APPROVED

December 2011 Monthly General Meeting Thursday, December 8, 2011 – VFW Dupont, PA

Joe Lazzaro, President of the Corvette Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania called the general meeting to order at 8:18 p.m. on Thursday, Dec 8, 2011 at the VFW in Dupont, Pennsylvania. The pledge of allegiance was recited and the President called for a moment of silence in memory of Gary Lamberton, who passed away. Gary was a charter member as well as a current board member.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sandy Fumanti, Secretary. Ron Gitkos motioned to accept the November minutes as read as an accurate account of the meeting, seconded by Burt Occulto; passed unopposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barb McCracken

Beginning Balance: \$xxxx Income: \$xxx Expenses: \$xxx M&T: \$xxxx Scranton Times Federal CU: \$xxxx Balance all accounts: \$xxxx Bob Tuffy motioned to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Pat Cockerill, passed unopposed.

BILLS AGAINST THE CLUB: VFW \$xx; Joe Lazzaro \$xx for the Governor's meeting and \$xx Pittston Printery printing for 2012 Club Calendars; \$xxx to Martz Bus for the February Atlantic City Car Show trip. Carol Reese motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Jim Cockerill; passed unopposed.

DUES REPORT: Barbara McCracken announced that all dues are now current. \$xxx is the total amount collected.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Alan Reese – nothing to report at this meeting.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Joe Lazzaro reported 2012 NCCC dues are paid, the current balance in the East Region's account is \$xxxx (the car show at the March meeting generates income that helps keep the region in the black), and Blue Bars is being reformatted to a more reader friendly publication. NCCC is starting a pilot program called "Families Helping Families" where fellow Corvetters assist Corvette owners get acquainted when moving into a new area or state; still in the planning stages. The Corvette Museum is looking for volunteers from each Club to act as Ambassadors, if anyone is interested in the position, please see Joe Lazzaro. The next Governor's meeting is in March 2012.

CHARITY: Pat Cockerill read a summary of all the 2011 Charity events. She announced that a flood-ravaged family in Meshopen is desperately trying to get into their home by Christmas. Pat asked for donations of gently used bedding, towels or household items for the family. The Club will purchase and donate small appliances to the family expending no more than \$200.

PROPERTY: Joe Lazzaro – all present and accounted.

WEB SITE: Joe Lazzaro 2012 events and calendar are posted. Pictures from the Member's Appreciation gathering are on the web along with an artist's rendition of the new 2014 C7 and information on possibly the most expensive accident in history – visit to learn more about that crash. The archive section is under construction.

CORVETTE CORNER: Joe Lazzaro announced the GM produced the 100 millionth small block engine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

<u>November 12, 2011, Saturday</u> - Dinner and a Comedy – Sandy Fumanti reported 13 members and one guest met at Amadeo's for dinner followed by a comedy show at Wisecrackers in the Clarion hotel Linda & Georg Rittenhouse won a door prize of tickets to another show.

<u>November 19, 2011</u> – Member Appreciation Night, Joe Lazzaro chair – Café Rinaldi's in Old Forge 35 members and 5 guests enjoyed a night full of food, fun, music and some entertaining Karaoke (thanks Paula). Gift blankets were distributed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Atlantic City Bus Trip to the Car show Bert Occulto reported that the bus will depart from the Dickson City Wegman's parking lot at 6:00 a.m. Reservations are \$39 per person and a few seats are available. Tickets for the car show are available pre-sale for \$15 in January – gate price is \$20 see Bob Polacek.

Chairpersons are still needed for a few 2012 events: June week-end away, August Summer Picnic, September week-end away, Halloween Party and the Member Appreciation Party. If interested, see Joe Lazzaro.

OLD BUSINESS:

2012 desk calendar refills are available – see Barb McCracken, 2012 pocket calendars with envelopes have been printed and are available – see Joe Lazzaro, fleece blankets are available – see Joe Lazzaro.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Lazzaro announced that Pocono Raceway is being paved and displaced Cumberland Valley's April event. Cumberland Valley secured Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27 as new dates. CCNEPA has the track on Monday, May 28. Discussions are expected to explore and investigate the possibility of joining the two events. Joe will make inquiries at the first Pocono event meeting.

GOOD OF THE CLUB:

A thank you letter was received from the Osterhout Library for the Club's donation and participation in their Raise the Roof fund raiser.

Following a discussion of a recent member's death and the lack of information available prior to the funeral, the officers asked that any information regarding the passing of a Club member be relayed as soon as possible to either an officer or board member so that proper arrangements for condolences can be made in a timely fashion and announcements to the general membership can be posted on the website. Ron Gitkos motioned that a check for \$50 be sent to Gary Lamberton's family, seconded by Jim Cockerill, passed unopposed.

A Club member recounted her experience taking advantage of the discounts available through the website stating she saved over \$400 for an appliance purchase through Sears.

It is time to renew social memberships at the VFW, please see the bartender to pay 2012 dues.

The President announced that all members are encouraged and welcome to attend a board meeting as an observer. The next board meeting is January 3, 2012 at the Midtown Bar & Grill in Avoca 6:00 p.m. for dinner and 7:00 p.m. for meeting. The next General Membership Meeting is Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the VFW at 8:00 p.m.

Club merchandise available for sale: Hats \$12; chairs \$20; coolers \$15; coasters \$2.50 each or 6 for \$10; blankets \$20.

50/50: \$xx collected; Bert Occulto won \$xx and \$xx was directed to the charity fund. Bud Vinton won a poster.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m. on a motion by Pat Cockerill, seconded by Bert Occulto.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Fumanti, Secretary