



Midwest Early Corvette Club

Dedicated to the maintenance, preservation and restoration of Corvettes 1953 to present.

Show and Shine, Cruise and Dine

Minutes from the General Membership Meeting October 8, 2019



Ron Gillis

President Doyle Eicher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following officers were present: President Doyle Eicher, Vice-President/Governor Ron Gillis, Treasurer Frank Metzler, Ambassador Harlen Kittrell, Ombudsman Terry Foster, Webmaster Mike McCarron, Activities Committee Nancy Bronner and JoAnne Garber.

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

After the pledge of allegiance Eicher welcomed Mark and Pam DeLong to the October meeting.

Eicher recognized the October birthdays – Diane Anderson, Steve Bronner, Chuck Garber, Jeanette Gillis, Steve Meisenbach, Butch Noordam and anniversaries – Doyle & Sandy Eicher, John & Cheryl Headley, Terry & Barbara Murkins, and Don & Jeanne Peers. Thoughts and prayers were also sent to Craig Olson and Tom Gilmore.

The October officer/board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. and hosted by Terry & Phyllis Foster. The next general membership meeting is on November 12th at the Pizza Ranch at 7:00 p.m.

The items were no items in the mail bag.

Action Items

Approval of September General Membership Meeting Minutes – J.C. Stokes made a motion to approve the September 10, 2019, minutes of the MECC General Membership Meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Wichita and passed unanimously.

2020 MECC Officer/Director Elections – Ron Gills and Steve Meisenbach co-chaired the election committee. In compliance with the By-Laws and before the October meeting it was determined there were no new candidates. It was also clarified that Steve Bronner will change his membership from WR-095 to WR-117 to be in compliance with our By-Laws. Listed below are the individuals nominated for the 2020 officer positions:

President – Doyle Eicher
Vice-President – Mark Naslund
Treasurer – Steve Bronner

Secretary – Lynn Groenjes
Ambassador – Harlen Kittrell
Governor – Shelly Miller
Webmaster – Mike McCarron
Newsletter – Sandy Eicher
Ombudsman – Terry Foster
Activities Committee – Nancy Bronner and JoAnne Garber

Ron Gillis made a motion to approve the list of 2020 officers. The motion was seconded by Deb Kubik and passed unanimously.

After the election, the newly elected officers introduced themselves to the membership.

Report from Officers

Treasurer – Metzler reported on the bills that have been paid and the balance in the treasury is \$11,182.13.

Governor – Gillis reported the Governors will vote on the election of the new officers for NCCC in November and as usual MECC will vote by proxy. Next year's NCCC convention will be in Indianapolis, IN on July 5-10. Therefore, we cannot hold any sanctioned events during these dates. He reported the MECC ad for the 2020 Directory of the ENWI Car Council is due December 15. MECC will review our budget in November so we can proceed with the ENWI ad.

Ambassador – Kittrell renewed his goal to have 100% of MECC members become NCM members. He explained that MECC is a freelance club and we could become the only club out of about 275 clubs to have 100% enrollment in NCM. A single membership costs \$37.50 the first year and \$50 the following year. A family membership costs \$75 the first year and \$50 thereafter. He shared the brochure and benefits of becoming an NCM member. He specifically highlighted the NCM insurance and the great savings for Corvette members. See him to become a member and he will assist with the registration process. He will provide more information about NCM at future meetings. He held a drawing for a travel bag and J.C. Stokes was the winner.

Webmaster – McCarron stated the website is up to date and we had 96 people from Omaha, Bellevue, and Japan visit the website where they viewed 296 pages. He strongly encouraged members to join the MECC Facebook group, which is a closed group only for MECC members

Newsletter – Eicher encouraged members to submit their information for the Spotlight on Members section of the newsletter for November and December. If there is no further interest then this page will be dropped in 2020.

Ombudsman – Foster no report.

Activities Committee

MECC Christmas Party – Bronner reported the club Christmas party would be held on December 14th at Cascio's Steakhouse. If you are participating in the gift exchange there is a limit of \$25.00. Women should bring a gift for another woman and men should bring a gift or another man. Menu selection forms will be available at the November general membership meeting and checks should be made payable to MECC.

Kansas City Trip – Bob Redmond stated the trip is schedule for October 18 and 19. If you signed up for this event, please submit your payment to him. He will provide more information to the participants about the meeting time and location.

Old Business

Club Car Show Wrap Up Sunridge Village – Eicher stated we will not do this event again as it was not organized very well by Sunridge Village. He thanked everyone who attended and to those members who got their Corvette ready but were called and asked not to bring their car.

Club Car Show Wrap Up Walnut Grove – Bob Redmond thanked everyone who attended and noted it was a great show. It was well attended by MECC and Cornhusker Corvette Club. He noted this is the facility where his mom lives. Eicher stated we are enjoying our relationship with Cornhusker Corvette Club as it grows at these kinds of events.

Apple Orchard Cruise – Kathy Wichita reported that 11 couples and 10 cars (3 Corvettes and 7 other vehicles) participated in the cruise to the orchard and then to dinner at the Pizza King. Everyone had a great time.

Weekend Cruise Ideas and Organizers – Eicher encouraged members to organize cruises next year. He would like individuals to step up and organize an activity so that we have a new and fresh look for events. If anyone has an idea for an activity in November, let us know.

H&H Chevrolet – Murkins stated he has fully moved into his redone home and his wife is headed back to California. H&H staff is relocating to Aksarben Village and the new specialty location will open the end of November. He will try and get MECC a tour of the facility (this may be our November outing). It will be another year before the Chevrolet dealership will move to its new location at Highway 370 and Interstate 80. He reported that all of H&H's 2020 allotments for the new C8 have been spoken for. He personally thanked the club for their support during the last year.

Club Apparel – Gillis stated members could go to Center Trophy as they have the logos and order what you want or contact him if you want something from 247. We will receive a discount from 247 if there are 8 or more items ordered.

Blair Sid Dillon Car Show – Bill Englesman reported this show has been postponed until further notice as the dealership has experienced two hailstorms.

New Business

Discussion of 2020 MECC Dues – Gillis stated dues need to be received by the November general membership meeting. You can just submit a check and not complete the form if you have no changes in your 2019 registration and the roster is correct. However, if you do not submit the form you cannot hold us accountable if the roster is not correct.

Renewing Pizza Ranch Facilities for 2020 Membership Meetings – Eicher stated he would work with Pizza Ranch to secure the meetings dates for next year. The 2020 reservation book will be available in November.

There was no other new business.

Drawings

Name Tag/Dinner – Janice Tuttle won the free dinner gift card.

Raffle – John Headley won the \$116 cash drawing.

Eicher reminded everyone about the tip basket for our server.

Adjournment

J.C. Stokes made a motion to adjourn the October 8, 2019, General Membership Meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Meisenbach and adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Ron Gillis