

Minutes

NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB

May 5, 2017

Vice President, Jon Kennedy, called the meeting to order a 7:30 p.m.

Membership Chair, Doris Well, introduced two visitors, David and Susan Rayshell. They just purchased their first Corvette, a silver 2006, and are interested in becoming members. Currently, there are 102 paid members, with 64 members present at tonight's meeting.

Vice President Kennedy asked that the Minutes state that the Board had voted to discontinue the sign-up sheet previously circulated at the meetings.

Dinner Chair, Les Long, invited those present to enjoy the tailgate picnic immediately following the meeting. On the menu: chicken tenders with all the trimmings from Chicken Express at a cost per person of \$10. The weather being comfortable, the tailgate was held outside the dealership. Several comments were received that the food was very good and the weather was perfect.

Next month's dinner will be at Chilosa Mexican Restaurant off of Loop 288.

Secretary, Judy Smith, read the April Minutes. There was one correction: The Club recently sent a Sympathy card to June and Nelson Stewart for the loss of their son (not son-in-law). With no other corrections, after a motion by Bill Chambers and seconded by Betty Diehl, the Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer, Bill Cassidy, advised that the Bylaws were changed at the last meeting for the Treasurer to serve a two-year term. He commented on the Club's support of the community with major donations being made recently of \$1,000 to the National Corvette Museum; another \$500 donation to the Museum for the Banner; and \$1,000 donated to the Children's Advocacy Center of Denton County. A \$1,000 transfer was made to the Club's CD.

He gave his report of all club funds and announced that the books are open for club members to review at any time.

Merchandise Chair, Shirley Hensley, discussed an emblem that can be embroidered with the Club logo and can be sewn on a jacket. The diameter is 10-1/2 inches and the background color is black. The cost is \$30 which

includes the embroidery and sewing it on the garment. She will be ordering 10 of these for members to purchase.

Other items for sale are dri-fit shirts, cotton polos and caps. The caps cost \$25 each. She has included on the website where flags for parades can be purchased and also updated the cost for the other merchandise.

Activities Director, Dan Pace, asked for email addresses for anyone not currently receiving emails regarding Club activities.

An Activities Meeting was held on April 22. A large amount of input was received and some of it is already appearing on the Club calendar. The next meeting will be held on September 9 at 9:00 a.m., at the Prairie House Restaurant, in a larger meeting room (emphasis added).

Dan asked Bill Chambers to address the Flying Little Vikings event to be held on Saturday, May 6. The event will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He asked for 5-6 cars to meet at Horny Toad's Restaurant at 9:00 a.m., leaving at 9:15 to go to the airport. The cars will be parked in front of the hangars. The children will be given rides in a two-mile circle with no freeways involved. They are always very appreciative.

Dan asked Paul Loser to discuss the Club's Annual Picnic to be held on Sunday, May 7. Paul urged members to enjoy a 1-1/2 hour cruise in the country, fantastic food, fun and fellowship. The picnic will be held at a marina on the boat dock. Meet at Horny Toad's Restaurant at 12:30 p.m. bringing a covered dish and beverages. The picnic is a great kickoff for the summer. In addition to eating, there will be opportunity to play games, fish or even take a boat ride.

Dan announced that there will be a Classic Car Show on May 20 at 3:00 p.m. in Bonham, TX. On May 20 and 21, the Lone Star Corvette Classic will be held at Texas Motor Speedway. On Sunday, May 28, Dan and Kay will be leading the Sundae Night Cruise.

The date for the next monthly meeting is June 2. On June 10, Hot Dogs and Hot Rods will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Frontier Park in Prosper. The contact for the event is Doug Light. Doug mentioned that there is a \$25 donation required, and the proceeds will go to the Prosper Food Bank. The Sundae Night Cruise will be on June 25 with Clay Clarkson leading.

Dan encouraged members to review the website to see all the activities and participate in as many as possible.

Museum Chair. In the absence of Tom Prohaska, his report was presented by Kermit Dye and will be made part of the May Minutes.

Kermit advised that the last day to order a Corvette is June 12, and the last time to see the Corvette built before the plant closes is June 16. The Corvette Plant in Bowling Green, KY, will be closed until October and tours will not resume for 18 months.

Museum members now receive a GM supplier discount on a new car or any product at the dealership which is an added benefit for Museum members. The cost of joining is \$50 per year.

Kermit discussed the large number of attendees at the recent NCM Bash. Marsha and Don Potts were at the Bash and were asked to accept the NTCC's recognition pin for its contribution to the Museum. He asked Don Potts to talk about the event.

Don encouraged members to visit the Museum and the Bash. The Bash was fantastic with approximately 2,000 Corvettes in the parking lot along with many vendors. He emphasized how much information can be gained from the top managers and designers who answered questions as long as anyone was asking them.

The factory is going through a complete renovation moving from forklifts to robots like the Arlington, TX plant. Where 17 Corvettes are currently being built per hour, there will be 12 per hour built in the new facility. No mention was made of a new generation or a mid- or rear-engine Vette. The engine assembly line has been redone. The paint booth is probably 2-3 times longer than it was previously. All of the panels are on a platform and will allow the best paint job ever. The cost of the plant renovation is \$850 million.

Don discussed the exciting drive on the Tail of the Dragon which is 13 miles and takes 2 hours. He said Marsha (aka Danika) drove it masterfully, and he was the scared one in the passenger seat.

Kermit commented that Marsha and Don had suggested starting a plaque to display the Club's recognition pins which are a different color each year.

Facebook. Doug Light reminded everyone that there are two ways of obtaining Club information; one is the website, the official source; and secondly, the Facebook page (FB.com/northtexascorvetteclub). You do not have to be a member of Facebook to review it. Currently, 920 people from 30 countries are checking out the page. On the Club Calendar, red items are official events and

green items are for information only. The website is ntcovettelub.com and the password is stingray.

Doug expressed appreciation for members who post photos. He thanked those attending the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville. There were a total of 19 cars who participated to support the Veterans.

New Business: Mark Hughes mentioned David Hanks who has restored a 1962 Corvette and won a Top Flight Award. His work is detailed and very high quality.

Linda Cassidy thanked everyone for the food, cards, flowers and visits during her hospital stay and recovery at home. It meant so much to her to have the support from the Club members. She has now recovered and is doing well.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

50/50 Drawing

Susan Chambers, 50/50 Chairman, had Bill Chambers draw the winning ticket number. The drawing was won by Charlene Rutenber.

Adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Smith and seconded by Nancy McMinn. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Smith, Secretary