Central Minnesota Corvette Association (CMCA)

2019 Spring Business Meeting Minutes

May 4th Russell’s

26 members were in attendance.

Meeting was called to order by President, Arnie Mead at Noon.

Introductions were made, and a recognition of the loss of our member and friend Tom Thoele was made. CMCA is meeting at Clearwater Kwik Stop 11 am Monday May 13th to caravan to Tom’s memorial service in Edina.

2018 Fall Business meeting minutes were reviewed. Duane made a motion to approve, seconded by Gary Garberg.

Duane Dewenter reviewed the Treasurer report. Annual fees that are handled via recently acquired club credit card was noted:

 Domain name renewal date 5/28/19 $44.96

 Website annual fee renewal date 7/4/19 $155

 Google Account monthly fee $6

 Flickr annual fee renewal date Feb 2020 $50.30

Discussion was held on need for club credit card. Dave Peterson indicated Google/Website accounts required cc for auto billing. Card is primarily used for these expenses (has a $500 maximum). Monthly statements are being mailed and Duane as Treasurer monitors and initiates payment.

2019 budget and expenditures were highlighted. No need to spend down account, as we have additional expenses that were not included in original budget. Suggestion was made to withhold money allocated to an event if at the event a group activity does not occur.

Anita Peterson brought forth suggestion to increase dues to $50 (just $4/month). Further discussion to be held at Fall 2019 business meeting.

2019 Corporate Sponsors remain the same (all are paid):

 Murphy Chevrolet

 Cornerstone Chevrolet

Associate Sponsors:

 Auto Trim and Sign

 Russell’s on the Lake

 Country Chevrolet

Membership reviewed for updates.

Larry Joy announced a planned move to The Villages in Florida. He expects to move early June. We wish him well. He will be missed!

Constitution and By Laws were made available to all members.

Old Business:

Member pictures will continue to be added to CMCA website. If members have one or would like current picture updated, please forward to Deb Murphy. Scott Weishar is going to continue to capture photos when possible on future runs.

Update on National Corvette Caravan in August was provided by Ron and Arnie. 18 cars from MN are registered. CMCA has 6 participants. Caravan is departing from Stillwater Motors on August 26th. There is still an opportunity to sign up. Doesn’t sound like plant tours will be offered. But C8 should be available for viewing.

Club shirts were picked up by members. A few members purchased jackets from Betty’s. Any clothing can be embroidered (purchased at Betty’s or not).

Lynn provided update on front license place initiative. He is on a committee with individuals from other car organizations. A non- profit and board was established, MINNUCC. Bills have been introduced in the House and Senate (1817 in the House, 2694 in the Senate). Bills should move forward in next years session. A Lobbyist is likely needed to ensure it moves along. Dave Peterson has been technical advisor, setting up website and Facebook. Members are encouraged to check it out by googling MINNUCC. Change.org is being used as a medium to acquire signatures on a petition. 3500 signatures have been acquired, goal is 10,000. It was noted that individuals should read prompts and fine print as there is encouragement in the process to financially support the petition. Request was made for CMCA financial support of $300. Gary 4 made motion to donate $300. Dave Peterson seconded, motion carried. Lynn will contact Duane when money is needed.

New Business:

Suggestion was made by Duane Dewenter to acquire insurance for CMCA. Insurance should protect club members at events, drive leaders, board of directors from liability or risk of law suits should an accident occur. A committee was created to research and ultimately make recommendation at Fall Business meeting. Committee leader is Gary McCarney. Other members include; Joel Diers, Arnie Mead and Duane Dewenter. Lynn mentioned that NCC provides coverage to Corvette Clubs. However, CMCA and each member would need to subscribe to NCC. This will be reviewed as an option by the group.

Business Cards were made available to all members.

Ron suggested membership to National Corvette Museum. He reviewed benefits, discussion occurred. Tabled to Fall Business meeting as there are more expenses in 2019 than originally budgeted.

Action Items due at Fall Meeting:

 Discussion on membership to National Corvette Museum

 Club insurance policy (Gary McCarney)

 2019 Budget

 Discussion on whether dues should be increased

Activities for 2019 was reviewed. Note, CMCA calender has been subsequently updated.

May 16 Road Clean-up Ron/Mary

May 19 Sunday night cruise Jerry Hansen

June 2 Sunday night cruise open

June 6-9 Corvette Adventures Lynn leading group 9 Participants leaving Clearwater Travel Plaza at 8:30 AM. Let Lynn know if you are not meeting there, and have other plans.

June 23 Sunday Pontoon ride/cruise Arnie/Doris and Mo/Gary to host

June 28 Granite City Days Gary and Ione McCarney

July 14 Sunday cruise Ron and Mary

July 16-18 Hot Summer Nights Ed and Allegra (has moved to Fairgrounds)

July 26 Sunday cruise Joel and Sylvia

First week in August Lynn is suggesting a two night trip to Granite Falls for Fagan museum, Schells in New Ulm, Terry Redlin museum in Watertown. Wally and Pat are assisting with planning. Details to follow.

August 18 Sunday cruise Arnie and Doris

August 26-31 National Corvette Museum Run Ron and Arnie

Sept. 7 Palmer Days Parade Arnie

Sept. 27-30th Fall Color run to Door County Duane and Jane

Picnic and Fall Holiday Party have not been scheduled as there was no volunteer to coordinate event.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Deb Murphy, Secretary.