

Meeting Minutes
NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB
November 5, 2021

Vice President Mike Martin called the November 5th meeting of the North Texas Corvette Club to order at 7:33 pm. There were no visitors in attendance.

Mike took a few moments to read a message from Tom Prohaska. Through his and Mike's efforts Tom announced that Brandee Platke has agreed to step in for Dan Pace as Activities Chair and that Donna Robinson has agreed to run for Secretary (currently unopposed) in the upcoming elections. Tom also announced that there are currently 2 potential candidates to run for the VP slot. He offered his thanks to Dan & Joanne for their service and sent his best to all for a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

The October meeting minutes were read and approved by Jon Kennedy & seconded by Susan Chambers.

Treasurer, Cindy Smith, updated the account totals that now include the funds transferred from the CDs into the general fund, and gave the current 50/50 balance. The club's funds are now held by PNC Bank, as BBVA was recently acquired. She also detailed the monthly deposits and expenses. Susan Chambers approved the report.

There are currently 102 paid members in the club according to Kay Pace, Membership Chair. She welcomed back former members Ray & Janice Harris and welcomed newest members Joel & Debbie Fisher from Rockwall (who had joined the group on the trip to Vicksburg and Natchez) as well as Tim and Janie Cupp from Celina. The Cupps own a 2020 2LT Z51 Silver Stingray with red interior. She reminded all that new members should complete the 2021/2022 application and mail it with the \$50 dues per car/couple to Cindy Smith, club Treasurer. If anyone joins in the last quarter of the year, they will automatically be a member through 2022. Kay clarified that if you have a significant other both names are listed together to avoid confusion.

In Lynne Helmer's absence, Mike Martin updated the attendees on the past month's Sunshine Report. Lynn Davis who suffered a massive stroke is slowly making progress toward recovery. She will soon be transferred from Medical City to Select Specialty LTAC in Carrollton. The family has set up a Caring Bridge so that everyone can check on her daily status. Pat Sherman, Charlie's sister, provided a current mailing address available on the membership listing. Pat has asked for volunteers to help provide meals for the family or to spend time sitting with Lynn when family cannot be with her. She can be reached at psherman115@hotmail.com and will coordinate meals & visits. Lynne noted to keep the prayers coming, as they are working!

Regarding the more recent news of David Hanks, no cards or calls have been made per his request. Lynne is considering sending a personal note to Margie telling her that we are all thinking and praying for them both. (Opinions are welcome.)

Lynne sent cards to Lynn Davis and Kermit Dye (who had a defibrillator inserted due to some heart issues). She received thank you emails, notes and texts from David Smith, Brandee Platke and June

Stewart. She requested that members continue to reach out with any members who are in need of a little sunshine.

Shirley Hensley, Merchandising Chair, noted that members draw a lot of positive attention when wearing club apparel on our cruises and trips. She reminded all that there is a plentiful selection of long sleeve shirts, and jackets available from the SanMar.com catalog and sizes run true. But items purchased from other sources can also be embroidered with your name and club logo. Shirley also provided a sheet listing the most popular items for interested members.

Mike Martin also reported updates for John Hellmers, National Corvette Museum Ambassador. John & Lynne had a wonderful time attending Corvette Racing @ AACA Museum, Hershey PA October 14-16th. There is a video on “zippity garage youtube” showing the Poker Run and interviews with Doug Fehan & Tommy Milner.

They also attended the annual MCM Ambassador Convention, November 2-3 where they met with Museum Staff and other Ambassadors. They picked up several suggestions that they will share at the next in-person meeting they can attend.

John continues to encourage club members to:

- Join the NCM
- Utilize the NCM’s Insurance Program &
- Consider a Museum Delivery for your next new Corvette or the NCM Experience for your current Vette.

Dan Pace, Activities Chair thanked Susan & David Rayshell for planning the very well attended & successful Southern Heritage Cruise to Vicksburg and Natchez.

In addition to the December 3rd monthly meeting upcoming club activities include:

- On December 4th – Dan & Kay Pace will host The Festival of Lights Cruise to Ardmore Oklahoma. Dan will send out the firmed up schedule, but departure will be in the afternoon passing through Turner Falls (with a Zip Line for those interested) and a stop at Bedre Chocolate and the admission-free Forgotten Wheels Museum. Smokin’ Joes Rib Ranch will be the next stop before proceeding to the Drive-thru Light display in Ardmore. (Donations will be accepted)
- Pending enough participants, December 11th – is the Club’s annual Christmas Party to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn at the Alliance Airport in Fort Worth. Cost is \$130/couple and rooms are available for \$89 for NTCC members.
- There may be a planning Meeting scheduled sometime in January.

In Communications, Betty Shores has added new photos from the latest club cruise to Eureka Springs and Hot Springs to the website.

Jon Kennedy, Doug Light & Susan Chambers reported on the latest updates from The Executive Committee:

- Three charities were recommended by the committee and unanimously approved by the members in attendance for club donations for the upcoming year. They are The Denton Food Bank, Meals On Wheels and Our Daily Bread. The NCM receives an annual donation from the club as well.
- Tom Prohaska will be the registered adjunct for the club.

- There are several changes planned for the By-Laws: The committee is planning to remove the Director Emeritus position. Several responsibilities will be added to the Treasurer's duties and further clarifications made to the responsibilities of the Sunshine Committee.
- Susan Chambers asked that the Executive Committee request the past Meeting Minutes (from year 2000 to 2020) be returned to the Club, as these notes are the club's history.

In Old Business, Susan Rayshell has not received responses from all members regarding the date or year that they joined the club. If you have not done so, please drop her a line when you have a moment.

We are still short of members planning to attend the Christmas Party. Mike has requested that you notify him if you are planning to attend. Deadline is November 15th. Several members volunteered to call others to encourage them to attend.

In New Business, in a recent conversation with Bev Clarkson, Susan Chambers was made aware that Clay Clarkson will soon be receiving a safety award (posthumously) for his contributions as a helicopter instructor during his years in the military. Susan said she would notify the club of the date and time so members could be in attendance to support Bev and honor Clay.

Doug Light took a moment to thank all veteran members and their families for their service.

Debra Hastings won the 50/50 pot of \$40.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm. There were 25 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Rafferty
Secretary