



Queen City Corvette Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: April 16, 2022

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Home of Brenda and Tommy Loftin

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; Carl Bartlett, Member-at-Large Director

Absent:

Support Staff Members Present: Pam Tucker, Newsletter Editor; Travis Meredith, Historian; Paul Schmitt, Care and Compassion

Meeting Discussion: Additional event details on QCCC Website

President's Report:

- The April QCCC Business Meeting was called to order by President, Dick Gwilt and all attendees were welcomed.
- Minutes from the March Business meeting were approved.
- Dick thanked Brenda and Tommy for hosting the Club Business Meeting.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by the membership.
- Dick introduced the Board of Directors and Support Staff present.
- Dick thanked Roger and DeeDee Winge for a great job done at AutoFair.
- Up Yonder and Wednesday night dinners are all set thanks to Donna, Jane, and Tracey Comfort.
- Dick reminded membership about the Mark Fisher Memorial Car Show and food drive on Saturday, May 7, 2022. There is a link in the calendar with information. See Paul Mitchell for questions.
- Dick and Jane will lead the NCM Caravan. If you have any questions, please contact Dick or Jane.
- Dick introduced Joe Mendola (Automotive Equipment Company) as our guest advertiser. Joe thanked Dick and Ron for the invitation. Joe offered a home consultation for anyone interested in his product.

Treasurer's Report:

- March financials were distributed earlier in the week for membership review. No questions.
- All Financial Questions should be directed to Mo Graham

Secretary's Report:

- April birthdays were celebrated at the meeting. A Panera gift card was awarded to Darrell Kirkley.
- Don Zimmer turned 90 in April. He was presented a special birthday cake (thanks to the efforts of Donna Berst) and happy birthday was sang by Marilyn Monroe 😊 and membership.

- Kathie reminded membership to be thinking about the Member of the Year Award.
NOTE: This honor is awarded by the QCCC Membership yearly. When you are asked to vote in November, please vote for the Member who has gone above and beyond for the Club and has represented the principles of the Queen City Corvette Club.

Membership Director's Report:

- **Membership Meeting Results:**

QCCC Members Attending - 89

Prospective Members Attending - 16

NEW Members Voted In - 3

Guests - 0

Total Attendance – 105

Avg. YTD Monthly Attendance - 96

- **Membership Stats –**

Total Membership - 330

Total Families - 181

Total Prospective Members - 43

NEW Members thru MARCH - 7

- **Introduced and welcomed Prospective Members present:**

- **New Club Members Voted In:**

Mike Wells - York, 1965 C2 Blue Convertible

Jim and Marion Graham - Mooresville, 2021 C8 Rapid Blue Coupe

- **Second 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 C8 Red Mist Convertible

Gregory & Jessica Miller, Midland - 2006 Silver Convertible

- **First Meeting Attended:**

Jim Kelley – Rock Hill, 2008 Indy 500 Pace Car Edition

Barry and Mary Ellen Ezarsky – Matthews, 2022 C8 Silver Flare Coupe

Allen Gould – Salisbury, 2018 C7 Long Beach Red Convertible

Alan and Andrea Fuller – Burlington, 2022 C8 Accelerate Yellow

- 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 plans to bring several QCCC logo items to the May Business Club meeting. In the process of updating the on-line catalog.
- Many upcoming events so please check out the calendar on the QCCC website and read your Newsletter.

- Upcoming Events:
 - Saturday, May 14 – Club Business meeting at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church. Meeting will be outside if weather permits. Please bring a snack to share. Hoping to do “Cars in the Round”. BLAST forthcoming with details.
 - BLAST will be sent next week regarding the Octoberfest Overnight in Helen, GA hosted by Steve Bonino, September 16-18.

