

Carolina Corvette Club
Minutes of Special Meeting to Discuss New By Laws
February 3, 2014

Call to order:

The Special meeting, held at Holly Tree Country Club, was called to order at 7:00PM by President Don Warmuth with 24 members present.

Opening Words by the President

Don explained that the purpose of the club is to enjoy and enhance the use of our Corvettes and to encourage others to do the same. Let's have FUN!

We do not totally enforce the use of Roberts Rules during our meetings. It's not fun to have to adhere to the strict rules in Roberts Rules. He has done it before with other venues and those meetings become boring and may discourage our members from coming.

It has been a long time since the By-Laws have been reviewed. He asked that Jim Emmons would "run the show" for this meeting and that his position, as president, will be to act as a facilitator.

Discussion/ Presentation of Proposed By-Laws

Jim Emmons regretted that some people were having some trouble getting the proposed by-laws off the computer and had copies for everyone at the meeting.

He said that this club has been in existence for 50 years and is still strong and growing fast. We do a lot of things together like car shows, autocross, and other non-car related events. Agreed by all that it's the members, along with the events, that make the club great.

Incorporation

Our incorporation as a club has been renewed at least 3 times but presently we are not incorporated. Without being incorporated, we do not "own" our present name. It is not copyright protected; any other club may take this name for its own. Our club name has change over its many years of existence and consideration for a new name may be discussed in the future. Presently, Don Warmuth is working on obtaining a copyright but, in order to do this, by-laws must be in place.

By-Laws

Discussion ensued immediately with members starting to address their problems with some of the proposed by-laws. Debbie Haskell suggested that a committee of old members be formed to work on them. Robbi Perry suggested that old and new members should compose the committee and John Brackett , among others, agreed.

Jim Emmons explained that the proposed by-laws were composed using the present ones and , after looking at other Corvette clubs by-laws, incorporating some of the points in them appropriate to our club. Tom Perry and Emil Zordan suggested that the starting point should be with the existing by-laws and go from there. Verne Tomlins then stated that the club also needs “Standing Rules” to be used as guidelines and to initiate changes, i.e. members dues, without having to amend the by-laws every time. Changes need to be made to both the bi-laws and standing rules.

There was discussion that since a committee would be working on the by-laws, that the meeting should be adjourned. Ann Warmuth stated that since everyone was there, we should allow Jim to present the by-laws to the present members. President Don agreed and instructed Jim to read the by-law proposal which he did in its entirety.

Don discussed the incorporation and the status of the 501C3 designation that originates from the Federal government. Incorporation at that level is too cost prohibitive.

According to the present by-laws, President Don Warmuth appointed a committee to work on the by-laws.

Chairman: Jim Emmons

Members: Don Daniels

Tom Perry

Verne Tomlins

John Brackett

Don Warmuth (only there as one to resolve a tie vote)

Suggestions or questions about the by-laws should be directed to Vice President Linda Emmons at our internet site : www.carolina-corvettes.com. Click on the box for vice president and it will direct you to her e-mail where you can submit your comments/suggestions. These will then be given to Jim Emmons to take to the committee to discuss. A time and place for the first meeting of the committee will be e-mailed to the members of same.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14PM.

Recorded and Respectfully submitted by:
Linda Howiler, Secretary