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

# MINUTES

# June 9, 2014

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

President, Tom Santangelo, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Ronnie Gitlin, new member, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom S. greeted two additional potential members, Dave and Jeannie Manchester. As tradition, each member and guest introduced themselves and their cars.

A total of 13 members were in attendance.

**SECRETARY REPORT (Patrice Hopkins)**

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

**TREASURY REPORT AND CLUB MAIL/CORRESPONDENCE**

* Susie Mendoza reported no change in the balance of the club account. The balance remains at $5,786.16; the available balance is $5,286.16 including reserved funds of $500.00 for the Business, Education, and Community Alliance, Inc. (BECA) scholarship fund and funds for potential plaques for the past SMCC board.
* Susie M. is waiting on a response from Penn State University regarding payment.
* The mail was not available at the meeting, but will be reported at the next meeting.
* Action(s):
  + Susie M. is planning to call the bursar’s office again in order to make payment for the scholarship.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT (Ben Mendoza)**

* Ben Mendoza reported no change in membership (currently 31 members). There are two prospects who own a 1978 and 1992 Corvette. He and Tom S. have been campaigning for new members.

**MERCHANDISE CHAIR REPORT (Jim Jacobs)**

* There was no report (Jim J. was unable to attend).

**EVENT CHAIR REPORT (Mike Doncevic)**

* Mike D. reported a good turnout (152 cars) for the June 7th Mother Catherine Spalding School car show.
* Also, he reminded members about the upcoming events that are also posted on our club website: <http://www.southernmarylandcorvetteclub.org/activities.html>.
  + Saturday, June 14th
    - Midnight cruise hosted by the Coalition of Car Clubs, Waldorf, MD (6pm-12m)
    - Second Annual Car Show at the Center for Applied Technology, Edgewater, MD (Registration Time: 8:30am - 11:00am)
    - Chili in the Garden Classic Car Show at the Ann Marie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center (10am - 4pm). The car show is open for cars 1989 and older. Registration was June 1st.
    - Annual Crab Festival and Car Show at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds (11am - 8pm; registration at 11am). The cost is $20 at the gate.
  + Sunday, June 15th Father's Day - Colonial Beach cruise
  + Saturday, June 28th - Blind Poker Ride, Patuxent River, MD (Registration is 8am - 12pm. The ride starts at 10am; last car in at 3pm). The registration fee is $30 for the ride, food and music. There will be a total of seven stops on the run.
  + Saturday, June 29th - Bad Boyz Street Rod Club Car Show – 9am at Lamont's Entertainment Complex, Pomonkey, MD. The entry fee is $20 entry fee.
  + Friday, July 4th - St. Johns Knights of Columbus Summer Car Show (8am – 3pm)
  + Saturday, July 26th - SMCC presents The 2014 Poker Run (10am to 3:30pm). 10am to 12pm registration at Bert's 50's Diner. The entry fee is $20.

**WEBSITE REPORT (Rick Davis)**

* + On behalf of Rick D., Tom S. reminded the club members about the new addition to the website: The Atlantic and Pacific design packages for the 2015 Corvette/C7.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

* **BYLAWS**
  + Tom S. reminded members of the revised bylaws (Revision I) and the club discussed each change recommended. Patrice H. recommended that we remain consistent with grammar and terms (i.e. “good standing vs. active” members). Susie M. explained the difference between good standing (paying dues) and active (being involved).
  + The club voted in favor of the following:
    - Changing the reference to “in good standing” to “active” members.
    - Reviewing the bylaws on an “as needed” basis versus annual.
    - Revising the bylaws to reflect consistent grammar.
  + **Action(s):** 
    - **Tom S. intends to send out the revised bylaws for review.**
* **FUNDRAISERS** 
  + Poker Run: Ben M. discussed the details of the poker run (and emailed the information prior to the meeting) as follows:
    - We need volunteers: He emphasized that he only had a few responses regarding manning the stations and is worried that we may not be able to do the poker run. He reminded the club that the event is next month and he is willing to ask Marines to step in as volunteers if we do not have enough people to man the stops. Mike D. stated that since it is benefiting theToys for Tots, let the Marines volunteer. Ben M. reminded members of the 50/50 share of poker run proceeds requested by the Marines; we decided that the club wants 100% of the funds raised to distribute amongst the charities. Tom S. stated he would help with following up with volunteers. Patrice H. reminded that Dave Grimsley volunteered at the last meeting.
    - We need tables and chairs: Patrice H. had researched the cost of table and chairs to rent from the Moral, Welfare and Recreation office on base. As an alternative to avoid costs, it was recommended that we just bring our own chairs and ask club members to bring the two tables. Bill Gilligan asked the number of tables needed; Ben M. replied we need at least two tables for the Chaptico Market and Sea Breeze Restaurant stops. Don B. and Tom S. volunteered to bring the tables.
    - Door prizes: Ben M. acknowledged that he received the ideas, but need members to step up and take action. Patrice H. asked about the expectations of volunteers (i.e. pay out-of-pocket or pay to get reimbursed) and how many door prizes are we to gather. Ben M. stated that our goal is 20 door prizes; six have been purchased (including five items from Ben and Susie M. and the Stingray book from Tom S.). Patrice H. volunteered to get the Autozone gift card.