Corvette Show Director and Charity Chair’s Report:

- Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 1, 2022** for the next **QCCC Corvette Show**.
- Pat Perkins, Hendrick Marketing, was in attendance at the March 28 meeting with Hendrick.
- Hendrick will contact all C-8 owners throughout their 26 locations within 100 miles.
- Hendrick suppliers to supply giveaways, no goody bags needed. Hendrick suppliers will set up and have hand-outs at our car show.
- GM to have a ride-n-drive set up, 12 cars and a 1-mile test drive.
- GM to have their information tent with free tee-shirts.
- Hope to have 4 race cars on display, possibly a race car driver.
- Z06 to arrive in September for car show.
- All Serial #1 Corvettes on display
- Hendrick to build and provide all trophies for the car show.
- “Best of Show” car will be significant due to a plaque being placed in the Heritage Center
- C-8 corral may have as many as 120 cars on display.
- Expecting 700 Corvettes. Pat expects as many as 900 due to Hendrick Marketing.
- Expecting 5,000 spectators.
- QCCC to operate the Heritage Center and Race Shop tours on Friday and Saturday.
- Tommy to encourage all QCCC members to go through the tour on Friday.
- Will have Bloomington Gold and Hendrick displays open on Friday.
- Next meeting with Hendrick is April 25th.

Charity Update - Co-Director’s Report:

- The first work day is Saturday, April 23 (rain date April 30) to clear trails and brush from property. Please contact Tommy or Brenda for questions. BLAST forthcoming.

Automotive Director and Webmaster/BLASTS Director Report:

- AutoFair – we had space for 35 cars, had 5 no shows each day. Event was a success. Roger not happy with the judging of our cars.
- Tommy Loftin won “Best of Show” among our QCCC cars and won 2nd place in “Best of Show” overall.



- Saturday, May 28 – Shelton Vineyards Corvette Show, BLAST will be sent.
- In June, Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet Car Show. BLAST forthcoming.
- Don't forget to register on-line for the QCCC Car Show. Roger will send out a blast with instructions for signing up for the Heritage Center & Race Shop Tours conducted on Friday September 30th, 2022.

Member-At-Large Director's Report:

- Carl asked the ladies at the Club Meeting if they would like to suggest an advertiser for the Newsletter.

Vice President's Report:

- Ron reminded membership about the Myrtle Beach Car Show hosted by the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club. There will be a Welcome Party on Friday evening, June 3. The Car Show is on Saturday at Broadway on the Beach. The host hotel is the Landmark Resort. For additional details, see BLAST.
- Ron talked about the NCM Bash and what it offers besides the Museum. You will have the opportunity to see the new car colors, a Z06 will be on display, along with persons from the factory and engineering.
- There are several openings for Day Trips. Ron is looking for volunteers to step up.
- Ron distributed door prizes at the meeting to lucky raffle winners. Two of the prizes awarded were based on trivial questions; 2 categories – 1 for C1-C4 Corvettes and 1 for C5-C8 Corvettes.

Jane commented we have 53 people and 27 rooms reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn for the NCM Bash.

Jane Burt, Jo Graham and Larry Finocchi sold 50/50 raffle tickets and retail items. Total monies collected, \$580. The lucky winner of \$290 was John Nelson!

Dick introduced Clark Belvin as our tech talk guest.

No new business.

The next QCCC Club Business Meeting will be on Saturday, May 14, 2021 at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

The Club Business Meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Finocchi, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 2022

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Speedway Club

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, Carl Bartlett, Member-at-Large Director

Absent:

Meeting Discussion:

President: Richard (Dick) Gwilt

- Dick welcomed attendees to the meeting and called the meeting to order.
- Board agreed to cancel QCCC Car Care Day; conflicts with work day at Wings of Eagles, our QCCC charity.
- Automotive Equipment Company (Joe Mendola) wegotlifts@yahoo.com will be our guest advertiser at our April Business Meeting.
- Dick and Kathie to meet with our insurance agent on Tuesday, April 19 to review QCCC club policies.
- Dick to remind membership about Mark Fisher Memorial Car Show on May 7.
- Frank Sancineto still looking a volunteer to be the 2024 NCM Caravan Leader.
- Dick to announce Myrtle Beach Car Show (June 3-4) at April Business Club Meeting
- NCM Bash Caravan has 29 cars, all details handled.
- Discussed Advertiser and Sponsor updates.
- Dick sent flowers on behalf of QCCC to Susan McEntire, Banquet Manager at the Speedway Club upon the death of her partner
- ACTION: Ron to check with Eric Matthews regarding insurance for Track Day
- ACTION: Carl to organize advertisers per level and forward to Pam

Vice President: Ron Berst

Information Report – Meeting Dates and Locations

- April 16 - Home of Tommy and Brenda Loftin, Troutman
- May 14 - Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte
- June 11 - Speedway Club, Concord
- July 9 - Billy Boat Exhaust, Mooresville
- August 13 - Hendrick Motorsports, Charlotte
- September 24 - Home of Tommy and Brenda Loftin, Troutman
- October 8 - Davidson Farm, Clover

- November 12 - Speedway Club, Concord
- December 3 - VFW, Indian Land
- May 14 meeting at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte – 2 picnic shelters available if the weather is good. If not, meeting will be inside. Hoping to have “Cars in the Round”.
- Clark Belvin will be our tech talk speaker at our April Business Meeting.
- A reminder BLAST for the April meeting will be sent out following our Board Meeting.

