

Meeting Minutes
NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB
March 5, 2021

The March 5th, 2021 Zoom meeting of the North Texas Corvette Club was called to order by President, Doug Light at 7:00 pm.

There were no new members or visitors in attendance according to Vice President, Tom Prohaska. Tom confirmed that a \$250 refund check from the Hilton Garden Inn was received for ½ of the club's deposit for the cancelled 2020 Christmas Party.

The February meeting minutes were read and approved by Tom Prohaska & seconded by Mike Fry.

In the absence of Cindy Smith, Kay Pace gave the Treasurer's Report updating the totals in the checking and CD accounts including the monthly deposits and expenses. Checks were issued to the approved charity recipients for the upcoming year with \$1000 each donated to New Beginnings, The Children's Advocacy Center and the National Corvette Museum. Doug confirmed that the club would be looking for a new bank in the near future.

Club Membership now totals 75, as reported by Membership Chair, Kay Pace. New Members include Eric Showman and Brandee and Eric Platke. Unpaid members will be dropped from the membership list website by next month. New members should complete the 2021 application and mail it with the \$50 dues per car/couple and mail it to Cindy Smith, club Treasurer. Tom Prohaska (upon receipt of an updated list) volunteered to send an email out to encourage delinquent members to renew.

Lynne Hellmers, Sunshine Committee Chair, said the Bill Chambers is feeling better since his heart procedure. She sent a card & goodie basket on behalf of the club. "Thinking of You" cards were also sent to Marc Hughes & David & Margie Hanks. Through email correspondence Marc intimated that he has ordered his new C8 and has some health issues that he is currently addressing. Jim Peterson also informed the group that Dale & Lisa Davis have struggled with Covid recently.

Merchandise Chair, Shirley Hensley was unable to attend the meeting but passed along her recommendation of a two-color pullover perfect for Spring now available from SanMar.com catalog.

John Hellmers, National Corvette Museum Ambassador, again encouraged NTCC members to join the 36,000 Corvette enthusiasts who hold current museum membership. He also offered more features that the NCM Insurance provides for your collector cars. In addition to being an agreed upon value policy, the coverage includes: up to \$2000 for spare parts, guaranteed flatbed towing, flat tire repair, one liability charge per policy (regardless of how vehicles are on the policy), and more. The next large scheduled event at the museum is the 2021 Michelin NCM Bash slated for Thursday, April 22nd through Saturday, April 24th.

Dan Pace, Activities Chair stated that the last activities planning meeting was well attended with 39 participants and ended successfully with new events added to the calendar. Following the meeting, Mike Martin led a cruise that ended with a \$70 - 50/50 win by Bernie Martin.

In addition to the monthly meetings upcoming club activities include:

- On March 28th - a Sundae cruise that will depart the Horney Toad at 5pm to be led by Mike Martin.
- On April 8th through the 11th – The Warriors and Rangers trip to be led by Susan Rayshell and Departing Buc-ees at I-35W at 8 am.
- On April 26th – another Sundae Cruise.
- On May 22nd – the rescheduled Valentine’s cruise to McGeehe’s Catfish Restaurant near Marietta, OK
- And on June 5th the NTCC Annual Picnic to be held at Frank Buck Zoo and Park in Gainesville from 11am to 3pm.

As a sidebar, Doug noted that new club cards have been ordered and will be made available to the membership soon.

Dave & Beverly Werner announced a new cruise they will be offering on Saturday, April 17th which will leave from the Horney Toad at 10am and cruise to Celina for lunch at Bongo Beaux’s proceeding to Hey, Sugar Candy Store for treats. Dave would like notification by April 10th if you are planning to attend.

In Communications, Betty Shores announced the website had a total of 312 sessions in February consisting of 858 page views. US visitors were from Texas, California, Kansas, Arkansas, Connecticut, Michigan, Nevada & New York. Google, Yahoo, Baldu (China) and Yandex (Russia) are the search engines that are providing connections to our site. The majority of attackers are from foreign countries although some come from US states. The club can purchase additional protection for \$99. The site was charged \$41.49 for backup and restoration and an upcoming charge of \$334.80 for full web hosting renewal will be due on 12/12/21 which will cover 2 years. Domain registration is paid through 2025.

Covering Old Business, several changes and updates to the Bylaws were outlined, voted on and approved. These will be added and detailed into the listing on the website. Included are additions to the Treasurer’s responsibilities, updates to the voting procedures and the elimination of the Director Emeritus.

In New Business, voting was held to approve the election of officers for the coming year.

President, Tom Prohaska, Vice President, Mike Martin, Treasurer, Cindy Smith, Secretary, Joanne Rafferty.

Committee Chairpersons remain. Activities Director, Dan Pace, Membership, Kay Pace, Merchandise, Shirley Hensley, Sunshine, Lynne Helmers, NCM Ambassador, John Hellmers, and Communications Chair Betty Shores.

Before turning over the reins to Tom, Doug Light thanked all for “sticking with us” through the years’ challenges and offered a shout out to Dan Pace & Susan Rayshell for finding ways to keep us actively and safely engaged in club activities.

In accepting his new post, Tom offered his thanks to the newly elected and current officers as well as committee chairpersons, with hopes we can resume in-person meetings soon at James Woods. He is looking forward to his tenure as President and asked for any input from the membership moving

forward. One change he may enforce with upcoming meetings is to change venue from Zoom to a no cost platform. He will be testing this option.

Finally, thanks and deep appreciation was given to Doug for keeping us together. We are all grateful for his leadership and friendship.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Rafferty
Secretary