# download?mid=1_73791_ANbSi2IAAIF8Trc5SwTHlTjdGMM&pid=5&fid=Corvette%20Club&inline=1SMCC CLUB MEETING

# MINUTES

# January 13, 2014

# Note: For brevity, last names are abbreviated, and speakers are identified in parenthesis.

President Tom Santangelo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Jim Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance. As tradition, each member introduced themselves and their cars.

A total of 13 members were in attendance.

**SECRETARY REPORT (Patrice Hopkins)**

* Tom S. reminded members that the minutes were distributed via email. He opened the floor for questions; there were none. Dennis Lyons made a motion to accept the minutes; multiple members seconded the motion. Members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was carried.

**TREASURY REPORT AND CLUB MAIL/CORRESPONDENCE**

* On behalf of Susie Mendoza, Patrice Hopkins briefed the treasury report and club mail. The only correspondence that required the club’s action was to update the PO Box POC with Tom Santangelo instead of a previous SMCC president.
* The current account balance is $5,682.35 as a result of depositing member dues and reserving funds for potential plaques to recognize previous board members and $500 for the Business, Education, and Community Alliance, Inc. scholarship fund.
* Tom S. informed members of Susie M.’s email which confirmed the EZ Form 990-N was filed and accepted by the IRS on January 13, 2014.
* **Action(s):**
  + **Tom S. to complete and submit the PO Box application.**

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT (Ben Mendoza)**

* Ben M. reported no additional members; we currently have 27 members.

**MERCHANDISE CHAIR POSITION**

* Tom S. informed Jim Jacobs that he has boxes of merchandise to hand over. Jim J. added that he visited Chesapeake Embroidery which still requires a minimum of 50 orders for the decal for T-shirts. Tom S. suggested we place an order with Jim next month.
* **Action(s):**
  + **Ben M. plans to go online for more information.**
  + **Jim J. plans to bring a catalog to the next club meeting.**

**EVENT CHAIR REPORT**

Tom S. thanked the Mendozas for a great Christmas party. Also, on behalf of Mike Doncevic, Tom S. reminded members of upcoming events (see the list of events emailed by Mike D.).

**WEBSITE REPORT**

* Tom S. stated the website is “awesome,” and we are “getting results.”

**OUTREACH**

* + - * Tom S. is working on an outreach letter to past members.
      * **Action(s):** 
        + **Tom S. will provide a copy of the outreach letter.**

**PLAQUES**

* Ben M. brought Dave Grimsley’s plaque to show the club an example of what the club could provide past presidents/executive board for their service. Ben M. sought out a local source; the estimated cost: $60.
  + **Action(s): Ben M. plans to contact Billy Higgs to ask for the vendor who supplies the annual car show participant plaques.**

