

UNAPPROVED
Monthly General Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2011 – VFW Dupont, PA

Tina Gittleman, President of the Corvette Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania called the general meeting to order at 8:14 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at the VFW in Dupont, Pennsylvania. All officers were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Since there was no meeting in September due to disastrous local flooding conditions, the minutes from the August meeting were presented. Jon Valentine motioned to accept the August minutes as read as an accurate account of the meeting, seconded by Bob Tuffy; passed unopposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara McCracken

Balance carried forward: \$xxxx

Income \$xxx

Expenses \$xxx

Balance in the M&T checking account \$xxxx

Balance in the Scranton Times FCU \$xxx

Total cash on hand \$xxxx

Frank Plis motioned to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Bob Robinson; passed unopposed.

BILLS AGAINST THE CLUB: Joe Lazzaro \$105.76 for calendar meeting expenses; Carol Reese \$79.27 calendar meeting expenses; VFW \$25; Joe Lazzaro approximately \$xxx NCCC dues (amount to be disclosed next meeting); Pittston Food Pantry, Luzerne County \$100; and 7 Loaves Soup Kitchen, Wyoming County \$100. Ron Furman motioned to pay the bills, seconded by John Davenport; passed unopposed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Alan Reese announced that Mike and Marcella Margeotes submitted application to rejoin the Club along with new members Dennis and Mary Chrisman. The membership voted all into the Club unanimously.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Joe Lazzaro reported the last meeting was 3 ½ hours in duration but he provided the condensed version: officers will now serve a two-year term, the recent car show/banquet earned \$xxx, the East region bank account balance is \$xxxx, the high-speed licensing in the East Region requires certification through a high-speed event and this criterion is reflected in the newly revised By-Laws and Standing Rules. Joe expects to attend the next governor's meeting – weather permitting.

DUES REPORT: Barb McCracken reported the dues notifications have been mailed and are due by October 31, 2011. \$1,117.50 has been submitted to date.

WEB SITE: Joe Lazzaro – the web site has been updated with pictures from the Luzerne parade, drags, and weekend away. Pictures of classified merchandise for sale has been added.

CORVETTE CORNER: Jon Valentine boasts he is the proud owner of a Z06 and is enjoying problem free driving. He suggests doing comparative price shopping for parts as he recently priced out a replacement mirror ranging between a low of \$35 up to a high of \$113 for the exact same part. He also warned to be specific and know exactly what you're after. Joe Lazzaro announced that there is a recall on late 2011 Corvette Coups and if you own one, expect the notice. Jon Valentine then told a story about a recall that was not specific and the dealer removed superior parts that had already been replaced by the owner and installed items of a lesser quality. He warned to fully research the recall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

August 12, 2011 – Osterhaut Library's "Raise the Roof" Frank Plis reported it was a great event, the driver was free and \$10 for passengers. There were 6 cars and 11 members that enjoyed music and a variety of food and beverages for 3 hours. Joe Lazzaro brought a coaster to donate to Ron and Rosie Gitkos for next year.

August 14, 2011 – Summer Picnic (PennBrook) the board members offered the following comments: It rained, the games were fun, there were 20 people in attendance, and plenty of food.

August 20, 2011 – Club Night – Sandy Fumanti chair, 7 Corvettes, 11 members, and 2 guests enjoyed a private tour of the historical Sweatland Homestead in Wyoming. Very interesting to learn that local government suffered from corruption and nepotism even back in the late 1700's. The group dined at Leggio's Back Mountain followed by a relaxing ride around Harvey's Lake.

August 26, 27, 28, 2011 – Corvettes at Carlisle Ray Burroughs reported the dinner at Adams Polish was really good, less attendance than usual, closed early because of the storm. The new color, Carlisle Blue, was unveiled – will only be available on 2012's.

September 11, 2011 – Knoebels Amusement Park - Alan Reese event cancelled as the park was underwater.

September 17, 2011 – Luzerne Parade - Joe Lazzaro, 9 members and 5 cars participated in the parade, followed by lunch at Hops and Barley and shopping at the street vendor's tents.

