

APPROVED

October 2012 Monthly General Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 2012 – Camelot Restaurant – Waverly, PA

Joe Lazzaro President of the Corvette Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania called the general meeting to order at 8:18 p.m. on October 11, 2012 at Camelot Restaurant in Waverly, Pennsylvania. The pledge of allegiance was recited. All officers were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sandy Fumanti – Bert Occulto motioned to accept the September minutes as read as an accurate account of the meeting, seconded by Ron Furman; passed unopposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara McCracken.

Beginning Balance: \$xxx

Income: \$xxx

Expenses: \$xxx

M&T: \$xxx

Scranton Times Federal CU: \$xxx

Balance all accounts: \$xxx

Jon Valentine motioned to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Scott Early; passed unopposed.

BILLS AGAINST THE CLUB: Joe Lazzaro \$136.95 food items for Calendar Meeting; Joe Lazzaro \$60 expenses for Governor's meeting; Carol Reese \$116.20 food items for Calendar Meeting. Jon Valentine motioned to pay the bills, seconded by John Davenport; passed unopposed.

DUES REPORT: Barbara McCracken – \$2,185 has been collected prior to tonight's meeting. Due date is October 31, 2012.

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

GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Joe Lazzaro – the Northeast region was approached by the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. They are selling one-acre parcels for \$15,000 payable over a 5-year period. As an incentive the region would be granted two days track time; which could be sold in the future. The proposal is being considered since there is greater than \$35,000 in the treasury and the purchase will be discussed and voted on at a future meeting. The number of sanctioned events is being increased to 10 per year, membership dues will be payable soon, and the new software package is expected to yield a savings of approximately \$10,000. The recent teen driving school had 35 youngsters enrolled but only 9 actually participated. The 2013 convention is in Bowling Green, KY and the 2014 convention will be in Savannah, GA. The east region voted against a penalty for paying dues late. Joe recounted a complaint related to Poker Runs and the insistence of using two decks of cards to increase the chances of winning high and low hands.

CHARITY: Barbara McCracken – November 18 at 2:00 p.m. is bingo with the Vets at the Geno Merle Center in Scranton. Meet for lunch at noon at Preno's. Toys for Tots donations are ongoing and ring tabs continue to be collected.

PROPERTY: Joe Lazzaro reported two radios are still outstanding from the Lancaster weekend away, but he knows who has them and expects the radios to be returned shortly.

WEB SITE: Joe Lazzaro, more spy shots of the new C7 are on the website. Joe announced he always welcomes pictures.

CORVETTE CORNER: Jon Valentine announced that he has been experiencing and hearing of a rash of battery problems including a crack in a new battery and warned not to assume because the battery is new that it cannot fail. Jon also cited that China is purchasing old batteries from the United States to reclaim the lead and indicated that perhaps less lead might be a contributing factor to the recent problems. Ray Burroughs recounted an incident where a \$90 switch in the steering column of a 2004 C-5 cost in excess of \$300 in labor to replace. Joe Lazzaro announced that Pocono Raceway will be repaving and widening the infield track by 5

feet and updating drainage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

September 15, 2012 – Saturday – Luzerne Parade – Joe Lazzaro the 2012 parade was canceled due to ill health of the parade chairman. The 2013 parade is expected to return and has been added to the calendar.

September 16, 2012 – Drags – Joe Lazzaro reported 3 members attended and one member ran the track. Wes Parker indicated the GTR was impressive but definitely not stock.

September 23, 2012 Brunch at East Mountain Inn – In Joe Lazzaro stated 15 members and 3 guests enjoyed an outstanding food feast and there were 7 Corvettes in the parking lot.

September 28, 29 & 30, 2012 Lancaster Weekend Away – Tina Gittleman – 10 members, 4 Corvettes, and one metal car journeyed to Lancaster where everyone enjoyed a nice dinner on Friday evening, with a shopping excursion on Saturday, and a visit to the Cumberland Valley Car Show and Army War College. Survey says: good time, thank you Tina for chairing the event.

October 6, 2012 – Kerbeck Toys for Tots Event - Lanny Scott canceled the trip because of the weather and lack of interest.

