

Corvettes of Bakersfield

General Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022, 5 PM dinner, 6 PM meeting

Location: Salty's BBQ & Catering

6801 White Ln., Bakersfield, CA

Agenda Items

- I. Call to Order, President, Linda McNitt at 6:03 PM
 - A. Flag Salute, Sergeant at Arms, Dave Kielty was not here. Flag Salute was lead by John Silliman.
 - B. Welcome members and guests by Linda McNitt. There were 36 members, two prospective members and one guest in attendance.
- II. Approval of amended Agenda for April 12, 2022. Carl Lange moved to accept the amended agenda (changed Vice President to Linda Stacey). Kim Miller seconded it. All approved.

Minutes from March 8, 2022 meeting, Secretary, Linda Stacey. Adrian Medina moved to approve the amended minutes of March 8th meeting (agenda changed to minutes in record). Rosa Perez seconded it. All approved.
- III. Reports
 - A. President, Linda McNitt. Update on COB concerns. The club was updated on the illness concerns for Jack Atkinson.
 - B. Vice President, Linda Stacey. Election nominations and committee. Linda Stacey has replaced Skip Schipper as Vice President until the end of this election year, June. As VP, it was necessary to immediately form the election committee for nominations and elections in June. Linda Stacey chose Tony Robertson and Chris Espitia to serve on the committee. Both accepted the position. Nomination forms were distributed and explained. The deadline for submission of forms is April 30 to allow for confirmation that the individual wants the position they are nominated for. Linda thanked the members for their support.
 - C. Secretary, Linda Stacey. Donations will be collected for raffle prizes tonight for Gamblers Classic. The collection bag, envelopes and list are at the sign-in desk. Linda Stacey thanked members that have already contributed raffle prizes and monetary contributions for GC.

- D. Treasurer, Kim Miller. Financial update was shared with the membership. The report can be found online.
- E. Sergeant at Arms, Dave Kielty. Nothing to report.
- F. Newsletter, Cathy Frye reported that the newsletter is ready but she is having difficulty sending it out.
- G. Events Coordinator, Kimberly Cobbs shared updates on events, past and future. The successful run planned by Michael Rouw was not only fun but created a nice donation to the club. Linda McNitt asked that we check the website for events. Sign-in sheets are at the desk for future events. RSVP is necessary to plan for the number of participants.
- H. Public Relations, Diane Wallace.
 - a. Bakersfield College Scholarship Update. The board met to evaluate the applications of several current and prospective students of Bakersfield College, Auto Tech Department. Using a rubric to score the applications, three students were selected to receive scholarships from Corvettes of Bakersfield.
 - b. Gamblers Sponsors/Donors Update. Diane Wallace shared the many corporate sponsors added to our Gamblers Classic event and our Corvettes of Bakersfield Club. There are levels of sponsorship each with different benefits. The COB website will reflect this. Raffle prizes are continuing to come in for Gamblers Classic.
 - c. Bakersfield Speedway Signage Update. Bakersfield Speedway may transfer their current scholarship to our COB scholarship fund. There are plans to create a Corvettes of Bakersfield metal sign to display at the speedway.
 - d. Discuss new club signage ideas.

Diane Wallace spoke on a personal level about the current conflicts between members of the club. She shared her passion for the charity liaison position that she holds. She noted the efforts she made to make our public image of our club positive and recognized. She has published several articles in the Blue Bars publication to that focus. Diane read a statement.

- I. Membership, Kim Miller. There are 125 current members and four pending membership approval.

J. Webmaster, Virgil Miller read a statement regarding the recent board meeting and continuing conflicts between members.

I have served this club as a board member for over 5 years. I have never experienced anything like what happened at the Corvettes of Bakersfield Board Meeting held on April 5th, 2022. During the President's report we were presented with a non-agenda item regarding a serious matter, requesting removal of a board member. However, as per Robert's Rules of Order, which our club meetings are run by, the subject was not properly noticed on the agenda as new business prior to the meeting.

Proper notice would have allowed board members to research the facts in order to make an informed decision and allow the board to follow required procedures. Additionally, the President allowed the meeting to get out of hand. Board members were raising their voices, pointing fingers, speaking out of turn, interrupting others, cursing, and non-board members speaking out. The lack of meeting decorum caused several board members to feel very uncomfortable and ultimately walk out of the meeting, leaving a lot of unfinished club business.

I am personally very disappointed in the President for not following established guidelines, her lack of control of the meeting, and with her lack of self-control. Therefore, I cannot in good faith, recommend Linda McNitt for another term as club President.

Respectfully,

Virgil Miller

COB Board Member

K. Special Committee, Gambler's Classic updates. Committee meeting on April 5th, 2022 at 5:30 PM at the Stockdale Moose Lodge, 905 Stine Rd. 93309. Linda McNitt reported committees and members participating. The colors of the shirts were addressed in a member survey. We are still accepting registrations.

IV. Old Business. The Three Rivers Run and Wildflowers Run gave their contributions to the treasurer. The Christmas Party location and date

was discussed. Salty's owner explained their location would be available for us if we so choose. No decision was made.

V. New Business.

A. Approve new members. Not at this time.

B. Linda McNitt. Dismissal of member. Linda McNitt explained the incident that happened between three or more members in March at a car show at the fairgrounds. The police are now involved so details should not be discussed. Dale Frye commented. Virgil Miller commented that board meeting issues are guided by Roberts Rules of Order. They must be the basis for our conduct per our bylaws. Diane Wallace reported on the events of the board meeting. Carl Lange discussed the club's charity status. We have a fiduciary responsibility to follow guidelines of behavior and procedure to ensure our charity status. Larry Young relayed his personal experience of conflict at a previous meeting and how it was handled. No action was taken to remove a member.

VI. Announcements (5 minutes each), All board members. None

VII. Open Forum, All Members. Cathy Frye explained that she was advised to let the police handle this incident.

Liz Zaninovich, former Public Relations board member, praised Diane Wallace for her fine work for COB.

VIII. Adjournment called by Linda McNitt at 7:58 PM.