



September Communications Report September 29, 2020

Greetings,

During the September 2nd COF Board Meeting the following actions were taken:

- Approved prior meeting minutes
- Approved Treasurer's Report of Finances for both General & Tahoe Accounts and routine expenditures
- Received and accepted all Officer Reports
- Authorized Lee to move forward with planning for Club involvement in Fresno Veteran's Day parade.
- Decided the October COF Board Meeting will be done via Zoom on September 2nd starting 6:30 p.m.
- Agreed to hold a ZOOM COF General Meeting on September 15th 7 p.m.
[Editor's Note: See Attachment A for 9/15/2020 Meeting Minutes]

Ron Lindegren (VP – Membership)

Ron Lindegren reported that the Club has 98 members and 68 cars; no General Meeting means no drawings. There were no inquiries about membership to the club. He is waiting for all membership renewal returns for further updates to Members information. Ron also reported that Shirley Doshier has informed us that she will be moving to Idaho, to be with family. She is in the process of downsizing and doesn't know exactly when the move will take place. Again, no in person general meetings so no name tag drawing: It will remain at the \$20.00 until our next general meeting.

{Editor's Note: Ron say's "Thank You" to members who have already submitted their contact information along with dues to Mokey... if you haven't sent these in yet, please do so now.}

Sending well wishes to all! Ron Lindegren

See next page for October Birthdays and Anniversaries



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Betsy Lindegren 1 – Jim Freeman 7 – Randy Forrester 20

Jerry Clark 21 – Frank Silva 27

Jessie Robb 28 – Ron Mattos 29



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce & Ruth Looney – 14

Lee & Cheryl Blackstone – 21

Betsy Lindegren (Communications – Newsletter)

Betsy reported that the “August Communications Report” was sent by email to all members and to Chris Campbell to be input on the website along with other updates, on August 29th.

Because of the special circumstances (COVID19) Betsy also suggested that President Dave Trauger write a letter to all members reiterating that the present members of the Board have volunteered to continue in their position for an extra year. Further, that if there are no objections, the club will nominate new Board Members in the fall of 2021, and at that time all positions of the Board will be open.

{Editor’s Note: Attachment B is President Dave Trauger letter which was forwarded by mass email 9/3/2020.}

**Sending Hugs and Well Wishes to all!
Betsy Lindegren**

Lee Blackstone (VP – Activities)

Lee Blackstone started reporting that the Veteran's Day Parade was still on the works and at this time Allen Teixeira reported that things had changed as of yesterday, he had been in touch with Billie Talley and was told that the Veteran's Day Parade it is still on but now, again due to COVID19, it will now be a virtual parade. It will be filmed and then will be televised on Veteran's Day. Allen will update later but it looks like at this time COF will be filmed on September 11, at the Veterans Hospital and the cars will be driving around the circle. He will be asking for volunteers for that day. At this time, we do not know if veterans will be able to ride with us. At this time the Christmas Party still on, and a decision will be made in October of whether to drop it or keep going.

{Editor's Note: Lee sent an email update on September 23rd, see below}

Is that a light at the end of the tunnel???

Maybe! As of this writing, there is official scuttlebutt about a partial re-opening of businesses and restaurants in Fresno and the surrounding areas.

The Sanger Chamber of Commerce is "kicking the tires" on the annual Nation's Christmas Tree City Toyland Parade. We will keep you posted and put out a call for participants if this comes to fruition. The tentative date is Saturday, December, December 5th. We should know more next month.

The COF Annual Christmas Party is a HUGE Question mark! Cheryl has contacted Pardini's and they simply cannot predict what the guidelines will be and will not commit on the future of any events yet. There again, we will keep everyone informed as soon as we are notified. The date of December 5th and room are reserved with a deposit. Keep your fingers crossed.

Maybe after the election, we will have more clarity on our ability to have future events. Maybe we can even get Louie Biglieri to start sniffing into an "Ice Breaker Run". At this point we might need to rename it the "Rust Buster" run. Hopefully the WSCC will allow us to do these events with their blessings.

Until then, stay safe! Lee Blackstone

Gerri Ware (Sunshine Representative) Gerri Ware reported that she called Socorro to see how Louis was doing and he is doing great. Louis thanked Gerri for the “get well” card. Gary Pflapsen is having surgery on Thursday of next week. She called Angie and Nick and they are doing good. Carol Trauger is also doing good and thanked Gerri for the card, she is still has a little pain, but doing good.

{Editor’s Note: Gerri sent an email update on September 23rd, see below:}

My Sunshine Report

Gary Pflapsen is doing good after his surgery a Get-Well Card was sent to him.

Carol Trauger after falling and breaking her elbow is now going to physical therapy and is on the mend. A card had been sent to her.

Bert Sherman is going to have surgery this next month. He will call me after his doctor’s visit on Oct. 5th to let me know more about his surgery. We will keep him in our prayers.

That is it for now...Stay healthy and remember to wash your hands.

Gerri Ware

Allen Teixeira (WSCC, Representative)

Allen forwarded WSCC Announcement regarding the death of WSCC President, Buzz Marston, included as Attachment C ... Allen will keep us posted if/when more information is received.

Here’s hoping we will all be together soon!

Allen Teixeira

A MESSAGE FROM COF PRESIDENT, DAVE TRAUGER

Still Missing You, and wishing the very best for us all.

Love and care, Dave Trauger

“Save the Wave”

ATTACHMENT A - Corvettes of Fresno
Sept 15, 2020 - General Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to order: President Dave Trauger called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. Due to COVID19 this was a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Board members present were: Dave Trauger, Lee Blackstone, Ron Lindegren, Betsy Lindegren, Socorro Biglieri, Allen Teixeira, Gerri Ware and Chuck Ware.

