

NCCC WEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2009

Regional Executive Gary Brisbois called the meeting to order.

The following officers were present: RE Gary Brisbois, RCD Jerry Koraleski, RMD Proxy Jay Hommer, Regional Treasurer Linda Hommer and Regional Secretary Kathy Brisbois.

Governors in attendance were Denny Luther (CCI), Frank Wietharn (TCC), Anita Poss (CCC), Fred Johnson (CKCC), Tom Meyer (CCKC), Tim Bailey (MACC) and Larry Walker (BTCC).

Secretary Report – Kathy Brisbois

Kathy called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Anita made the motion with a second by Frank. The governors voted to approve the minutes. Kathy reminded the governors that this was her fourth year so a new secretary would be needed after this year. Jerry also asked if anyone was interested in the RCD position. He would be willing to step aside if anyone else is interested in the position. He stated that it was a time consuming but very rewarding job.

Gary reported that Paul Stier had resigned as West Region Web Master. We need to consider options for filling this position. One of those options is to hire someone to maintain the site. Bart Anstaedt had been interested in the position and is an option for going forward. Gary stated that he had talked to Joan Thomas, NCCC Web Master, regarding the issue and Joan had volunteered to help get the West Region site up to date. Tim expressed the concern that Joan might add more that the West Region would be able to maintain. This is a position that will require a good amount of time to maintain a quality site. There is the option of hiring this function done by an outside source. Joan stepped into the room and confirmed her offer to update the WR website and work with Kathy Brisbois to get the site to a point where we can update the site as needed. This would provide a backup resource going forward. There was a discussion of what Joan would be able to provide and what tools were needed. Joan also stated that the RE should have a sealed envelope with website access information for emergencies when the regional webmaster is not able to maintain site due to illness or family emergencies. Joan also reminded the governors that the website competition is taking place and there is still time to sign up for this before convention.

Financial reports

Linda distributed financial reports. Linda reported that Permanent number requests are still coming in. The WR website is out of date. Jerry reported that it had been updated this last week. He also requested that the revision date be added to the top of the permanent number list.

There was a motion by Frank with a second from Denny to approve the financial reports. There was a discussion of the variances in the financial reports from prior year to current year. The governors voted to approve the financial reports. Linda reported that this was her last year as treasurer.

Regional Membership Director – Jay Hommer (Proxy)

Jay reported that there were 25 clubs in the West Region with 1,622 members. There are 14 members at large and 402 FCOA members. At the RMD committee meeting, Sylvia thanked the RMD's for getting clubs to send their club newsletters to her. May 31st is the deadline for the next Blue Bars issue. FCOA member 1400 has been assigned. There is a new FCOA book for sale, the cost is \$10. Pat Kelly, FCOA director, reported that a large number of members will be turning 16 this year. NCCC President, Dick Yanko, reported that there were two new board members for the National Corvette Museum. The new addition to the museum is progressing. They are behind on the fund raising for the Motorplex at the museum primarily due to the current economic environment. There are 665 members registered for convention this year. However, enrollment in the competition program is

lower than expected. Frank questioned the benefit of FCOA and stated that he would like to see statistics on the number of FCOA members that go on to become NCCC members. Anita stated there are over 100 WR members registered for convention. Larry reported that there is a car show in Imperial the day after convention if anyone wanted to take that in on the way back from convention.

