

Valpo Vettes Club News

Upcoming Events

10/16/09: Girls Night Out at the Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City, IN

11/10/09: Club meeting, 7pm – Valpo Public Library

Minutes of the 10/13/09 Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bear asked if everyone had received a copy of the minutes, either by email or regular mail. There was a correction to the September minutes regarding the finance committee meeting. The minutes should have read, "The finance committee will meet in October to discuss the status of the club budget." The minutes were approved as corrected.

Diane gave the treasurer's report and detailed the results of the car show. We had advanced contributions, donations & entrant fees totaling \$3035. There were disbursements of \$1916 for expenses such as supplies, t-shirts, etc. Diane acknowledged Bear, Ray & Troy for their efforts in raising funds and to Dennis K. for the efforts in getting raffle prizes. Diane also took a moment to thank Dick W. for his comments and support over the last year on many issues including the bylaws. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Bear thanked everyone for the phenomenal turn out of help at the Arnell show. He thanked everyone who helped with the show by name. We had 23 cars entered in the show and got 2 new members.

The floor was turned over to Cindy who gave the finance committee report. The finance committee meeting was attended by committee members Ken & Cindy J., Frank G., Dave W., Bear as an observer and Diane as an advisor. Cindy stated the club had a profitable year and with that the committee has decided to limit the cost of the Christmas Party to \$15 per person. This was made into a motion, seconded and approved. For your \$25 of dues this year club members received at least \$34.50 per person benefit (\$7.50 per person pizza party, \$11 per person picnic, & \$16 per person Christmas party). The balance in the budget will allow for another future (late February / early March) free or low cost event to be decided later. With a portion of the excess funds the club would like to buy some club items, such as a replacement tent, club banner / flag, traffic cones, etc., at a cost of approximately \$750. A motion was made to set aside \$800 for funds to be used at the discretion of the finance committee to purchase needed items. It was seconded and approved. The final issue on the finance committee report was donations to worthy causes. They decided to not give a donation to a "big box organization" because you never really know where the funds are going. They allotted \$1000 for donations. They recommended 2 people in need for \$500 each. The first was club members Tom & Suzy Milanowski's daughter, Sara, who is battling breast cancer. There will also be a fundraiser / cancer benefit for her because she has

no insurance on December 5th at the Lowell VFW. The second recommendation was to help a young girl, Olivia Pierce, who many members know from the Hobart KFC on Wednesday nights. She is battling Retinoblastoma (cancer of the eye). She has it in both eyes and is undergoing treatment. A motion was made, seconded & approved to give the donations to these 2 people in the Valpo Vette Club name. Cindy thanked everyone from the bottom of the finance committee's heart.

Bear made a motion to have club members bring in canned goods & non-perishable items to the November and December meetings to be donated to local food pantries. Dennis K., Pam W. & Kim T. will be the committee to determine which food pantries will benefit. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business:

There are extra t-shirts from the Arnell show and they can be purchased for \$10 each.

Frank M. showed the t-shirt he designed for the club and had some prices if people might be interested in ordering any. They will be black or white t-shirts. The price is based on quantity ordered – 12 shirts \$30 each, 24 shirts \$20 each, 48 shirts \$15 each. The prices are from Mike's Sporting Goods and Bear & Frank have the actual quotes. Orders will possibly be taken at the November meeting. Miranda asked if there was an option for a more girl friendly cut t-shirt. Bear & Frank will try to find out. Mike C. was interested in finding out if we can still get items with the old logo from Ed Evans.

Rhonda will find out.

The following people accepted nominations for officers next year:

President – Bear

Vice President – Ray G.

Treasurer – Diane R.

Secretary – Kim T.

Nominations will be accepted at the November meeting as well.

Unfinished Business:

Upcoming events:

10/16/09: Girls Night Out at the Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City, IN – signup sheet at the meeting for those interested. Sandy M. is leading this event.

12/12/09: Club Christmas Party – Possible toy donations at this event for disadvantaged children possibly thru Abate or to a children's hospital. Peggy K. will check to see if hospitals are accepting donations this year.

Bear showed the plaque that was taken to each sponsor of the Arnell show along with a t-shirt.

50/50 drawing for \$81 was won by Paul.

There were additional prizes tonight - gift certificates. These were won by: Dennis K., Kim T., Don P., and Mike C.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.