Board members absent were: Mokey Cowger and Chris Campbell.

This was a first General Meeting since the Pandemic started, and even though it was a virtual meeting, it was well attended and it was great to see that the meeting was well attended.

Thank you, Betsy and Ron.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of our last General Meeting on 02/18/20 were published in the March 2020 COF Newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Betsy Lindegren and seconded by Ron Lindegren. Motion Approved. A motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Angie DiLiddo and seconded by Louis Biglieri. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mokey Cowger was absent, so there was no report.

Membership: Ron reported that as of September 15, 2020 the club has 98 members and 68 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance via virtual there were 34 members in attendance. No Guests. Anniversaries and Birthdays for September were acknowledged. He also reported that during the first couple of months of shut down there were several inquiries of people wanting to join the club. All were informed that we were not able to have any General Meetings, but he would be contacting them once we are able to have in person meetings. Name tag Drawing: the last name drawn was Cece, who was not present. The name tag drawing will remain at \$20.00 until the next in person meeting.

Communications Report: Betsy reported that she sent the last Communication Report on August 29 and she will be writing the September's report to make sure that everyone keeps informed. If you have any ideas or suggestions that you want to be included in the Communications Report be sure to share them. President Dave Trauger thanked Betsy for all of the work she puts into the Communications Report.

Webmaster Report: Chris Campbell was absent so there was no report. President Dave Trauger reported that Chris and Kay will not be renewing their membership to COF because they do not have a corvette at this time, however they are planning on buying another and at

that time they will rejoin COF. Chris is still interested on keeping the website. The Board will be discussing whether or not a COVID19 exception will be made on this matter.

Activities: Please refer to the Calendar of Events in the Club's Newsletter or on the website www.corvettesoffresno.com for more details and up to date information. Lee reported that unfortunately due to the Shutdown there is no activities at this moment. The City of Sanger will not be holding the Christmas parade and the Christmas party for COF is still on hold for now. Allen reported that COF were filmed for the virtual Veteran's Day Parade which will be aired on TV.

WSCC: Allen reported that WSCC is presently going thru elections and he will be turning his ballot by the end of the month. Allen presented the list of officers that are running for WSCC Board. A motion was made By Ron Lindegren and seconded by Louis Biglieri to send the ballot on behalf of COF as presented. Motion approved.

Sunshine Report: Gerri reported that Carol Trauger will be starting physical therapy 3 times a week for her broken left elbow. Carol said that she is doing better but she still has a brace and a little pain. Gary Pflapsen had surgery last Thursday and he is doing really good. Bert was diagnosed with cancer, however his doctor is one of the best in Fresno, and in addition his son is a doctor and Gerri is sure that his son will make sure that he receives the best care available. Bert is scheduled for surgery on October 05. Gerri reminded everyone to not forget to get the Flu shot.

Old Business: None

New Business: There was some discussion regarding Chris Campbell continuing to handle the Website and/or asking him to train a replacement or back up. Nick DiLiddo felt that at this time it should be left up to the Board. Pros and Cons were given, to be discussed more by the Board, but at this time most of the members felt that we should leave it as it is for now and to be discussed by the Board on October 07. President Dave Trauger reiterated to the Club's members that the Board members are all willing to stay for another year due to COVID19. Next fall all positions will be available. Allen informed us that Billie and he want to thank all of the Veteran's Day Parade participants. Billie wants to do something special for all the parade participants once the shutdown is lifted. They both appreciate all those who participated this year.

There being no further business, President Dave Trauger asked that the meeting be adjourned. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ron Lindegren and seconded by Socorro Biglieri. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Socorro Biglieri, Secretary

ATTACHMENT B

A Message to All Corvettes of Fresno Members

Good day to each of you. I really miss seeing you, driving our cars together, and getting together over a good meal. I miss the camaraderie and pleasure of seeing you all. There are two lines of thought among the Board members. Some of us believe this will all go away after the November elections, while others do not think it will change until the inauguration of the next administration. Either way, none of us believe we will hold in person General Meetings in the next two months.

As you all know, we are in a position where we cannot hold a meeting or a run because of the Governor's order placing restrictions on restaurants and other venues. At the present time, the insurance we have through WSCC will not cover the club for any liability incurred at any official, Club sanctioned activities, because those activities would be defined by the Governor's order as illegal.

Corvettes of Fresno should be nominating new Board members and getting ready for an election at the October General Meeting. Considering the above restrictions, it is doubtful the club will be able to hold in person meetings in September and October, so the present members of the Board have volunteered to continue in their positions for an extra year. If there are no objections, the club will nominate new Board members in the fall of 2021 and hold an election in October 2021. At that time, all positions on the Board will be open for nominations.

Since the COF Board Monthly Zoom Meetings have gone well, we have decided to hold a September 2020 General Membership Meeting via ZOOM on Tuesday September 15th at 7 p.m. **On Monday, September 14, Betsy Lindegren will email current members a Zoom Invitation to the Tuesday meeting which will give you information you need to participate in that meeting.**

Wishing the very best for us all.

Dave Trauger

"Save the Wave"

WSSC Announcement

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that I have to report to the WSSC Community that Buzz Marston, WSSC President, passed away this morning, September 22, 2020.

As you know, Buzz had been fighting a battle with cancer for the past several weeks. He had been hopeful that a good outcome would result from his treatments. Unfortunately, that was not the case.

Buzz was a major force within the Council, contributing great leadership and endless time to the Corvette Community.

Please keep Ruth and their families in your prayers.

As I learn of further details, I will pass them on.

Take care, Norm