Regional Competition Director – Jerry Koraleski

Jerry reported that there is now an index on the NCCC Website showing the changes made to the rule book for 2009. He then stated that we had used the new tech sheet at the West Region events in Council Bluffs. The sheet has been well received in other regions. There are some spelling updates that need to be applied and should be on the NCCC Website. Larry raised an issue with torque requirements for C1, C2 and C3 cars at tech. Newer cars require higher torque than the earlier models. There was a question regarding updates to AXWare timing software. Larry replied that their website said that the new FTD points had been added for NCCC events. Frank stated that before he purchased the software he would want a package that provided the results in the format required by NCCC. It was stated that there are other organizations that use the software. Jerry asked the governors to provide updates on timing issues so that they can be reviewed for 2010 Rule Book revisions. Jerry reported that there were over 1200 sanctioned events in 2008 and that there are over 900 approved for 2009 already. Jerry stated that three driving schools had been approved. Drag records were set for new classes and Jerry will be sending the information out via e-mail for everyone. There are two record drags coming up; one over Memorial Day weekend and one at convention. This information is also available on the NCCC Website. There were 2 clarifications which will be published on the NCCC Website. The issue of fire extinguishers was raised and there will be no extension on this requirement. A list of sources for approved fire extinguishers will be available on the NCCC Website. Tom asked where this equipment should be mounted and Jerry replied that it should be easily accessible from the driver's seat with seat belt / harnesses released. The Rule Book requires awards for concours, rallye and funkhana events; similar verbiage will be added for speed events. This should be covered on all flyers. There was a discussion of the 50 driver limit at the RCD meeting. There was also a discussion of changing the distance requirements for events from various clubs in the same region. The age requirement for passengers was brought up and the RCD's were looking at lowering the age of a passenger to 12. Tim pointed out that there could be safety issues with this since finding helmets that fit kids could present a problem. Younger individuals are currently allowed to function as navigators at rallye events and so the thought was that they could also ride as passengers at low speed events. It was pointed out that there needed to be something in the Rule Book covering parades and caravans. The RCD's are reviewing the new FTD point system as well. They are looking to update the matrix for tire sizes for class and axle and update the shock requirements to say any type **without** external reservoir. There was no decision made on these topics at the meeting but will be discussed further in upcoming meetings. There are a few more events to be added for the West Region including Newton, Osceola and Wentzville. Anita said we would be adding to Summer Festival events as well. Larry requested that he be granted 2 additional sanctions for his weekend. He will work with Tom to get the sanctions. Now that the schedule is fairly well set, Jerry will be sending out updates less frequently. Jerry requested that governors provide a copy of insurance form 1177 for events. Jerry will do his best to answer any questions presented to him.

Regional Executive – Gary Brisbois

Gary reported that there were a few changes to the By-Laws that had been discussed at the RE meeting. The changes dealt with clean up for the most part. Tim asked about the status of the North East region, since they do not currently do not have any officers. He asked if there was any discussion to dissolving the region. Jay stated that there was a lengthy discussion with no decision made at the RMD meeting. Jay said there was no global discussion of the re-alignment of regions. Jay asked that the governors get up at the NCCC Governor's meeting and raise this issue if they feel the regions need to be restructured. Larry suggested that NCCC needs to study the demographics of Corvette ownership to determine where they need to focus to recruit new members. He felt that NCCC should look into recruiting members rather than dissolving regions. Jerry stated that he felt that NCCC had over regulated participation so that it is difficult to get new clubs and new members. There was an item presented to RE's from the finance committee that if an event is published in the club newsletter in advance with a post mark to prove that it was published in advance the event will be covered by K & K with no other paper work required. This is the method that has historically been used for club social events. Frank asked if NCCC would be presenting another deficit budget at the September meeting. Gary reported that the intent of the treasurer was to present the same budget that was presented for 2009.

Other Business

Larry brought up the issue of competition points for clubs that are on the boundary of a region. He thought that out of region points should be counted at 50% of in region points earned. Denny voiced his opposition to the idea. Tim stated that he felt this would discourage participation in West Region events. Tim felt that the mileage points would help these folks get two hundred points to qualify for WR awards. There would also be an issue with tracking these points for awards.

Frank brought up the issue that our operating rules do not provide information on where to apply for scholarships. For clarification Frank asked that this be defined. There was also a question on whether an applicant can be awarded a scholarship multiple times. As the rule now stands that is allowed. The governors reviewed the document. Jay expressed the opinion that the West Region needs to follow the operating rules which has not been the practice in recent history. Frank made a motion to change the paragraph to state that the application form was available on the NCCC Website and the application should be sent to the West Region RE. The motion was seconded by Larry. The governors voted to approve the change.

Jay pointed out that the practice of regional dues collection does not follow the operating rules. New clubs are to pay West Region dues at the time they join NCCC. This information will be communicated to the RMD. At this time 4 States Corvette Club needs to pay 2009 dues.

Governor's Reports

Cornhusker Corvette Club – Anita Poss

Anita reported that the West Region Awards Dinner was well attended with 7 clubs represented and around 90 people attending. Anita said it was one of the easiest banquets with which she had been involved. The governors liked the format. CCI has volunteered to host the 2009 banquet. There was a discussion on whether to have a more formal banquet or an awards presentation and dinner in conjunction with a competition event. It was felt that either way the event should be held early in the year to be meaningful.

Gary stated that officer nominations would be needed for the September meeting. All positions are open but the secretary and treasurer position must be replaced due to term limits.

Meeting adjourned.

Kathy Brisbois, Secretary