



SDCT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2025, The Foster Residence

Present: Ron Salmon, Alfredo Giallanza, Brigita Giallanza, Kate Trainor, Kent Foster and Bill Ogborn

Absent: Ron Aeschilman and Dick Holdeman.

President – Ron Salmon

- The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m., Board members were welcomed. Thanked the Fosters for hosting the meeting.
- Discussed holding Board and General Membership meetings on a bi-monthly basis rather than monthly. The Board would meet every two months and a General Membership meeting would be held the same month. If needed, the Board will convene for a special meeting during an off month.
 - o This schedule will begin in 2026 and will be at the discretion the 2026 Board. A calendar of meeting dates will be sent to the Membership at the beginning of the year.
 - o The Board members present were in agreement, the topic will be discussed and confirmed at the next Board meeting when all members are present.
- Discussed the vacant Officer at Large position and the duties associated with the position. Potential candidates were presented and will be considered by the President.
 - o Extensive discussion followed regarding overall member participation in club events. How to prepare and encourage members to volunteer for vacant Board positions.
 - o Establish term limits for Board members, possibly rotate positions on the Board.
- Discussed Dick Holdeman's request to resign from the Activities Director position and the need to actively recruit members to fill the vacancy.
 - o Send out a notification to the membership requesting volunteers for the Activities Director. Include ramifications that may apply if we do not fill the position, potentially adjusting the schedule for weekly dinners.
- Noted that Bret Eastburn is the new Sales Manager at Watson Chevrolet. Possible meeting to be held with Bret in an effort to encourage club relations.
- Discussed promoting the Holiday Party, which will be held on December 13, early this year. Begin promoting after the Membership Appreciation event.
 - o Noted that all items included in gift baskets for the holiday party must be new and not used.

Vice President – Alfredo Giallanza

- The final draft of the Code of Conduct is approved and will be incorporated into the Procedures Manual under Section VII.

Secretary - Brigita Giallanza

- **Motion raised (Kate Trainor, Alfredo Giallanza) to approve the Board of Directors minutes from the April 9, 2025, Board of Directions meeting. These had been reviewed and approved unanimously.**
- Noted that a May Board meeting was not held.

Treasurer – Ron Aeschliman

- General account balance is \$6,490.98 the charity account balance is \$140.50. Funds for the backpacks were deducted from the charity account.

Membership Director – Kate Trainor

- We are currently at 152 members, separately there are 9 honorary members. We have 106 cars in the club.
 - o All updated membership files have been shared.
 - o The Giallanzas will mentor the Heydons.
- Charity items have been fulfilled. Thank you to the Fosters for acquiring final products. Stuffing the backpacks will take place on June 27, with delivery to Saddlebrooke to be scheduled.
- The Membership Appreciation event is in planning possible dates are October 4 or 11, both are Saturdays. Ron Aeschliman is coordinating with Saddlebrooke to secure a date.
 - o Commemorative 20th anniversary t-shirts will be available to all members. The invite will include t-shirt(s) style and size selection.
 - o Food will be supplied by Board.
 - o Event theme to be determined.

Activities Director - Dick Holdeman - absent

Communications Director - Kent Foster

- Confirmed that photos of members and their vehicles have been moved to the members only portion of the website. The Board agreed with this change.
- Monday Message formatted in chronological order, one line item with number of people signed up for the event.
- Established a protocol for submitting information to be include on the SDCT website.
 - o No more than 5-7 photos per event. Photos must be labeled with the event name and date.
 - o Informational documents must include the month, year and event in the title.

- Focusing on organizing photos of previous SDCT events by event and date. There are in excess of 2,000 photos. Path to images added to respective years and events, go to the website, click on events, click on year to call up photos.
 - o Photos for 2015, 2016 and 2017 have been archived.
- Next steps include researching websites of other Corvette clubs around the country and reformatting.
 - o Automating event sign ups.
 - o Automated order process for merchandise and name tags.
- Possible networking opportunities for suppliers and mechanical work.
- Sponsorship opportunities for businesses to advertise on the SDCT website, i.e. Watson and Cool Auto. Tie the business to the SDCT website, allowing club members to have access to new accessory lists and current inventory.
 - o Charge for sponsorship making this a potential revenue source for the Club.
- What would members like to see - Adding club related chats.
 - o Tech corner for C3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.
 - o Tool exchange. Corvette parts chat. Expertise exchange including car detailing. Member spotlight.
 - o NCM News - Facts regarding new Corvette models and update on current events.
- Is there an overlap between the SDCT Facebook page and website - do we need both? It was determined that each is used in a different manner by members and both are valuable social resources.
 - o Ron Salmon noted that we have quite a few scammers on our Facebook page. Several organizations attempting to advertise on the Clubs page have been blocked.

Officer at Large – Open Position

NCM Ambassador – Bill Ogborn - absent

- Discussed the need for the NCM Ambassador, noted that this position may be obsolete due the lack of participation by club members in Museum activities which may be largely due to our lack of proximity to the Museum.
- Incorporate the responsibilities of NCM Ambassador into the position of Officer at Large in an effort to maintain museum relations and stay current on events.

New Business:

- July no Board or GMM meeting.
- Holiday Party promote early - discuss in August.
- Order new club business cards

Respectfully submitted,
Brigita Giallanza, Secretary
Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

