

**HIGH SIERRA CORVETTES**  
**Minutes of General Meeting**  
**Sept. 17, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Testa at 6:07 PM.

Rich introduced the new officers for the September 2009 thru August 2010 year:

Vice President – Anthony Halby  
Treasurer – Karin Opel  
Co-Secretaries – Nita Jacobsen and Charlene Halby

Our new member Doug \_\_\_\_\_ who drives an '06 was introduced.

**Treasurer** Karin Opel stated that the Club has a Balance on Hand of \$4,104 with more dues checks to be deposited and more dues still outstanding.

Tom Contratto reported that the **Brewery Run** went very well. It was one of our biggest runs and a fun time was had by all. For those people that did not stay for the Bidwell Mansion tour, they would be receiving a refund.

Anthony Halby gave a very brief (“ha ha”) accounting of the **Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY**. He and Rich met a lot of interesting people who bragged about speed. Anthony and Rich were stopped on the way back, but did not get a ticket. They had a great time and would share stories and pictures after the meeting with anyone who wanted to stay and listen.

First on the list of “**Upcoming Events**” was the Club Anniversary Party at Lucchesi Winery on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Lunch and dessert would be paid for by the club. Ron Nevis said Lucchesi would provide complimentary wine tasting before lunch, then hoped that people would purchase bottles of wine to accompany their lunch.

Charlene Halby reported that the “**Full Moon Dinner**” at Garwoods was set for Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Interested parties were to sign up. Vettes will leave from K-Mart at 4 PM in order to arrive at Garwoods by 5:30-6:00.

There will be no “**Fall Run**” this year as Rudy Antonucci will be out of town on the scheduled date of October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Randy Hood reminded the club about the “**Hooked on Corvettes**” driving school on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$275. Gary Hill said it is well worth it. Corvette owners will be paired with expert drivers who instruct you in the optimal driving experience. Your knees will be shaking by the time you’re done, but it’s a lot of fun.

First on the list of **New Business** was the **Club Christmas Party**. Bruce and Carol Puphal who were in charge of last year's party were not present, so Rich would check with them and carry this item over till the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion about possibly changing our meeting time from 6 PM to 7 PM. But the motion was voted down. Meetings will continue to be at 6 PM.

While the owners of the Gray Goose have been gracious hosts to the club for several months, they did have to reclaim the private room they originally provided for our meetings. We had to meet in the dining area which was not conducive to their customers and was rather distracting for a meeting. Three alternate meeting locations (Moose Lodge, Holbrooke Hotel, National Hotel) were discussed. A vote was taken and the majority voted in favor of moving our meeting place to the Holbrooke Hotel. The Holbrooke will provide us with a private meeting room and a server for drinks, etc.

The quarterly meeting of the **WSCC** will be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> in San Jose. At that meeting there will be a proposal to be voted upon regarding the Competition Committee as well as the WSCC Annual Budget. The budget was distributed. Gary Hill responded to questions on the budget and the HSCC voted in favor of approving the budget. At the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting the dates and location for next year's WSCC Annual Convention will be announced.

Gary Hill also informed HSCC of the "**Vettes and Jets**" event on the USS Hornet sponsored by the Rio Vista Corvettes. The event is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> and registration must be submitted by September 25<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in attending.

Gary also introduced the idea of a "**car show**" as a means to raise revenue for HSCC. Gary brings about 15 years of experience in this area. He recommends a Type 5 – Park and Shine Car Show which would be sanctioned and bonded by the WSCC. The idea would be to have somewhere between 80-115 cars on display. We would invite Vette owners from Reno, Lake Tahoe, Stockton, Modesto, Sacramento, etc. Gary suggests we consider setting a date for next May as an event like this will require work on everyone's part, but it is well worth it. We need to find a good location that will attract people. It is also important to find a place that will provide things for people to do. Ironstone and Pilot Peak Wineries were two suggestions.

Maddie Testa urged the club to consider Gary's suggestion as it brings in revenue, attracts new members, and we get to take advantage of Gary's experience.

Dave Garber, Ron Nevis and Frank Perkins offered to form a committee with Gary to first explore a budget and cost analysis for such an event.

Lastly, Anthony Halby proposed that the club consider setting a budget item for the **Hospitality Suite** at the WSCC Annual Convention. In 2008 HSCC won First Place Overall and in 2009 we took the Best Food and Drink award. Expenses for the Hospitality Suite include decorations, costumes, food and drink. We will restudy the costs of the last two years and present a proposed amount to the club.

Under **Old Business**, Karin reminded everyone that club dues are due at the end of September.

Gary Hill suggested that old members be contacted to see why they left the club and see if we can't entice some of them back.

Bob Hudelson asked people who ordered **clothing** to see him after the meeting.

Christy and Paul ran the **raffle**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM

*Submitted by Club Secretary Charlene Halby*