

Meeting Minutes
NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB
November 6, 2020

President Doug Light called the November 6th Zoom meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

In the absence of Vice President, Tom Prohaska, Doug introduced Bill and Diane Preston, visitors from the Corvette Legends club, who are spearheading a charity fundraiser, which helps to provide trained service dogs for veterans in need. They are selling a Patriot Paws Calendar that features photos of their club's corvettes for a cost of \$20 plus a shipping charge of \$5. Checks should be made out to Patriot Paws & mailed to:

Bill Preston
1124 Lobo Road
Flower Mound, Texas 75028

or contact them at cdiane1957@aol.com, phone is 405-615-3856. All funds go to Patriot Paws.

The October meeting minutes were read, approved by John Hellmers and seconded by Jim Peterson.

Treasurer Cindy Smith gave the Treasurer's Report, which included the monthly deposits, expenses and totals in the checking and CD accounts.

Kay Pace reported that Club Membership now totals 93. Jay & Eileen Crisford are owners of a 2017 silver stingray (their dues are pending) and Ronald & Karyn (Kopp) Winters owners of a 1975 C3 silver convertible. New members are to submit \$50/car dues to treasurer Cindy Smith. Kay also mentioned that Chuck Smith, a 19-year club veteran, has recently sold his car. Doug added that he would be sending a letter to Chuck thanking him for his years of service to the club as he had recently done to former member Les Long.

Shirley Hensley, Merchandise chair encouraged members to view the SanMar catalog (SanMar.com) for a good selection of items for holiday gift giving. There is still time to order and deliver to Krista for personalization. Send product number, color and size requirements to Shirley and she will place orders and deliver to the embroiderer for personalization. If members wish to have items embroidered on their own, contact Shirley for Krista's address & phone.

Lynne Hellmers, Sunshine Committee Chair provided updates on her recent contacts with members. Mike Fry had hip surgery a few weeks ago. Apparently Mike's C4 hip implant wore out (for the second time) and he had to have some weight bearing parts replaced. He is doing well and walking with a cane. Mike is anxious to see everyone and looking forward to when we can meet in person. The club sent him a card and some goodies.

Debbie Light had knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus. She is up and about and doing well. The surgery was minimally invasive and fixed the problem without the need for physical therapy. Lynne spoke to Debbie and said she sounded great. She put a card in the mail and flowers will be sent.

Celia Kennedy's sister, who was in a Nursing home in CA, passed away last week. The family is planning to have a memorial in the spring. The club sent a sympathy card and floral arrangement to Celia & Jon.

Last month Lynne sent Thinking of You cards and notes to Bev Clarkson and Doris Well. Both were delighted to hear from her and responded with beautiful thank you notes. Since that went over so well, she decided to pick two former members each month and send them a card and note. The Guidrys and the Longs are the November picks.

John Hellmers NCM chair highlighted upcoming museum events. The Vets 'n Vettes event November 12 – 14 will continue the tradition of honoring our veterans with three days of activities. On-site registration is available.

November 27th – January 1st, WENDY'S TWINKLE AT THE TRACK is a drive-through holiday light experience on the west track of the NCM Motorsports Park open the day after Thanksgiving through New Years' Day. Vehicles can drive through more than 25 scenes totaling more than one million bright lights on a 2-mile stretch of racetrack.

Corvette Store has free shipping on orders over \$50, until November 30th. Regular Museum Members receive a 10% discount on their purchases.

As always John encourages any non-members to join the NCM, and check out having your collector cars insured via the NCM.

Dan Pace, Activities Chair, reviewed the upcoming club activities. November 11-13th is the Arkansas Adventure cruise to Queen Wilhelmina Lodge and Lake DeGray Resort. Cruise departs at 9:00 am from the Horny Toad Café & Bar.

On November 14th there will be a cruise to the Horton Car Museum in Nocona. Lunch will be at The Lazy Heart Grill in St. Jo with a possible stop at The Blue Ostrich Winery after the tour. Departing at 10:30am from Horny Toad's.

On December 5th there will be a cruise to the Festival of Lights in Ardmore, OK. This will include a stop at the Turner Falls overlook, a stop at a chocolate store, lunch and dinner.

After much discussion it was decided to cancel the annual Christmas Party that was planned for December 12th. Club members will be refunded their money or can request that checks be destroyed. Members who have hotel reservations will need to cancel them.

In Communications, Webmaster Betty Shores noted interest from several viewers about joining the club. There were also interested Russian Hackers attempting to access club info. As with the Facebook account it is not club policy to use the site for posting items for sale.

From the Executive Committee, Jim Peterson confirmed that the club should hear from the IRS within a month or month and a half about the club's pending non-profit status.

In Old Business, with upcoming Veteran's Day, Doug Light thanked all club member veterans who had served in the military. Doug reminded all that club participation in the Gainesville Veteran's Parade would continue as an April activity. Dave Werner informed the group that a new Veteran's Museum is being built in Arlington.

Doug shared recent photos he took of the club brick and James Wood's brick at the NCM. He was fortunate to share a friend's museum delivery of a 2021 and posted photos on Facebook.

There was also a lot of positive response for the New Mexico trip and wishes from Dan Pace that members would use the Festival of Lights Cruise as a holiday replacement for the Christmas Party.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm with thanks to our visitors and wishes for all to stay safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Rafferty
Secretary