

Meeting Minutes  
NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB  
January 8, 2021

President, Doug Light, called the January 2021 Zoom meeting of the North Texas Corvette Club to order at 7:03 pm.

Vice President, Tom Prohaska offered wishes for a healthy start for all in 2021. Although there were no visitors to the meeting, he had anticipated 2 potential new members to attend.

The December meeting minutes were read and at the request of Dan Pace, an addition will be made to add a thanks to Bill & Betty Shores for all their assistance with planning activities. With this they were approved by Cheryl Rybka & seconded by Lloyd Hensley.

Treasurer, Cindy Smith, updated the totals in the checking and CD accounts including the monthly deposits and expenses. Several new applications for membership were received with no dues included. Cindy will try to contact the applicants for remittance. Tom Prohaska agreed to contact the Hilton regarding the return of ½ of the club's deposit for the cancelled club's Christmas Party. Tom & Jim Peterson will contact the James Woods Dealership regarding the procedures for club membership afforded to new corvette owners. It was suggested that perhaps the sales department could distribute a club informational flyer and club business cards to new Vette owners.

Membership Chair, Kay Pace, reminded members that it's time to renew your membership of \$50 per couple. Any new members need to fill out the 2021 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. Cindy's address is listed on membership list.

Lynne Hellmers, Sunshine Committee Chair, reported that December was a "quiet month". She plans to send this month's "Thinking of You" cards to the Sipolts and the Gentrys. She also said the club received Holiday Greetings from Bev Clarkson & Chuck Smith.

Before losing voice contact with Merchandise Chair, Shirley Hensley, she reported that merchandise orders were "pretty lean" in 2020. The SanMar.com catalog has a wide and varied selection of items for club personalization.

John Hellmers, National Corvette Museum Ambassador highlighted activities from the museum. The 2021 Corvette-VIN 001 was delivered at NCM.

Registration is open for Michelin NCM Bash slated for April 22-24. Activities to include: a seminar and classroom sessions by a GM Certified Corvette Technician, Guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, auctions, book signings, the Ladies' Oasis.

This years' event will also include the Hall of Fame activities for the 2020 Corvette Hall of Fame inductees, which was rescheduled from last September. Inductees include Doug Fehan, Henry Haga, Mike McCagh and Wendell Strode. Registration for the event is \$20 for Lifetime Members, \$25 for Members and \$35 for Non-Members.

John proposed and it was voted and approved that the club donate \$500 to renew participation in the Museum's Parking Lot Banner program. Banners are hung in April and stay up for one year, with clubs being able to keep their banner after removal. Our club has participated in this program for many years.

Upcoming Museum in Motion Trips:

Sights and Sounds of NOLA | March 30 - April 3, 2021

Dragon Run presented by Michelin | April 25-28, 2021.

As always, John encourages museum membership and the museum's insurance program for members' classic cars.

Dan Pace, Activities Chair, informed the attendees that the annual Medal of Honor Parade has been moved to September 25<sup>th</sup>; with registration open on June 1<sup>st</sup> and closing on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Doug committed to make arrangements for the club's participation, and thanked Dan for all his planning and coordination in keeping the club active.

In Communications, Betty Shores announced total of 237 December websites visits with 484 different page views. She supplied an overview of the past 8 months. Last year the best month with 299 visitors was June. Total number of visitors for 2020 was 2,080 with a total page viewed of 6,502. Visitors were from 12 different counties. The top 5 counties were United States, China, UK, Germany and the Netherlands. 66% of visitors used desktops with 31% on mobile devices

Betty also warned the group about potential scams that try to get people to click on included links that contain malicious software. Her warning came after such an attempt on the website claiming a copyright infringement with instructions to click on a supplied link. After checking on the Internet she found this email had been flagged as a scam.

Jim Peterson was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence Doug said the Executive Committee would be focusing on the need to update voting procedures and add new language to the By-Laws. He thanked Cindy Smith for her compilation of accurate financial data for the club's 501C-7 submission to the state for non-profit status.

There continues to be a need for volunteers to come forward to make a commitment to serve in leadership positions. The By-Laws (posted on the Website for members only) contain descriptions of the responsibilities of all leadership positions.

Old Business included a request for current officers to indicate their plans for the future. The position of Secretary will be open provided a member would be willing to step up. The same is true for Activities Director. Cindy Smith said she would continue & complete her two-year term as Treasurer in 2021. Kay Pace said she would continue as Membership Chair and Betty Shores agreed to remain as Webmaster.

In New Business the proposed By-Law changes will need to be reviewed by next month's meeting for voting in March.

Dan Pace would like input on future activities; i.e., how much and what to do. He is considering a Valentine's event with a lunch in St. Jo. He is planning on leading only 1 long (3-4 day) trip this year and hopes others will step up to plan and lead other cruises & activities. Susan Rayshell has been compiling a list and description of past trips that could be re-run.

Some suggestions came up for discussion. Susan Rayshell suggested a potential springtime cruise to San Antonio. Betty Shores offered a Midland-Odessa trip and overnight stay at a Classic Hotel there. Dave Werner suggested a potential cruise and lunch in Celina. A request was made to offer a trip to the Biltmore. Terry Smith indicated he would be willing to lead a cruise.

It was decided that an Activities Planning luncheon meeting would be held at the Prairie House on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm with thanks to all and a wish for all to stay safe, wear your mask & wash your hands!

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Rafferty  
Secretary