Both Susie M. and Brenda Ridgell emphasized to keep the door prizes simple. Susie M. posed two options for members: 1) Bring the door prizes to the next club meeting (July 14th) or one person goes shopping. Tom S. acknowledged a motion for making one person purchase the door prizes (we did not vote on it).

If we choose to use the club’s funds, the board of directors may spend $250 (as permitted by the bylaws) without the approval of the club. We do not know the number of participants. Tom S. stated that we could use any leftover door prizes for the brown bag auction.

* + - Rain date: Tom suggested August 2nd. Mike D. proposed doing a pre-registration.
    - Ben M. stated the venues/stops are excited about the poker run; this is a first poker run for some of the venues.
    - Tom S. expects we should have everything finalized by the next meeting (Monday, July 14th).
    - Bill Gilligan asked for the logistics of the poker run, and Ben M. provided an explanation.
  + **Action(s):** 
    - * **Tom S. will call and confirm volunteers for the poker run.**
      * **Members participating are encouraged to bring their own chairs to the poker run.**
      * **Members are asked to provide door prizes to Ben M. and provide by the next meeting.**
      * **Members would need to decide on the rain date and pre-registration. Flyers would need to be revised to reflect the rain date and pre-registration.**
      * **Ben M. is planning to send an email about the stations.**
* **BECA SCHOLARSHIP (Susie M.)**
  + Susie M. is contacting the bursar’s office for scholarship payment.
  + Ben and Susie M. had dinner with the recipient on Friday, June 6, 2014.
  + **Action(s):**

**Susie M: Invite the scholarship recipient to the next club meeting on Monday, June 9, 2014.**

* **NEW BUSINESS**
  + Tom S. and Mike D. discussed the October 4th Blessing of the Fleet. Mike provided the information in advance to the club to see if we would participate. He plans to include 10 cars in the count.
  + Ben M. updated members on the progress he has made with caring for Sam Lupi’s Corvette. Additionally, Ben M. reminded members about the Sam Lupi memorial cruise proposed by Dennis Lyons (Sam Lupi’s birthday is June 17th). The members discussed possible dates of the cruise; the date is to be determined. Ben M. suggested Lowery’s Seafood Restaurant in Tappahannock, VA as the destination. Brenda suggested for us to use our third Friday cruise date.
  + Mike D. mentioned that the Camaro club would like to do a cruise with us and encouraged the club to participate.
  + **Action(s):**

**Mike D. will coordinate with the Camaro club for the cruise date and other details.**

**The club would need to determine which date the Sam Lupi memorial cruise**

* **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

Patrice H. announced the following birthdays this month:

* + - June 10 – Tom S.
    - June 13 – Mary Anne Naef (Lowell’s wife)
    - June 15 – Dennis Hayes
    - June 17 – Sam Lupi (in memory)
    - June 18 – Dennis Lyons
    - June 19 – Barbara Huber (Jim’s wife)

**CORVETTE TECH NEWS & TIPS**

**SPECIAL NOTE**

* Mike D. asked “what happened to the fun?” as a reminder that we are a car club and need to do more events that evokes the fun the club used to have. Patrice H. agreed and stated “it would be nice to have no meetings.”

**REMINDERS**

* **Next Meeting: Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:00pm – same meeting place at 41660 Courthouse Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650.**
* Tom S. requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Lyons made the motion to adjourn. Don Byrne seconded the motion. Members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

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