

Meeting Minutes
NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB
January 7, 2022

President, Tom Prohaska, called the January 2022 meeting of the North Texas Corvette Club to order at 7:35 pm. Tom took a moment to thank Mike Martin for hosting the last 3 months' meetings and Dan Pace for updating the membership with required updates and notices as needed.

Vice President, Mike Martin introduced Corinth residents and new members Bubba Don & Nanette Smith, owners of a Red Mist Metallic C8 Z51 Coupe acquired through a memorable museum delivery on December 10th. Don took a moment to detail the experience, which coincided with Nanette's birthday as well as the catastrophic weather event that ravaged Kentucky and the Bowling Green vicinity. Don & Nanette have a long history participating in car shows with many makes and models of vehicles over the years.

The December meeting minutes were read with a request to delete reference to the CD Accounts which have since been rolled into the club's general fund. Pending this amendment they were approved by Terry Smith & seconded by Linda Cassidy.

Treasurer, Cindy Smith, updated the total in the checking account and detailed the monthly deposits and expenses. The cost of the Christmas Party was \$500 more than anticipated. This overage will be made up from the 50/50 account. The club's year-end books have been finalized and are available for review. Cindy will cut the checks for the club's 2022 annual charities donations this month and bring them to the February meeting so they will be available for distribution.

Club Membership now totals 106 as reported by Membership Chair, Kay Pace. Also joining the club are new members Tony & Brenda Campagna of Rockwall. They are owners of a 2017 red Z51 3LT. Kay reminded members that it's time to renew their membership of \$50 per couple. 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.

Unfortunately, Lynne Hellmers our Sunshine Committee Chair, was under the weather and John graciously reported on her behalf. Although Lynn Davis is home and making progress on her recovery, prayers are still requested for her, Charlie and family. Cards are continued to be sent to them. The memorial service for Gaye Thomas will be held on January 11th at 3pm. (Details were sent via email to members). A sympathy card was sent to Gary & family and by vote flowers will be sent to the family home on the club's behalf. A get well card was sent to Dave Werner & a planned card will be sent to Beverly as both were recovering from bouts of the virus. Lynne continues to request notification from members for anyone in need of some sunshine.

Merchandise Chair, Shirley Hensley, reviewed 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. Contact Shirley if you have questions. FYI: she still has a number of club hats available for \$25.

John Hellmers, National Corvette Museum Ambassador reported that the historic storms in mid December spared the Museum of any significant damage and all staff were reported as safe. However, the Motorsports Park and the Assembly Plant both suffered significant damage and approximately 180 C8s in various stages of assembly had to be sent to the crusher!

Upcoming on January 26th - 31st John recommends the 24 Hours of Daytona Museum in Motion Trip which he & Lynne attended in 2020 and plan to attend again this year.

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 also informed the membership that Club Liability Insurance is now offered through the museum and Tom requested that he look into that 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:

- On January 15th there will be an Activities Planning Luncheon Meeting to be held at Bebo & Cathy's Café at 12 noon
- 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 & lunch.
- April 23rd will be the Medal of Honor Parade which will again be hosted by Richard and Gale Gore

Susan Rayshell added that she is planning to put together a Tail of the Dragon trip October 3rd – 8th Details will follow.

In Communications, Betty Shores added a new page to the website with photos from the Ardmore Festival of Lights Cruise. There were 54 unique page views for the Activities calendar, 31 views of the membership list and 27 of the Ardmore festival of lights page. Photo pages with description of the cruises continue to draw good interest to the site.

Tom Prohaska reviewed the proposed By-Law changes from the Executive Committee and all were unanimously approved by the members in attendance and will be posted to the Members Only section on the website.

In Old Business there was a discussion of the Christmas Party and though well attended, there may be a need to gather info and suggestions from the membership. Susan Rayshell agreed to create a survey for members' reactions and ideas for next year's event.

There has still been no decision on how to honor long term members and no budget determined.

In New Business, it is time to submit nominations for upcoming officer positions. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please let Tom, Mike or a member of the Executive Committee know. Candidates will be announced at the next meeting and voting will be at the March meeting for paid members only.

Susan Rayshell ran a test on zoom to see if voting could be accomplished through that venue. The process will work for 1 vote per zoom location.

There is concern that someone may need to volunteer to assist in arranging pre-meeting meal locations.

Donna Robinson won the 50/50 pot of \$50.

All are reminded to pay yearly dues and that the memorial service for Gaye Thomas will be held on January 11th at 3:00 pm.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Rafferty
Secretary