Treasurer: Mo Graham

- Mo reviewed membership dues status.
- Storage facility has been paid in full for 2022.
- **Wheel Craft** has paid to be a Patron Sponsor.
- ACTION: Roger offered to help Mo itemize QCCC Car Show revenues, if needed.

Secretary: Kathie Finocchi

- March birthdays were celebrated at the Club Meeting and in the Newsletter. A Panera gift card was presented to Bonnie Wheeler.
- Member of the Year Award – Process and Criteria has been sent to membership via BLAST.
- ACTION: Touch base with Carolyn Zimmer on Board Policy Manual changes.
- ACTION: Touch base with Jane Burt regarding Wednesday night dinners down South.
- ACTION: Send pictures of the QCCC Car Show winners to Roger.

Social Director: Donna Berst

- April 12 – Home of Tommy and Brenda Loftin, Troutman
Social: 2:30pm Meeting: 4:00pm. Board to arrive between 1:30-2:00pm.
Water, drinks, chips and cupcakes will be provided.
- 24 QCCC cars participated in our day trip to McLeod Farms; 14 Myrtle Beach Club cars joined us.
- 42 members participated in the Up Yonder dinner at Shoals Grill
- Tracey Comfort confirmed Up Yonder dinners are set for 2022 except November.
- Donna to remind membership that all QCCC logo merchandise can and should be ordered on line.
- 36 cars signed up for Maggie Valley in May.
- ACTION: BLAST will be sent out following our April meeting regarding Helen, GA trip in September; hosted by Steve Bonino.

Three 2022 overnight Trips are currently confirmed

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

Membership Director: Justin Cross

Membership Information

- Total Members - 320
- Total Families - 176
- Total Prospective Members – 78
- New Members YTD - 4
- Average Monthly Attendance – 96

- ACTION: Justin is in the process of cleaning up the membership list. He will contact Paul Pelkey regarding the need for two separate directories.

Member-At-Large Director: Carl Bartlett

- Carl reviewing sponsor/advertiser listing. We have 3 advertisers who have not paid. Carl to contact.
- We have a Duntov level advertiser who has requested to become a Patron Sponsor.
- Carl requested to ask the ladies at the Club Meeting if they would like to suggest an advertiser for the Newsletter. Board agreed.
- Carl has agreed to assist Paul Mitchell with the advertiser list for the QCCC Car Show.
- ACTION: Carl to send updated version of Sponsor Program and Advertising Terms and Conditions to the Board.
- ACTION: Carl to follow up with Carolyn Zimmer regarding sponsor/advertiser changes to the Policy Manual.

Automotive Director and Webmaster/BLASTS: Roger Winge

Automotive Report

- Ad copy submitted and accepted for the June, July, August issue of NCM Americas Sport Cars.
- Banners, coins, and brochures are in process.
- Banners are going to be available to purchase for Membership.
- AutoFair – we were front and center, few hiccups.
- Roger still negotiating on placement at Fall AutoFair.
- Roger not pleased with the judging of our cars by Victory Car Club.
- Roger provided pricing for 55 yr challenge coin.
- Roger continues to encourage registration and payment for all events on-line. Has concerns about breakdown of monies for the car show when you have on-line payments, checks and cash.
- ACTION: Vote to be taken at May Board Meeting regarding purchase of 55 yr challenge coin.
- ACTION: Roger to provide blank QCCC business cards for Board Members and membership, if requested.

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Unfinished Business:

- Service Excellence Awards process to be redone.
- Status of update of membership pictures to Paul Pelkey and membership application updates by members – process ongoing

MOTION made, seconded, and approved regarding the selections of Lifetime Achievement Awards.

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

Next QCCC Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Speedway Club at 4:30pm.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Finocchi, Secretary