a hard copy of the QCCC Bylaws and Board Policy Manual for their reference
- Discussed 2023 banquet date, to be confirmed – Saturday, March 11, 2023

Documents Administrator: Carolyn Zimmer

- Carolyn began by reviewing the following documents with the Board:
 - QCCC Bylaws
 - QCCC Board Policy Manual
 - NC State Statutes for Non-Profits
 - NC Guidelines for Non-Profits
 - QCCC Insurance Liability and D&O Insurance Documents
- All Board Members should read and understand the above documents concerning the operation of a non-profit entity. The Bylaws and Policy Manual should be reviewed at least once a year (preferably the beginning of the year) by current Board Members. Incoming members should review prior to taking office in January. Both documents should be kept current as processes evolve.

Vice President: Ron Berst

Ron provided an update on upcoming club meeting locations and times.

- March 12 – Victory Lanes, Mooresville
 - April 16 – Home of Tommy and Brenda Loftin, Troutman
 - May 14 – Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte
 - June 11 – Speedway Club, Concord
 - July 9 – to be confirmed
 - August 13 – Hendrick Motorsports, Concord
 - September 24 – Home of Tommy and Brenda Loftin, Troutman
 - October 8 – Davidson Farm, Clover
 - November 12 – Speedway Club, Concord
 - December 3 – VFW, Indian Trail
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- Chris Farrell, Aces Complete Auto Care will be our featured advertiser at the March Club Meeting
 - Bill Cruthis will show old QCCC Club photos and speak to us at the March Club Meeting
 - Awards Banquet discussion - venue, food, service, location, music, food all good
 - ACTION: Ron to ask Clark Belvin to reschedule his tech talk from March to the April Club meeting

Treasurer: Morris (Mo) Graham

2023 Budget

- Motion made, seconded, to approve the 2022 budget as presented pending membership approval at the Saturday, March 12 Club Meeting
ACTION: Mo to forward to Roger for distribution prior to meeting

Social Director: Donna Berst.

- March 12 – Victory Lanes, 125 Morlake Drive, Mooresville – Board to arrive @ 3:15
- QCCC and Myrtle Beach Club event – March 26
- Monday, March 28 Up Yonder Dinner @ Shoals Grill (Kati and Rob Humphrey to organize) and BLAST will be sent
- April 16 Business Meeting at Loftin's – due to Easter being the following day, no meal option will be offered (only snacks), Times: Social 2:30pm, Meeting 4:00-5:00pm

Three 2022 overnight trips are currently confirmed

- *May 20-22 – Maggie Valley, NC*
- *September 16-18 – Helen, GA*
- *October 21-23 – Myrtle Beach*

Membership Director: Justin Cross

Membership Information

- Total Members – 376
- Total Families – 210
- Total Prospective Members – 80

- Prospective Members with 2 Meetings – 11
- New Members YTD – 0
- Past Due Members 2022
 - Justin to send an email to all members who have not paid their 2022 membership dues.

Automotive Activities Director / Webmaster: Roger Winge

Automotive

- Auto Fair – 35 spots reserved, 28 spoken for, March 24 packets will be mailed out
- Parking lot banner sent to the Museum, Roger will follow-up regarding receipt
- American flag purchased to be displayed at every Club Meeting
- Challenge Coin will profile Hendrick Motorsports
- QCCC 55th Anniversary 2023 coin – Roger will begin to get pricing
- Roger to bring Samsung tablets to Club Meetings for electronic payment and registration of events

Webmaster

- New on-line forms, which include a bio section – BLAST will be sent out requesting existing members complete revised form
- 2021 Award winners will be communicated to membership via BLAST from Roger
- BLAST will be sent reminding members to check junk and spam

Email

- No information or discussion items

Secretary: Kathie Finocchi

- Birthdays to be published in the Newsletter each month. A Panera gift card will be presented. Keith Cross was our winner in February.

Member-At-Large Director: Carl Bartlett

QCCC Sponsors and Advertisers

- Two new sponsor requests – Wheelcraft and Atlantic Wrap
- Motion made, seconded, approved to change the names of sponsor levels
 - 1 Sponsorship, Rick Hendrick's City Chevrolet
 - (2) Patron Level
 - (3) Supporter Level
- Motion made, seconded, approved to change the dollar amount of sponsor level
 - 1 Sponsor, equivalent to \$5,000
 - 2 Patrons, \$2,500
 - 3 Supporters, \$1,000
- Advertiser level will remain as written
 - Stingray
 - Z06
 - Duntov

- QCCC Smug Mug Review
 - \$225 annual dues, due May 24, 2022
- QCCC Advertising Terms and Conditions Policy change proposal
 - Carl plans to update terms and conditions after Board discussion
 - Headers needs to be changed anywhere there is a PO Box listed

Corvette Show Director: Tommy Loftin / Brenda Loftin

QCCC Annual Corvette Show

- October 1, 2022 @ Hendrick Motorsports facility
- Roger Winge, Dick Gwilt, Paul Mitchell and myself had a review meeting with Hendrick to address problem areas of the 2021 show on March 7, 2022
- Cash donation anticipated from City Chevrolet, along with tee shirts, give aways, etc.
- 700 Corvettes expected at QCCC Car Show this year at Hendrick Motorsports
- No longer considering a host hotel for meet and greet prior to car show
- Additional food trucks and drink carts added in 2022
- Hendrick will provide “Best of Show” trophy
- Coin finalized and approved
- Plan to manage the Heritage center on Friday and revenue will be donated back to Hendrick. Hopefully have 150 people, maybe 5-6 QCCC members needed
- Hoping to have a special viewing area for Z06 cars and a C8 corral
- Discussed logistics regarding opening up the race shop on Friday prior to show
- Hoping to have flyers finalized by Friday, March 11, 2022
- 2 positions open: Parking (Justin Cross) and Silent Auction
- Next meeting with Hendrick regarding planning and scheduling is March 28, 2022
- Bloomington Gold has confirmed their attendance and participation

Charity Co-Chairs: Tommy Loftin / Brenda Loftin

QCCC 2022 Charity – Wings of Eagles

- No discussion

Unfinished Business:

- Service Excellence and Lifetime Achievement Awards process to be redone
- Update of membership pictures and membership applications by members
- Action: 6 to 7 pictures remaining, information regarding updating bios to be sent in March

Next QCCC Club Business Meeting - Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Victory Lanes, Mooresville.

Next QCCC Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at the Speedway Club at 4:30pm

Board Meeting Adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Finocchi, Secretary