

Meeting Minutes
NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB
February 11, 2022

President, Tom Prohaska, called the February 2022 meeting of the North Texas Corvette Club to order at 7:30 pm. In the absence Mike Martin, Tom introduced visitors and new & prospective members to the group. Cynda Petrie is the owner of a 2015 Stingray and Cindy Farar a long-time vette owner, hails from Frisco with her latest vette being a black 2014 Stingray. New members Randy & Teresa Woodruff from Sanger arrived in their new 2021 accelerator yellow, Z51, C8 convertible, their 5th corvette!

The January meeting minutes were read and approved by Shirley Hensley and seconded by Bill Shores.

Treasurer, Cindy Smith, updated the total in the checking account and detailed the monthly deposits and expenses. The books, including the yearly expenses and income, are complete for 2021. Checks were distributed to various members to distribute the club's 2022 designated charities. Dan & Kay Pace will present the check to the Denton Area Food Bank. Tom Prohaska will present the check to Our Daily Bread. Susan Chambers or the Hellmers will present the check to Meals On Wheels. The annual check to the the National Corvette Museum was also sent on the club's behalf.

As of meeting time, there were 65 paid members as reported by Membership Chair, Kay Pace. In addition to the Woodruff's, recently joining the club are new members Brad and Leslie Hrabik from Highland Village, owners of a 1995 dark purple convertible as well as Robert Rameriz of Double Oak who owns a 2021 Shadow Gray Stingray Coupe. Kay indicated that 8 members have dropped out due to selling their car or moving. As a reminder, unpaid members will not be able to vote in the upcoming March elections. Any new members need to fill out the 2022 Application for Membership with the dues of \$50 per car and mail it to Cindy Smith, club treasurer. Dues includes you and your significant other.

Lynne Hellmers our Sunshine Committee Chair, said that another card had been sent to Lynn Davis to let her know that we are keeping her, Charlie and their family in our thoughts and prayers. Flowers and a sympathy note were delivered to Gary Thomas' home on the club's behalf. Several members indicated that they were able to attend the service for Gaye on January 11th,

Shirley Hensley, Merchandise Chair, said she had spoken recently with Charlie Davis who said Lynn is using a walker and working to improve motion on her left side. Shirley also took a moment to review the procedures for ordering club merchandise from the SanMar.com catalog. She circulated a listing with item numbers of the most popular products (with their product numbers) ordered by club members. Items may be searched by product number on the website. After selecting an item, note the number, size and color and email that info to Shirley who will place the order and forward the item(s) to the embroiderer for personalization with the club logo and member name. Payment, including shipping, is due to Shirley on delivery. FYI: she still has a number of club hats available for \$25.

Black club polos will be awarded to longtime members with a standing of 5 or more years of membership. Shirley asked that she be contacted with a shirt size & year of joining so that she can place the order.

John Hellmers, National Corvette Museum Ambassador encouraged members to start thinking about the 30th Anniversary Caravan, which is planned for August 29th - 31st of 2024.

John & Lynne attended the January 26th - 31st 24 Hours of Daytona Museum in Motion Trip. He stressed that these trips are very well planned plus they offer the opportunity to meet fellow Corvette enthusiasts and offer the opportunity to form lasting friendships.

Upcoming Museum events include:

- Museum in Motion “Sights & Sounds of New Orleans” – March 29th – April 2nd
- Museum in Motion “Dragon Run” – May 1st – 4th
- The NCM Bash – April 28th – 30th

John continues to encourage club members to:

- Join the NCM. Traditionally if you join during the February Valentine’s promotion, the \$50 fee will include a family membership which is normally the standard cost for an individual membership
- He also recommends that members utilize the NCM’s Insurance Program for your collector vehicles and boats
- And also consider a Museum Delivery for your next new Corvette or the NCM Experience for your current Vette.

John is looking into NCM Club Liability Insurance as an option for the club.

Dan Pace, Activities Chair reviewed upcoming club events and planned activities.

In addition to the first Friday monthly meetings, upcoming club activities include:

- February 12th will be a Valentine’s cruise to be hosted by Bill & Betty Shores which will reprise a visit to the Hidden Hanger Winery for a tasting, tour & lunch.
- On February 26th there will be an Activities Planning Luncheon Meeting to be held at Bebo & Cathy’s Café at 12 noon. Dan & new Activities Chair, Brandi Platki will be looking for ideas
- April 23rd will be the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas which will again be hosted by Richard and Gale Gore

Susan Rayshell encouraged interested members to book their hotel reservations soon for the upcoming Tail of the Dragon trip October 3rd – 8th.

Lastly, in a recent conversation with Charlie Davis, Dan said Charlie is considering selling his 2016 C7 Blue Z06 as it may be 18 months or so before Lynne could ride in it. The car has 13,000 miles on it and has an estimated value of 75k and has new tires.

In Communications, Betty Shores said no new pages were added to the website but updates were made to the By-Laws and membership list. She said 37% of the traffic was returning traffic and there were 243 sessions. Most traffic is from the US, although there were 18 hits from China and 2 from Canada. There were 68 hits to the calendar, 40 to the membership list 38 to meeting minutes & 29 to members info. 14 hits were to the “Contact Us” section, One of which was a request for membership info from Cynda.

There were no updates from the Executive Committee.

In Old Business there was a reminder for longtime members to get with Shirley regarding shirts.

In New Business, Mike Martin will be relocating to Denver soon and will be stepping down as Vice President. Per the By-Laws, the Executive Committee asked that current President, Tom Prohaska continue serving as President for the upcoming year, to which he agreed.

As of meeting time, Betty Shores will be running for Vice President, Donna Robinson has indicated interest in running for Secretary. Cindy Smith has agreed to remain as Treasurer. Brandi Platki has volunteered to become the new Activities Chair. Lynne Hellmers agreed to continue as Sunshine Chair and John Hellmers will remain as Corvette Museum Ambassador. Voting will be at the March meeting.

Jim Peterson, who recently sold his C7 donated several items that were won by club members:

Dan Pace won a banner that had been at the NCM

John Hellmers won floor mats

Bill Shores won a C5 flag

Randy Woodruff won a Battery Charger

Erik Platki won a License Plate Bracket

Joanne Rafferty won a C7 car cover.

Terry Smith won the 50/50 pot of \$35.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm. There were 26 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Rafferty
Secretary