



LIV Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2024

President John Albora called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sign-in sheets are on the desk so please don't forget to sign in.

Thanks to John A. and Pete P. for bringing coffee and donuts tonight.

Bob Spinicchia brought some old magazines about older Corvettes, so help yourself to any or all of them.

John then asked that the former Board members step to the front and gave them each a plaque acknowledging their service to the club. Tom Toner was not present but will be sent the plaque. Rich Fingerhut, though not on the elected Board, will continue to manage the Website, Facebook, and will send out club E-mails and communication.

Future Events

After the Holiday Party

The party is scheduled for this Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 7:00 PM at Domenico's in Levittown. We will be having a 50/50 and Chinese Auction. Any last-minute registrants must have their money in tomorrow.

Rich F. will be sending out an E-mail regarding access to the back parking lot for easier access to the restaurant. We don't have a photographer so if all can help by taking a few candid shots with their phones and then sending them to Rich F. we would greatly appreciate it.

Bowling Party – Gary Mehr is waiting for the bowling season championships to be scheduled so he will know when we can have access to the lanes.

Photo Shoot – Shaun McSweeney has nothing to report yet.

Past Events

John Theissen Childrens Foundation Toy Drive

A large group of members met at The John Theissen Childrens Foundation's new location with lots of toys and for a tour of the new facility. The new facility is much larger and more organized so that events can be held there for the children. The toys were greatly appreciated.

Treasurer's Report

Pete Puccio reminded everyone that our club is designated as a 501(c)(7) organization, which is a Social Club, not at 501(c)(3), which is a Charitable Organization. Not that we cannot give to charities, but the purpose of our club is different.

Pete reported that the finances of the club are in a delicate condition. When Covid struck and nothing was able to be done in large groups, the Club returned about \$3,500.00 in sponsorships. Also, club members were comped a year's membership which cost the club about \$3,600. So, the financial cushion which we had has disappeared and the Board is looking for ways to economize. For December:

Opening Balance	\$8,037.65
Income	\$1,971.00
Expenses	(\$ 619.60)
Closing Balance	\$9,389.05

In 2023 we were able to end the year with a profit of \$1,270. Though we do have \$9,389.05 in the bank, our on-going expenses can consume that easily. Last year our expenses were \$16,550.75. Considering that, we were discussing moving our storage unit, which has risen to \$135.00 per month, but John A., Pete P., and Phil P. were able to negotiate a reduction to \$85.00 per month by moving to a different unit at the same location.

Another item under consideration is the refreshments at our meeting. Dunkin' costs about \$84.00 per month for two Boxes of Joe and two dozen donuts (about \$1,000.00 per year) and the 50/50 does not cover the cost of this. If anyone is aware of a deli that has coffee in quantity and is open late enough, please let us know. Other sources for donuts are also requested.

The Board is also looking into moving the club account from Bank of America to Bethpage Federal Credit Union. Pete and John A were at the bank yesterday to fill out the paperwork. We will keep you informed of the progress.

President's Report

In keeping with the Treasurer's report on the club's financial status, the Board has decided unanimously, that it is necessary to raise dues to \$45.00 per year. Hopefully this will help with some of the financial issues the club is facing.

Membership Secretary

Brian Larsen reported that in keeping with our need to reduce operating costs we will be moving many of our functions online and away from traditional mail. Renewal notices and membership cards will be sent electronically as will Birthday cards. So be aware of notices in your E-mail from the club.

We will also be re-instituting the Points System with rewards for the top ten earners. The Board is excluded from any rewards as we are present at most of the events. We hope this will encourage more members to participate in club events.

General Secretary

The library is only permitting us to schedule our meetings two months ahead. So, while our meeting schedule is posted on our website (www.longislandvettes.org) for the year, there may be some changes if they don't have our meeting room available. We may be moved to the Auditorium, which means no beverages or food are permitted inside. So be aware of the meeting notice in your E-mail.

Vice-President

Phil Pernice made a statement about belonging to a club but not participating, being like owning a Corvette but not driving it. He hopes to see a lot of participation.

Other Business

Mark Tolley reported that several of our members will be headed south and west for the NCRS event in Florida, and to the Barrett-Jackson and Mecum auctions in January. The NCRS National Convention will be held in Hampton Roads, Virginia in early August. The local chapter will hold their Annual Meeting on March 2, 2024, here in the Auditorium. The NCRS Spring Meet is May 19, 2024, with Judging School review either that day or the day before.

50/50 – The winning ticket was drawn by Bob Spinicchia and won by Phil Pernice.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Baker-Fingerhut