



Minutes of Dec 6th, 2017 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill

Attending: Dave Johnson, John Aulisio, George Beeker, Chick Carmel, Mark Adelson, Lou Rocca, Marilyn Gallap, Bob & Carol Garrity, Larry Gattasso, Mike Sawicki, Mike Purcell, Ted Kaufmann & Alex, Butch Eddy, Bob Rodowicz, Carmen Simonelli, Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux, Gary & Deb Jozefiak, Dick Valenti, Charlie Messina, Dave Kosla, Tom Degray, and Fran Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

Old Business:

- Nov 11 International Dinner (Donnie & Joanne) was attended by 20 people. The food was outstanding and appreciation was expressed by all members for their gracious hosting of this event.

New Business: See the calendar on our website www.corvettesofberkshire.org. Many events have been added and there is a lot going on!

- Dec 9 Zucchini's -- Carmen will need a final number by Dec. 8th. We currently have 28/30 attendees. We will be in the main dining room on round tables of 6-8. The indicated that checks will be by table. Members at the meeting have asked Carmen to try to change that to couples.
- Dave opened up nominations for Club officers. Surprisingly no one volunteered for this opportunity. By email – Dave had asked all current officers and BOD members if they are willing to remain and they all said they will. Therefore the current slate of officers will be submitted in January for the annual voting.
- Dave asked that members consider new or repeat events that they would like to see in 2018. He will also send a questionnaire out shortly for your input. Please consider also being the lead in an event. The responsibilities now, with the benefits of e-mail, are simple. (See the end of this newsletter.)
- Some questions came out about a club led car show in 2018. Dave said that we would support the event if someone would like to step forward as the Organizer as this is a significant commitment. Ted gave some insight into the responsibilities as he has led this event for 7 years.

2018 COB Official Planned Events (new/changed events are highlighted in yellow)

- Jan 13 2018 Holiday Dinner @ Mazzeo's (Dave). We currently have 17 couples registered. Dave will be sending out a reminder. Final count needs to be submitted (by Dave) to Mazzeo's by Dec. 30th.

Recurring events 2018 – not available yet

Treasurer's report: Starting Balance of \$2,216.92, plus \$19 from 50/50, less the \$25 donation in memory of Gary Sharp's mother, leaving us an ending balance of \$2,210.92.

Raffle of \$20.00 was won by Alex. He will add to his savings account towards his 2018 ZR1. (When he gets his license)

Next COB Meeting is Wednesday, Jan 3rd, at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire.

Club Event SOP – We encourage anyone who is going to attend a “Cruise-in” event, or set up an impromptu dinner, to send out an e-mail to all members who may be interested. This can be done by going to your MOST RECENT e-mail you received from the club... and clicking “Reply All”. That will pull all of the most recent member e-mails into the “To” section for your e-mail. You should **then change the subject (so we know that it is new)** and add the content that you want to send out.

We encourage individuals in the club (anyone) to accept responsibility to coordinate any event that they wish. Whether a small group... or large... it does not matter. The responsibility is not difficult... There are only 5 key points...

1. If the activity involves dining, do we have the ability to sit (at least somewhat) together?
2. Will the establishment provide separate (couple’s) checks?
3. If it is a “fair weather” event (meaning driving the Vettes), is there parking that will be acceptable to those attending?
4. Set the meeting place prior to the drive, if applicable. (i.e. rest area, parking lot, etc... known to members)
5. Maintain a “count” by screening the “Reply All” e-mails that come back from members if the food establishment expects one.

THAT’S IT!

Keep checking our calendar (<http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org/cobcalendar>) for updates. Events are being added all the time. If you hear of an event that may be of interest to the club members, send the information to Dave at DJ@corvettesofberkshire.org and he will post it on the calendar.

Also, Corvettes of Berkshire is on Facebook!  Dave (with the help of Marie) will continue to expand the group. If you have not been “connected” yet, search “Corvettes of Berkshire” on Facebook and put in a friend request (<http://www.facebook.com/berkshirecorvettes>). This is a “public group” and a great way to instantly add photos, updates and ideas. Along with our website (www.corvettesofberkshire.org), we are quickly climbing out of the 18th century!

If you have updated a car or want a different picture on the site please e-mail it to Dave at (photo@corvettesofberkshire.org) - with any details you want posted with the picture (Year, Paint Color, etc.).

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.