September 18, 2011 – Mt. Pocono Club Drags – Joe Lazzaro 4 members attended 2 participated. Joe reported the fastest vehicle on the track was an Eagle Talon.

September 25, 2011 - 8 members enjoyed brunch at the Best Western East Mountain Inn. Everyone agreed the food was great but they ate way too much and missed 2 absent members who made reservations and never showed. You have to call the secretary to remind her of events. Later the group toured the tubs, a local natural wonder.

September 30, October 1 & 2, 2011 – Weekend Away – Old Rhinebeck, New York Joe Lazzaro reported 6 members ate their way through New York. The air show was cancelled due to inclement weather, but that didn't stop the gang from enjoying the Vanderbilt and Roosevelt mansions. They also met another Corvette Club from York County Pennsylvania and traded Club stories.

October 9, 2011 – Calendar meeting, Carol and Alan Reese hosted the event where 15 members planned out next year's events. 7 cars were proudly displayed and photos taken. Refreshments were provided by the Club right down to banana splits. Gotta love Ice Cream Alan.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 15, 2011 – Keystone Parade – Alan Reese, chair, meet at Keyser Oak Plaza at 10:00 a.m.; ride to Lackawanna Trail school for line up, one mile parade to the campus lawn for a complimentary lunch.

October 16, 2011 – Fall Ride – John Davenport, chair, meet at the new Tunkhannock Wal Mart at 10:00 a.m. John plans a ride through New York State to include the Starrucca Viaduct, lunch at the Summit Tea Room in New Milford, where the Club will participate in a car show to benefit autism. The board approved a \$100 donation to Joseph's Storehouse Across America that John will present to the owner of the restaurant in support of the cause.

October 29, 2011 – Halloween event – cancelled.

November 12, 2011, Saturday - Dinner and a Comedy – Sandy Fumanti, chair 654-2720. Meet at Amadeo's on Birney Ave. in Moosic at 6:00 p.m. followed by a comedy show at Wisecracker's in the Clarion Hotel in Scranton at 9:00 p.m. Comedians scheduled are Brad Lowry and David Beck two we've not seen before.

November 19, 2011 – Member Appreciation Night, Joe Lazzaro chair – reservations have been made at Café Rinaldi's in Old Forge, a DJ is contracted, menu and desserts will be similar to last year, and a cash bar. The event is free to all members, guests are \$25 each. Member gifts will be presented at the dinner and then only at the December, January, and February general meetings for members who do not attend the dinner.

November 20, 2011 – Bingo with the Veterans Barb McCracken announced to meet at 11:30 at Preno's for lunch. Gather in the lobby of the Geno Merle Center for 1:30 p.m. bingo.

OLD BUSINESS: Jon Valentine indicated the supplier he checked with for helmets no longer carries them, but he will secure prices.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe Lazzaro announced that 2012 refills for the desk calendar is in production and will be distributed at the December meeting.

Joe Lazzaro indicated he needed general membership approval to expend the cost of member appreciation gifts. Sandy Fumanti motioned to allow Joe Lazzaro to spend up to \$xxx on member gifts for the membership appreciation event, seconded by Jon Valentine, passed unopposed.

Tina Gittleman announced that nominations for Club Officers was held at the October board meeting. Since the nominations did not produce multiple candidates for any office, the Executive Board was announced: Joe Lazzaro, President; Jay Demerer, Vice President; Barbara McCracken, Treasurer and Sandy Fumanti, Secretary. Per protocol, the secretary, Sandy Fumanti cast one vote electing the new officials into office.

CHARITY: Pat Cockerill reminded everyone to continue collecting ring tabs and bring in Toys for Tots. Checks have been submitted to aid the pantries in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties.

GOOD OF THE CLUB: The November board meeting is Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at the Midtown Bar & Grill in Avoca and the next General Membership Meeting is Thursday, November 11, 2011 at the VFW at 8:00 p.m.

50/50: \$xx collected; Barbara McCracken won \$xx and \$xx was directed to the charity fund. John Davenport won a printed article and Joe DiRienzo a poster.

Jay Demerer thanked outgoing President, Tina Gittleman for her service to the Club.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on a motion by Jon Valentine; seconded by Bob Robinson.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Fumanti, Secretary