**FUNDRAISERS**

* Tom S. reminded members of the previous fundraising ideas from the last meeting on December 9, 2013: Bingo, car race, brown bag auction and poker run. He would like the club to start the events in the spring. Ben M. suggested to start early with organizing and advertising the events (i.e. during the area car shows). Brenda Ridgell reminded the club to use Facebook as well.
* Tom S., Ben M. and Brenda R. explained the process for the fundraising ideas:
  + Bingo: Tom S. explained the roles (i.e. determining a caller/game captain and someone to answer patron questions) and emphasized the requirement for the club to procure its own license ($5) and decide on a date that would not interfere with another scheduled Bingo event in the area.
  + Poker Run: Ben M. explained that each driver/participant in the poker run would drive to a station and pick from a deck of cards. At the end of the day, the one who has the best poker hand wins. Dennis Lyons stated that a participant can play up to five hands.
  + Brown Bag Auction: Brenda Ridgell stated that people can provide items from yard sales or spring cleaning could be used for the auction. The auction has been a success with another group with which she is involved; she stated it would be pretty easy to do.
  + Questions were raised on liability coverage for events (Brenda R.), the number of people the Knights of Columbus hall can hold (Jim J.) and whether or not the kitchen in the hall shares the profits. Answers from Tom S.: We would have to confirm the liability coverage. The hall can accommodate a number of people. The kitchen receives all of the profits from events held in the hall.
* After a detailed discussion amongst members, Tom S. acknowledged that we have three good ideas (Bingo being the most intense activity), but asked the club to decide on the idea(s) we would like to execute. Patrice H. stated we could do both the poker run and brown bag auction.
* The club voted to conduct both the poker run and brown bag auction:
  + Ben M. made a motion to do the poker run and volunteered to lead it. Jim J. and Ray Smith seconded the motion. Members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was carried. The poker run may take place in the summertime.
  + Tom S. asked Brenda R. to lead the brown bag auction and, by the next meeting, requested she provide information on how club members can augment the project (i.e. the location, tasks, and considering May as the timeframe).
  + **Actions:**
    - 1. **Confirm liability coverage under the insurance plan.**
      2. **Brenda R. will lead the brown bag auction and Ben M. will lead the poker run and would need to provide more details by the next meeting.**
      3. **Ben M. volunteered to gather the business information. Tom S. also asked to confirm with the places that it is ok to park/stop at the check points.**
* **VALENTINE’S DAY SUNDAY BRUNCH**
  + Tom S. asked if the club would like to continue our tradition with the Valentine’s Day brunch. If so, we needed to decide on a date – February 9th or 16th at the Rod ‘n Reel. Although some members may not be able to attend, the consensus was February 16th. However, Linda Smith warned that we should confirm the times of the brunch, which may have changed this year.
  + **Action(s):** 
    - 1. **Ben M. plans to call and determine the reservations times.**
      2. **Once the date and times are confirmed, we need to confirm the number of attendees and finalize reservations.**
* **BECA SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**
  + In an email from Susie M., she explained that we missed the deadline for being listed on the BECA application form, but we can still participate. Mark Smith will provide the engineering applications for us.
* **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
* **Chair vacancies**
  + - * + Tom S. asked Jim J. if his wife (Karen, who works for a homeowner’s association) has agreed to chair the bylaws committee, and Jim J. confirmed the affirmative. Jim J. requested the contact information from the committee which will consist of the following individuals: Karen Jacobs (Bylaws chair), Verdis Jones, Mike D., and Chris LaQuay.
  + **Action(s):** 
    - 1. **Tom S. requested the bylaws committee to provide a report on its review by the February 10th meeting.**
* **Business cards**
  + Ben M. will purchase the printer ink and use the same template for the business cards as our membership cards. He plans to provide all current members with business cards.
  + **Action(s):** 
    - 1. **Ben M. to draft the business cards and distribute to members.**
* **Tech Center**
  + **Action(s): Ben M. plans to make contact in February.**
* **Discounts and Sponsors**
  + Tom S. visited Bayside on Saturday, January 4, 2014. He said the owner would think about providing discounts to club members and will let us know within three weeks.
  + Winegardner will provide a 10% discount on parts and labor.
  + **Action(s):** 
    - **Tom S. and Chris L. plan to visit Ken Dixon as well.**
* **Trifold draft**
  + Chris L. sent the draft trifold for review; waiting on comments back. Tom S. provided updates and has a question on the language regarding community service and hospice. He suggested adding Toys for Tots, the St. Cecilia Food Pantry events. Ben M. suggested keeping the language generic.
  + **Action(s): Executive Board needs to review the trifold for comments.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Sam Lupi Memorial Cruise: Dennis L. reminded the club that we should hold a cruise around Sam Lupi’s birthday (June 17th).
  + **Action(s): Tom S. asked that Mike D. be contacted to add the information to our events calendar. Ben M. plans to contact Mike D. since he is still in contact with Sam Lupi’s family.**

**CORVETTE TECH NEWS & TIPS**

* Don B. asked if anyone watched the Z06 reveal.
* Tom S. shared the details from the reveal:
  + The C7R was introduced. It has 625 horsepower (but has no SAE certificate yet), is a L24, 6.2 liter, and has a super charger.
  + The seven and eight-speed automatic transmission will go into the base car. There is not a cost of the car yet, and it may not be available until 2015, which is later than the model year. There will be more vents and wider tires (1 ½ wider).
  + The Z51 has three packages to it and includes a spoiler option.
  + The Corvette Forum bashed the reveal, referring to it as a “bad reveal.”
  + The convertibles are out.
* Dennis L. reminded the club about doing a caravan to the Corvette National Museum this year.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

* Brenda R.

**REMINDERS**

* **Next Meeting: Monday, February 10th at 7:00pm – same meeting place at 41660 Courthouse Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650.**

Ben M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Byrne seconded, and the motion was carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

**\*Minutes Recorded by: Patrice Hopkins, 2013-2015 SMCC Corvette Club Secretary\***