

## Corvettes of Bakersfield

### General Meeting Agenda

June 14, 2022, 5 PM dinner and election voting, 6 PM meeting

Location: Salty's BBQ & Catering

6801 White Ln., Bakersfield, CA

### Agenda Items

- I. Call to Order, President, Linda McNitt @ 6:10pm
  - A. Flag Salute, Sergeant at Arms, designee, Mitch Townsend.
  - B. Welcome members and guests-Tommie Mongold's daughter, Connie, and Bill Frye.
- II. Approval of Agenda for June 14, 2022 and Amended Minutes from May 10, 2022 meeting, Secretary, Linda Stacey. Motion to approve by Larry Young, seconded by Tommie Mongold. All approved.
- III. Reports
  - A. President, Linda McNitt. Personal statement (Attachment 1).
  - B. Vice President, Linda Stacey. Voting is proceeding as planned. Thank you to Mitch Townsend, Chris Espitia and Mark Pucilowski.
  - C. Secretary, Linda Stacey. Raffle prize donations for the birthday party event on June 30 can be brought to me or brought to the event. Diane Wallace will include them in the drawings.
  - D. Treasurer, Kim Miller. Financial update (Attachment 2) & Gamblers Classic (Attachment 3). It was highlighted that profit was \$16,846.81 only because club members donated approximately \$7,251.08. She stated that we need to take this into consideration before next Gambler's Classic.
  - E. Sergeant at Arms, designee, Mitch Townsend. Monitoring the election. Nothing to report.
  - F. Newsletter, Cathy Frye. Update on progress of Newsletter. Nothing to report. Personal statement: Cathy stated that she felt that Ron Burrows was owed an apology regarding the comment that Linda Stacey made regarding not being able to help count the votes because he was too close to me (Cathy Frye), Dale Frye and Linda McNitt. She stated it was an insult on his character and his integrity.
  - G. Events Coordinator, Kimberly Cobbs. Meet and Greet at Mauricio's Thursday 6/16/22, Corvette Birthday Party June 20, 2022, and July 4 Parade where COB will be carrying Miss Teen Bakersfield, Miss Bakersfield, and Mrs. Bakersfield.
  - H. Public Relations, Diane Wallace. *Absent but sent report prior to meeting.*
    - a. Corvette Birthday Party at Salty's on June 30, 2022, 5-7:30

PM. Volunteers needed.

I. Membership, Kim Miller. Current members 126 and 35 renewals received for upcoming year. All renewals were mailed out but you can also turn them in to me at the end of the meeting.

J. Webmaster, Virgil Miller. Nothing to report.

K. Special Committee, Gambler's Classic updates. Committee meeting on June 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM at the Stockdale Moose Lodge, 905 Stine Rd. 93309.

**Linda McNitt** stated that we had a good turnout at the Gambler's Classic. She has received several positive emails from people who attended Gambler's Classic. There are extra T-Shirts and Commemorative Cups that we will be selling at upcoming events.

COB is presenting a donation on the behalf the top two clubs charity programs who had the most attendance at Gambler's Classic. The top club was Reno Corvette Club with 18 cars which will receive \$1,500 and the second was Prescott Vette Sette with and which will receive \$1,000. The second place club with the most attending was Prescott Vette Sette with 14. The couple who traveled the farthest was from Missouri. The couple that won the "Best of Show" award was from Payton, AZ who wrote an article in the Payton Arizona newspaper regarding the award they received. They are also the ones who have won 18 previous awards for their car. This couple won the first Harley J. Earl presented by COB. Date for next Gambler's Classic is May 4-6 2023. The theme for this event is "Nothing but Corvettes".

**Adrian Medina** asked how many were entered in the car show-

**Linda McNitt** stated approximately 125-130 Non COB Members and with COB Members 150-155.

**Don Allen** stated that he wanted to give a shout out to Carl Lange he did a great job in the overseeing the parking lot. He was there from 6 am until late in the evening.

**Larry Young** asked did Don Allen receive reimbursement for gas for pulling the trailer full of Gambler's Classic items. Linda McNitt stated yes he did.

**Liz Zaninovich** stated that the only feedback she received was maybe next year assigned seating per club.

#### IV. Old Business.

Mitch Townsend- Stated that all his Pine Mountain run that he made a on the member appreciation raffle \$205 and \$355 on prize raffle for a total of \$560. Money was given to the treasurer.

- V. New Business. New board members, determined by the membership vote are announced. The Installation shall be automatic as described in our bylaws, Article VII, Sections 4 to Section 6. Officers of the Board assume duties as of July 1, 2022.

President- Diane Wallace

Vice President- Carl Lange

Secretary- Kimberly Cobbs

Treasurer- Kim Miller

Sergeant at Arms- Steve Dallons

Newsletter- Adrian Medina

Events Coordinator- Adrian Medina

Public Relation/Charity Liasion- Diane Wallace

Membership- Kim Miller

Webmaster- Virgil Miller

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

- VII. Open Forum

**Tommie Mongold** stated that she wanted to thank everyone for all the hard work they did at Gambler's Classic.

**Liz Zaninovich** stated she wanted to thank the old board members and welcoming the new board members.

**Dick Compton** stated that he was really impressed with Harley J. Earl grandson of the originally designed the Corvette.