October 7, 2012 – Annual Calendar Meeting – Carol and Alan Reese hosted 19 members at their home on their new patio and fire pit. Despite the cold, wet, windy conditions, it is believed that a comprehensive calendar has been developed for 2013. The group enjoyed a variety of culinary pleasures; complete with ice cream sundaes and banana splits. Thank you Carol and Alan.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 13, 2012 – Saturday – Keystone Homecoming Parade – Alan Reese – meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Keyser Oak Plaza to caravan to the Lackawanna Trail Elementary school parking lot for staging. Following the short parade, the college will provide lunch on the college green. Reminder, candy is not allowed to be thrown from the vehicles; you may pass out candy if you walk the route.

October 14, 2012 – Sunday – Fall Ride – Ron Furman announced the group will meet at the K Mart in Tunkhannock for a 9:00 a.m. departure. The route will be through the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon stopping at Penn Wells Hotel for lunch. Ron announced that a fund raiser sponsored by another group he is involved with is taking place the same day. If you are interested in attending, see Ron for details.

October 27, 2012 – Saturday Halloween Party – Tina Gittleman – 6:00 p.m. haunted farmhouse with costumes and food. There will be a \$5 charge for members and \$10 for non-members. Costumes are encouraged as well as flashlights, chairs, and blankets if you have interest in sitting outside near the fire. Food will be provided, but it is a BYOB affair. Tina is planning games and prizes and is hoping for a good turn out.

November 10, 2012 – Saturday – Dinner and Comedy Night – Sandy Fumanti – Clarion Hotel in Scranton, dinner arrangements are being worked out.

November 17, 2012 – Saturday – Member Appreciation Night – Joe Lazzaro reported the event will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Vanderlyn's in Kingston. There is no charge for members but a \$30 deposit (refundable at the party) is required and charge for guests will be \$35. The evening will include a buffet, dessert, cash bar, music, and gifts. Directions will be posted on the website. See Joe to make reservations.

November 18, 2012 – Sunday – Bingo with the Vets – Barbara McCracken – details listed under charity.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The officers elect for 2013 are Joe Lazzaro, President; Jay Demerer, Vice-President; Barbara McCracken, Treasurer; and Sandy Fumanti, Secretary. Since the officers elect ran unopposed, in accordance with the Club's by-laws and constitution, Sandy Fumanti, Secretary cast one vote to officially seat the officers for the upcoming term.

Joe Lazzaro announced that some of the events planned at the 2013 calendar meeting currently have no chairperson and anyone interested in volunteering should see Joe. There is an event scheduled on January 19, listed as "Club Night" that does not have a chairperson. Joe encouraged the membership to be creative and volunteer to chair the event.

In accordance with the by-laws and constitution, general membership approval is needed to expend funds to purchase gifts for Member Appreciation Night. Jon Valentine motioned to spend no more than \$1,000 to purchase the items, seconded by Bert Occulto, passed unopposed. These gifts will be distributed at the event to members who have attended 6 meetings and/or events.

Bert Occulto announced the Atlantic City car show is scheduled on March 2, 2013. Joe Lazzaro announced that the calendar will be adjusted to accommodate the date.

GOOD OF THE CLUB:

Tina Gittleman announced she may have a source to rent a pinewood derby track and Joe suggested she gather the details.

Ron Gitkos received a thank you from the Osterhaut Library for the Club's participation and donation to their recent Raise the Roof event.

Ron Gitkos also thanked the Club for the donation to the Jeffrey DiPrimo Fund claiming it is greatly appreciated.

The November board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at the Midtown Sports Bar & Grill, Avoca; 6:00 for dinner, 7:00 p.m. meeting.

The next general membership meeting is Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the Midtown Sports Bar & Grill, Avoca; 6:00 for dinner, 8:00 p.m. meeting.

Club merchandise available for sale: Hats \$12; chairs \$20; coolers \$15; coasters \$2.50 each or 6 for \$10; blankets \$20 and patches \$2.

50/50: \$xx collected; Bert Occulto, won \$xx and \$xx was directed to the charity fund.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. on a motion by Jon Valentine; seconded by Scott Early. Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Fumanti, Secretary