



# LIV Meeting Minutes

## November 2, 2023

The meeting started at 7:40 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirty-one members were present. Refreshments were brought by Phil Kostis who won the 50/50 last month.

### **Officer's Reports**

**President- Tony Sorentino** - was absent due to work-related responsibilities.

**Vice President - Tom Toner**

No Report

**Membership Secretary - Lou Trohatos**

### **New Members (Year of Corvette)**

None

### **Guests at Meeting (Year of Corvette)**

Armand Tarantelli (98 years young; friend of Jeff Rosenking; no Corvette)  
His advice was to keep your joints moving.

### **Guest Speaker**

None (Ozzi Mirza was scheduled but did not show)

### **Membership Report**

Membership Total

90

### Birthdays

Randy Stever	4-Nov
Joe Casella	9-Nov
Larry Rottkamp	9-Nov
Forrest Woodward	14-Nov
Joe Balabanick	20-Nov
Johnny Marconi	24-Nov
Randy Brooks	28-Nov

### **Comments**

### **Election Process**

Elections were held, twenty-nine ballots were submitted, including three absentee ballots. Thanks to Mitch Kantor and Joe Morabito for tabulating. The results were as follows:

### **LIV Board for 2024-2025**

#### **Elected Positions**

President – John Albora  
Vice President – Phil Pernice  
Treasurer – Pete Puccio  
Membership Secretary – Brian Larsen  
General Secretary – Martha Baker-Fingerhut

#### **Appointed Positions**

Judging Chairperson – Joe Balabanick (Backup – Mark Feldman)  
Webmaster – Rich Fingerhut (Backup – Brian Larsen)  
Merchandise Chairperson – Roy Brinker (volunteered at the end of the meeting)  
Event Chairperson – Sean McSweeney  
Beer Man – Gary Mehr

### **Best of Long Island Voting**

LIV was awarded Best Collectable Car Club of Long Island for 2023 (previous wins: 2015, 2016, 2021, 2022; New York AutoFest won the other years; voting began in 2012). Nominations for 2024 ended August 31st and the voting period began on October 1st and runs through December 15th. The direct link to vote for LIV can be found in the email we sent to members on October 2nd as well as on the home page of our website. ***Please vote daily!***

### Member T-Shirts

Our Merchandise Chair/Treasurer/Webmaster continued to distribute our special T-Shirts to members in good standing. Note that we are still missing sizes for 5 of 90 members. Roy Brinker has volunteered to be Merchandise Manager.

LIV pins (\$2.00), key chains (\$3.00) and caps (\$22.00) are available in the Merchandise section of the LIV website and can be picked up at the monthly membership meetings.

### LIV ID Cards

An informal poll was taken to determine whether club ID cards can/should be eliminated (that would allow renewal confirmations to take place via email (like renewal requests) and save effort as well as paper and postage cost. A show of hands indicated that at least a third of members carry their LIV ID cards, which can be viewed as an endorsement of their continued utility. The history of the cards was noted, i.e., their original purpose was to secure negotiated club discounts with certain vendors (currently we only have a club discount with Ozzie), whereas the cards now mostly serve to remind members of their dues renewal dates and the club's web address. The next Board can decide how to proceed.

WhatsApp participation is at 30. Please see Louis T. to be added to the club group.

50/50 – Marty Fingerhut sold (thank you), our guest, Armand Tarantelli, picked the winning ticket, which belonged to Louis T. (\$65.00 to Lou and \$65.00 to the club).

### **General Secretary - John Albora**

John was absent and on a trip to Italy. Martha Baker-Fingerhut and Lou Trohatos took minutes.

### **Treasurer/Webmaster - Rich Fingerhut**

Opening Balance:	\$7,910.47
Income:	\$ 276.00
Expenses:	\$ 204.09
Closing Balance:	\$7,946.38

Rich reported that the club has a loss of \$172.18 Year to Date.

See the Financial Statement of Activity at the end of the minutes.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Nov. 5 - NCRS Caravan to Duckwalk Vineyard with LIV**

NCRS has scheduled a caravan to Duckwalk Vineyard leaving the Long Island Welcome Center on the LIE between Exits 51 and 52. The caravan will be led by Rich & Marty Fingerhut and will leave promptly at 10:00 AM. We will take a scenic drive through some of the picturesque roads of the East End, lasting about 90 minutes.

NCRS requests a donation of \$20.00 per car. There will be a Chinese Auction at the Vineyard. 100% of the money raised will be donated to the residents of the Stony Brook Veterans Home and NCRS National will match the donation up to \$1,000.00.

### **Nov. 17 - Island Harvest/BFCU Turkey Drive**

BFCU is the collection site for the annual turkey drive for Island Harvest. Since BFCU allows us to have our car show there, we want to support this project.

We will meet Friday and caravan to BFCU. They are accepting frozen and non-perishable foods, and monetary donations. The details are on our website:

[longislandvettes.org](http://longislandvettes.org)

### **Dec. 9 - John Theissen Children's Foundation**

The Foundation is having a toy drive for the holiday distribution to children who are in the hospital over the Holidays. They request any toys and to be unwrapped. The details are on our website.

## **Future Events**

### **Go Karts at RPM**

The only date we could get for this is Sunday, December 17, 2023.

It would be \$70.00 per person for two races. We need a minimum of eight people and a maximum of ten people. Twelve to fifteen people expressed interest, but as it is close to the Holidays it was decided to table the event until after the Holidays.

### **Bowling Event**

Gary Mehr was looking into this, but he was not at the meeting.

### **Photo Shoot**

Sean McSweeney has not been able to reach his contact at the Airpower Museum in Farmingdale.

**After the Holiday Party**

Discussion was held pertaining to the choice of having brunch or an evening dinner. No firm decision was made but the general feeling was that a dinner is preferable. Several members felt that since we all own Corvettes we should be able to afford a dinner with our spouses and the club. The issue in the past was that we could not meet the minimum number of people required by the venue. The first weekend in January 2024 is preferable because several of our members travel to Arizona and Florida and are gone for several weeks. Doug Brooks will check into Delmonico's, which we have been to in the past. Joe Morabito will check into Filomena's in Franklin Square. Nick Fucci will check into Bar Grazi in Massapequa.

**Tech Session**

Mark Tulley and Lou Coccaro are working on a joint tech session with NCRS and LIV in early 2024.

**Adjournment**

Members were reminded that the next meeting will be on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7:30 PM at the Bethpage Public Library in the downstairs meeting room. Refreshments will be served.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

5:46 PM

10/31/23

Accrual Basis

**Long Island Vettes, Ltd.**  
**Statement of Financial Activity**  
**October 2023**

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	No item	TOTAL
Income		
50/50	60.00	60.00
Dues renewal	120.00	120.00
merchadise sold	96.00	96.00
Total Income	276.00	276.00
Expense		
reimbursement	90.10	90.10
safeguard_self_storage	134.00	134.00
Zoom monthly payment	15.99	15.99
Total Expense	240.09	240.09
Net Income	<b>35.91</b>	<b>35.91</b>