



Minutes of November 4th, 2015 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill

Attending: Butch Eddy, Dave Johnson, John & Pam Auliso, Aaron Namislo, Donnie and Joanne Lamoureux, Mike Purcell, Jim Contenta, Mike Sawicki, Bob Garrity, Nate Zuckerman, Gary Rougeau, George Beeker, Larry Gattasso, Dave Kosla, Fran Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:35

Old Business:

- No members attended either the Mystic or Balston Spa events.
- Donnie & Joanne, Ralph & Barbara and Fran & Nancy attended the wine tasting/supper at Cork'n Hearth. The wine and meal was exceptional and we had a great time. They will have another one in the spring and we will announce it as soon as plans are published.
- Lou reported on his hunting trip to Illinois where they did a roadside front end rebuild to his truck after a bearing failure.

New Business: Be sure to check updates at the COB web site www.corvettesofberkshire.org

- Dave reported on Ted's condition after a stroke a month ago. Ted is doing well with some residual difficulties walking but mostly recovered in all other respects. Call or e-mail or visit Ted with your wishes for a full and quick recovery.
- Joanne commented that there are 29 people plus her and Donnie for the international dinner this Saturday. She will e-mail directions in the next few days.
- Joanne and Donnie Lamoureux offered to run an "International" Dinner on Nov 7th. The theme will be open so you can prepare your favorite food. The supper will start between 5:30 & 6:00 PM and as is normal BYOB. Their address is 171 George Schnopp Rd, Hinsdale Ma. 01235.
- Mike followed up with discussions with The '6 in Williamstown. It will be off the menu but Mike felt it was slightly more pricy and more distant. After some discussions the members agreed to have a December dinner at the '6 on the first weekend. Mike is will work on Friday the 4th, Saturday the 5th or Sunday the 6th. An e-mail will be sent out for attendance as soon as a date is determined.
- Instead of the Santa Fund we discussed donations of money or food to a food pantry since they are wiped out after Christmas. The donations could be brought to the Holiday Party. Dave will send out an e-mail to the BOD to get their input.
- Dave will be sending out an e-mail to all members to get their choice for the Holiday party.

- A unanimous vote confirmed that we would stay at Bass Water for the undetermined future. The meeting room and great meals were cited as the reasons.
- **Dues are due between now and the end of the year. Please bring it to the next meeting or mail to Corvettes of Berkshire P.O. Box 1044, Pittsfield, MA 01202.**

Future discussion:

- Ed asked for interest if he planned a future event to the Thousand Islands... thinking of 3 days... estimated cost \$500 per couple to include lodging/dinners out, etc. If you are interested, let Ed know and he will start the planning effort for some time in 2016... rates vary in Summer and Fall. Ed is willing to coordinate if there is interest. The area is about a 3 to 4 hour ride.

New Event Info is highlighted in yellow.

- November 7th International Supper at Donnie and Joanne's.
- **December 4/5/6? Club mid-week supper at the Old 1896 House.**
- January 16th 2016 Christmas Party at Mazzeo's

Other 2016 potential Activities:

- Other events that we are working on are:
 - Cruise to Black Watch Farm Springfield VT (Fran will organize this event).
 - Day Bus trip to Mohegan Sun is an option. (\$30 per person includes \$20 back for slots and \$10 back for buffet)
 - **Ice Cream/supper cruise to Gardner's in Stephentown. Last Friday of each Month - May to October (Cruise-in event)**
 - **May 18/19 Museum in Motion w/ CC of Rhode Island, Newport RI.**

Dave encouraged anyone who was going to attend a "Cruise-in" event to send out a "Reply All" e-mail to find out if others wanted to attend. Also he is looking for individuals in the club (anyone) to accept responsibility to coordinate any event that they wish and not leave it just to the Officers and BOD.

Treasurer's report: Starting balance of \$1185.42, plus \$20 in dues, plus \$13 from the 50/50 raffle leaving a new balance of \$1218.42.

Nate won the 50/50 raffle which he will use for gas to escape back to Florida.

Next COB Meeting is December 2nd at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire.

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.