

NICC Minutes

November 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes - Approved December 6, 2023

1. Opening and Call to Order:

The NICC Monthly Membership meeting was called to order by John Stupiec at 7:00 p.m. with 22 members present in the meeting room and five on Zoom for a total of 27 members in attendance.

2. List of Officers, Directors, & Committee Chairs:

President: John Stupiec	Sergeant-at-Arms: Gene Stimart
Governor: Dale Samuelson	Editor: Preston Morgan
Secretary: Cindy Starzyk	Social Director: Debbie Schaefer
Treasurer: Louise Gorsch	Quartermaster: Barb Johnson
Membership: Leon Gorsch	Advertising: Ken Starzyk
Parliamentarian: Doris Hicks	Public Relations: Ken Starzyk
Historians: Nancy Bailey & Carolyn Samuelson	Webmaster: Linda Stimart
NCM Ambassador: Sherry Putnam	Parade Director: Open Position
Sunshine Chair: Doris Hicks	Media Director: Traci Hill

3. Introduction of Guests: Tonight we had Nina and Tony Stachewcz from Pearl City as guests. They own a 2023 rapid blue Corvette. They found out about NICC at our Bachrodt car show last summer.

4. Minutes: A motion was made by Sherry Putnam to approve the October, 2023 minutes and was seconded by Dale Samuelson. The motion was approved.

5. Monthly Reports:

President – John Stupiec: No report.

Governor – Dale Samuelson: See Dale's full report in the October NICC newsletter. Dale thanked the October Autocross workers. They were Mike Lenth, Ken Starzyk and Cindy Starzyk. NICC's share of the proceeds was \$714!

Secretary – Cindy Starzyk: No report.

Treasurer – Louise Gorsch: Louise distributed the NICC Budget Cash Flow Table for October, 2023 and a draft of the NICC 2024 Budget Proposal. The October balance is \$29,009.75. It is possible that we will end 2023 with a greater balance than we did last year. Please let Louise know if there is any part of the 2024 budget that you think needs to be changed. Louise explained that if you host an event, depending on how it is done (catered, etc.), you will be reimbursed. If it's just set up that everyone will bring a dish, there is usually nothing, or very little that would be reimbursable. A motion to approve the October Cash Flow Report was made by Dale Samuelson and seconded by Mike Lenth. The motion was approved. Louise (along with Barb & Don) presented an idea for a five day (or more) run to Colorado Springs which would possibly take place during the last part of July, 2024. It was discussed that five days may not provide enough time. Louise will continue to research this.

Membership – Leon Gorsch: We have 85 members presently. Nineteen members have not renewed for 2024.

Parliamentarian – Doris Hicks: No report.

Historians - Nancy Bailey and Carolyn Samuelson: No report.

NCM Ambassador – Sherry Putnam: No report.

Sunshine Club Chair - Doris Hicks: No report.

Sergeant-at-Arms - Gene Stimart: On Zoom. Mike Lenth collected \$0 for name badge fines.

Editor - Preston Morgan: On Zoom. Preston stated that articles for the November newsletter are due by Friday, November 3rd. November is the last month for submitting photos for the contest. Email your comments, suggestions, photos and articles to editor@nicccorvette.com.

Social Director – Debbie Schaefer: No report.

Quartermaster - Barb Johnson: No report.

Advertising – Ken Starzyk: No report.

Public Relations - Ken Starzyk: The Perryville Cleanup was a success thanks to the six members who participated. They were John Stupiec, Sherry Putnam, Mike Lenth, Traci Hill, Barry Mikels and Ken himself.

They began an hour earlier than usual (9:00). This was beneficial because the winds increased considerably by 10:00. Most of the group went to Sweet Basil for breakfast. On December 1st, Bachrodt Auto Mall is again hosting their annual Toy Drive. Channel 13 will be broadcasting from there. Ken encouraged members to attend. It is not necessary, but if possible please bring an unwrapped toy/Christmas present and wear a club shirt. Enjoy Santa and the food items Lou Bachrodt provides. This will enhance exposure for NICC and support for our sponsor, Bachrodt. Please arrive around 11:00. The 2024 Corvette Caravan and 30th Anniversary Celebration is August 29-30.

Webmaster - Linda Stimart: Linda will meet again soon with the web designer. There is still a little time to send your feedback to her regarding changes to the NICC website. She will continue to post your contest photos.

Parade Director – Leon Gorsch: Leon will contact each of the communities hosting the parades when they have their schedules finalized. We have eliminated the Rockton parade.

Media Director – Traci Hill: Absent.

6. Old Business:

- a. Position open for next year - Sargent-at-Arms.
- b. Cookout (wiener roast) Leon & Louise, Oct. 7 – Louise thanked everyone for coming and bringing numerous delicious sides.
- c. NICC Low Speed Event, Crystal Lake, IL, Oct. 14/15 - Discussed above by Dale Samuelson.
- d. Perryville Road Clean-up, Oct. 21 - Discussed above by Ken Starzyk.

7. New Business:

- a. Review for new website - Discussed above by Linda Stimart.
- b. Position open for next year (filled) – Leon Gorsch volunteered for the Parade Director position.
- c. Tailgate Party, Oct 5 – Barb & Don Johnson. Please bring a dish to pass.
- d. Holiday Party, December, 2023 - Sherry Putnam volunteered to host this again. She will have it catered. Debbie Schaefer and Mike Lenth volunteered to be on the committee.
- e. Walkie-talkies for runs (sample sheet). A motion to purchase ten walkie-talkies @ \$149.99 was made by Sherry Putnam and seconded by Mike Lenth. The motion was approved. John Stupiec will order them. Ken will be the custodian of these.
- f. Activities for 2024 (new ideas). Cindy Starzyk went over the first draft of the Proposed NICC Calendar for 2024. We will possibly eliminate the September Progressive Dinner in order to fit in the Wiener Roast.
- g. Membership Registration (new ideas for increasing membership). Ken Starzyk presented the idea of having a membership drive at Sam's Restaurante for Corvette owners who are not members of NICC. We would need to utilize our social media and advertise or acquire invitees in some way. We would buy attendees dinner and hopefully acquire some new members. In the past, it was called "The Membership Drive Dinner Meeting". It's best to do it in the spring. Preston asked if Bachrodt is still mentioning NICC's one-year free membership to anyone purchasing a new Corvette at Bachrodt. Ken will explore that. Mike Lenth suggested having business cards to hand to Vette owners we meet. Leon has business cards.
- h. Charities – Barb Johnson, the chair of the Charity Committee, explained that the committee would like to donate again to all five charities that we gave to last year. In addition the committee would like to increase the amount for the Veterans (The Veterans Network of Northern Illinois) to \$1,500. This would total \$5,500 that NICC would donate to all five charities. A motion was made by Leon Gorsch to approve the additional \$1,500 for the Veterans. The motion was seconded by Bob Rogers. The motion was approved. Barb will contact the charities asking if they would like the checks mailed or presented in person by the NICC Charity Committee.

8. New Cars: None besides that of our guests as indicated above.

9. Collection of Fines: \$0

10. 50/50 Raffle: The amount was \$32.50 and Barry Mikels won.

11. Attendance Drawing: \$20.00 – Gordy Tormohlen won but was not present. Next month - \$30.00.

Adjournment: 8:07 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Starzyk and seconded by Mike Lenth. The motion was approved.

Next Club Monthly Meeting:

December 6th, 2023

Board Meeting 5:00

Social hour 6:00

Member meeting at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by

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