



Minutes of Jan 4th, 2017 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill

Attending: Dave Johnson, Aaron Namislo, Larry & Sandy Gattasso, John & Pam Aulisio, Gary & Deb Jozefiak, George Beeker, Ron & Cindy Brouker, Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux, Mike Purcell, Butch Eddy, Ted Kaufmann & Alex, Larry & Marilynn Gallup, Lou Rocca, Mark Adelson, Mike Sawicki & Fran Bourdon.

Dave dropped the **GAVEL** to open the Meeting at 7:30

Old Business:

- No activity for December
- Dave extended New Years wishes for members of COB

New Business: Check our calendar (<http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org/cobcalendar>) for details.

- Dave received a few inputs to the questionnaire sent out recently. We need your input for 2017 activities before the BOD meets later in January. Dave also asked for members to step up to be coordinators for events. The time involved is minimal and it shares the responsibility for managing the club. We had a very successful 2016 for increasing membership because of our variety of interesting events.
- Dave again reminded the members to send him updated pictures of their cars since many have purchased vehicles in the past year. Just attached them to an e-mail (photo@corvettesofberkshire.org) with any details you want posted with the pic (Year, Paint Color, etc.).
- With no additional nominations for the 2017 Officers and BOD Fran (as secretary) cast 1 vote to accept the current officers and BOD members for 2017. All were in favor (surprise!!).
- The Holiday meal is at Mazzeo's on Sat. Jan 14th. We currently have 44 persons for the party.
- **DUES** are payable for 2017. Please send it to Joanne. Her address is on the "Membership Listing" located on the "Club Officers" page on our website ... password to open "COB" (<http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org/home/cobofficers>).

New 17 Events.

- **BOD Meeting TBA (Dave will reach out to the Officers/Board Members to arrange date/time/place.**
- **Jan 14th 2017 Winter Dinner Mazzeo's (Dave) NOTE: We will be downstairs at Mazzeo's in a private room... with private bar and restroom.**
- **Ted mentioned a Swap Meet at Big E, but noted that it has become more of a craft show in recent years. Regardless, the event is on our calendar for January 21st and 22nd... 8am to 5pm both days... \$12 admission / 12 and under free with adult.**
- **The members present welcomed in some "new" members... Ron and Cindy Brouker from Stockbridge. They own a 1969 Blue Convertible. Ron and Cindy are past members. Please introduce yourself when you see them!**

2017 potential Activities:

- May 4-7 Saratoga-Putnam planning meeting for 2019 caravan to Bowling Green
- June 21-24 Barrett Jackson auction at Mohegan Sun
- September 22-24? Vettes to Vets Billerica Ma.

Club SOP – We encourage anyone who is going to attend a “Cruise-in” event 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 can then change the subject 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 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!

Treasurer’s report: Starting balance is \$2,083.89 with deposits of \$15 from the 50/50, \$200 deposited and paid to Santa Fund, \$800 deposited for Christmas Party, \$880 in 2017 Dues with a remaining balance of \$3,779.80.

The raffle of \$17 was won by Dave Johnson (Outlandish Executive Bonus?? Rigged?)

Next COB Meeting is Feb 1st at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire.

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.