**Linda Stacey** had a great time dancing with the Ventura Car Club. They stayed on the dance floor the whole time. She gave a shot out to the DJ who did a fantastic job.

**Adrian Medina** asked a question, how did the couple that came the furthest (Payton AZ) find out about the Gambler's Classic? **Linda McNitt** responded that she thinks it was from NCCC meeting.

**Myrna Stewart** stated she loves everyone in here but during Covid she saw her husband get bullied. She wants the club to have fun and enjoy themselves.

**Von Schipper** gave a speech on behaving as a club, that we should all stick together and have each other's back. People should communicate and not talk at them but to them. No one is inferior and should not talk down to or about other people. We need to build the Club up and forgive each other, bringing people together and build each other up. She also stated that no matter the color of your skin, we all bleed red and we should not treat anyone different. She also stated, that she is embarrassed of this club and would not invite anyone to join at this time.

**Michael Rouw** is putting together a run August 27 at McNally's.

- VIII. Adjournment @7:20 pm.

Linda McNitt-Last July 1<sup>st</sup>, when I became president of the Corvettes of Bakersfield we were coming off a world wide pandemic which pretty much shut the world down for a long time. During that time we were not able to do regular meetings, go on runs and basically enjoy our Corvettes. Since that time, we have enjoyed getting together and participated several times a month with a Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday breakfast, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday "Meet and Greet" runs, parades, parties, adopting families at Christmas and many other car shows at other venues. We then capped off this year by renewing our "Gamblers Classic" 22 which ended up being a very successful event for the club netting +/- \$20,000 for our charities. We also have started up our Scholarship Program with the Automotive Technology Program with Bakersfield College and have given out our 1<sup>st</sup> three scholarships.

I would personally like to at this time thank the current Board and members of the Corvettes of Bakersfield for all the hard work they have put into making all of the events we have done this past year a huge success.

Tonight we will move into our elections for the upcoming 2022-2023 year.

I would like to address a situation that many of you are already aware of and the ones who are not I will briefly outline the situation which I feel the membership that will be voting for our newly elected officers should be aware of.

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 several members signed up to attend a car show at the fairground's which was hosted by the Bakersfield Council of Car Clubs (BCCC). To make a long story short, 1 Member of COB (who was also a board member) assaulted 2 COB Board members attending the event. This was done in front of other COB members and many of the surrounding people and car clubs that were already there setting up for the show. Assault charges have been filed and are currently under investigation. The 2 members who were assaulted have also filed for restraining orders from the perpetrator. When I brought this up at the next board meeting, with the intention of having this member's COB membership revoked based on the by-laws of the Club, I was met with severe accusations mainly of which "we had no proof that any of this had happened. The ensuing argument resulted in a lot of words being exchanged, the VP (who was the accused, resigned

from his position) and our current Secretary abruptly adjourned the meeting which was not her call to make, and then several of the board members walked out.

Since the incident, the two members who were assaulted have filed and received Restraining orders against the accused assaulter. The judge who awarded the orders said that she felt that the partitioner and the witnesses were consistent with their testimonies as to the events that took place and were telling the truth in proving their cases and the defendant engaged in conduct that could reasonably be considered threatening. The defendant was told to stay away from them by 100 yards (300 feet) and to relinquish all his firearms as she felt he was a violent threat to anyone he may encounter.

Now as you consider voting in the next board, I would like to inform you of the members that at the time of this incident were standing behind and supporting the conduct of this member apparently because he was telling them that he did not touch us in any matter. The members who were assaulted, were told we needed to “prove” that the assault really happened. To the following members, Kim and Virgil Miller (currently Treasurer, Membership and Webmaster and also former retired members of the Sherriff’s Department and running for several board positions this year including Vice-President, Treasurer, Membership & Webmaster), Diane Wallace (currently Public Relations Director and running for several positions including President) and Linda Stacey (currently Secretary, but not running for any current positions) I would like to ask you now, how much more proof do you need? Also the perpetrator is on the ballot for the board position of Sergeant of Arms.

I would also like to say that I have heard that many of you have passed remarks when hearing about the incident, that “this didn’t happen to you” so you see nothing wrong with it and to me it says that you are also supporting the perpetrator’s conduct. My response to that would be, just remember and think that if this had happened to you, your spouse, your son/daughter or any other relative or friend, how would you feel then. Is this what our society has come to?

I have also been accused of having the worst moral of a board with all of the conflicts this year. Now I will say, I have been on many boards in my last 40 years, and on every board it has been the same. There are always going to be differences

of personalities and opinions of any issues that come with the organization and no one is perfect.

I would like to say that this past year has had both it's ups and downs, but for the most part has been positive. With all of the activities we have successfully done and will continue to do, I would like to be considered to be re-elected next president for the 2022-2023 year.