

Officers present:

Gary Brisbois R.E.
Jerry Koraleski R.C.D.
Bob Bowen R.M.D.
Dennis Luther Treasurer
Kathy Brisbois Web Master
Chris Beebe Secretary

Governors present:

Larry Walker, Boone Trail Corvette Club
Dennis Luther, Corvette Club of Iowa
Chris Beebe, Cedar Rapids Corvette Club
Fred Johnson, Central Kansas Corvette Club
Tim Bailey, Mid America Corvette Club
Frank Wietharn, Topeka Corvette Club
James Cahill, Corvette Club of Kansas City
Joe Eller, Cornhuskers Corvette Club

Guest:

Diane Bowen

Call to order by Gary Brisbois

- Gary opened the meeting with the request that the election results be tabulated
- Diane Bowen, CRCC and Joe Eller, CCC were appointed to the Teller Committee. Twenty one ballots were received with one not having their WR number on the back, which makes this one invalid
- **Ballots were tabulated with the following Officers voted into office for 2011**
- Regional Executive – Kathy Brisbois
- Regional Competition Director - Jerry Koraleski
- Regional Membership Director – Bob Bowen
- West Region Treasurer – Dennis Luther
- West Region Secretary – Chris Beebe
- **Congratulations to our new RE, Kathy Brisbois**
- Gary congratulated the officers and thanked them for their work and support of the West Region
- Motion to destroy the ballots was made by D. Luther and seconded by F. Wietharn, motion carried. Ballots were destroyed by D. Bowen, Teller Committee Member

Secretary's Report – Chris Beebe

- Chris called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was made by L. Walker and seconded by F. Wietharn, motion carried

Webmaster's Report – Kathy Brisbois

- Kathy has updated a link to the Topeka Corvette Club

Financial Report – Dennis Luther

- Review of Profit and Loss, Previous Year Comparison
- Review of Balance Sheet, Previous Year Comparison

- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by F. Wietharn and seconded by J. Cahill, motion carried
- New fund for 2012 NCCC Convention has been created with funds donated by CCI and CRCC which totaled \$2,482. Hopefully all expenses paid with this fund will be reimbursed by the NCCC Convention. At present there is \$1517.7 after Convention Bid printing expenses.

Regional Membership Director Report – Bob Bowen

- Twelve of twenty-four clubs have sent their dues into RMD for renewal. Fred Johnson's Club, CKCC, was the first club in the WR to get their dues submitted
- Bob discussed the process of membership renewal and its relationship to distribution and *Blue Bars*
- All RMDs, *Blue Bars* Editor (Sylvia Hoaldrige) and Distribution (Larry Higgins) are all using the same database
- Bob still needs slips filled out for new members. This is done so Sylvia and US Postal Service have proof that the magazine only goes to primary members. US Postal rate is determined by this slip of paper as proof of membership
- Larry Higgins can get out 250 packets each day. He has 30 clubs done and will be working very hard over the next couple of months to finish
- 2011 Collector Pins will be available from Dennis Patrick at the 2011 Governor's Meetings. Dennis will order 1300 pins. He also has 50th Anniversary Pin if any Club members are interested. Each Governor will receive an order form for the 2011 pins
- FCOA dues will increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00 on Jan 1st. Now is the time to take advantage of \$5.00 dues to enroll the little ones in your family! Forms will be emailed to all Governors. When filling out the form, please indicate the child's relationship to the sponsor, such as grand son/daughter or niece/nephew etc. so letters to the child can be personalized
- T. Cahill, CCKC, reported problems entering membership dues data. Much discussion and suggestions followed. Bob Bowen, RMD stated that anyone having problems should contact him for help. Bob also stated that Larry Morrison, VP of Membership was going to update the manual
- Deadline for submitting articles to *Blue Bars* was November 30th
- Bob is asking to be notified regarding changes in governorship of your Club. If your Club has a new Governor please contact Bob with the necessary information
- Bob reported much discussion at RMD's Meeting concerning combining regions. If small regions were combined, it would mean fewer Regional Officers, which would save NCCC a significant amount of money. Regions with less than 400 members cost money. Bob stated that this situation has been discussed and argued about for at least 6 years and it is now time to take action

Regional Competition Director – Jerry Koraleski

- Final West Region Competition Points are posted on the WR Website
- West Region Spring Banquet – Diane Bowen, CRCC, reported that the 2011 Banquet will be held March 19, 2011 at Indian Creek Country Club, Marion, IA. Meal will be a buffet with two meats for approximately \$22.00
- **RCD Meeting** – Points standings as of November 1, 2010 were reported and are posted on NCCC Website
- Reported that 1117 events have been posted. The WR sanction log is clear and correct
- A new drag record was posted by Paul Bohannon, Cornhuskers Corvette Club, in Kearney, NE
- Ten new drag records were posted at Thunder Valley, OK. Two WR members, Larry Walker, BTCCC and Dave Hawks, CCC were among them. Congratulations guys! The NCCC Website has been updated to reflect these records

- **Rule Book Changes/Issues** – Wheel to wheel racing: T. Bailey, MACC, stated his opposition to including this as a sanctioned competition. He feels the risk of collision is a serious concern. Also, there are still unresolved insurance questions, procedure question and fairness issues
- F. Wietharn, TCC, also raised similar concerns and stated that he would also vote no on the rule book change
- Rule Book changes for next year are in the discussion stages. The East Region/NE Region would like to hold sanctioned events during Governor’s Meeting weekends and on the two Convention weekends
- **Safety:** Hal Tumbleson, NCCC Business Manager, and Dick Yanko, NCCC President, visited the RCD’s meeting to ask the RCDs to keep low speed events under 80 mph
- Jerry asked that everyone be aware of the need to set up a safe starting line and a safe finish line, especially if they are close together. Discussion involving offsets and gate widths followed. F. Wietharn stated offsets will do more to control speed than narrow gates
- L. Walker suggested that an experienced driver drive the course with a GPS to determine if speed reaches above 80 mph. Discussion followed regarding feasibility
- F. Johnson had a question regarding whether damage caused during an event by a guest or non-NCCC member would be covered. Discussion followed: T. Bailey stated that the coverage is for liability. The club is covered; the facility is covered while the guest is not. The guest’s property ie. car is not.

Convention Report – Larry Beebe 2012 NCCC Convention Director

- We will find out today that we have been granted the 2012 NCCC Convention
- Larry will be contacting all committee Chairperson soon. All chairs will receive a Convention Project Plan that will help to focus their plan
- Larry would like to hold a meeting of all committee chairs next summer in Topeka
- Discussed holding a Convention “warm-up” competition event on the high speed track and the Autocross Pad at Heartland Park. Need to consider availability and cost of the track, sanctions and dates. Would like to have one day of Low Speed and one day of High Speed Autocrosses
- T. Cahill informed us that his Club, CCKC, is coordinating an event in April at Kansas City Speedway infield. He wondered if WR would be interested in holding the “warm-up” there. Discussion followed.
- J. Koraleski questioned whether a club’s donation to the WR Convention Fund is expected and will be donations be refunded by NCCC. In answer Larry stated that Clubs will be invited to donate to the WR Convention Fund. Expenses from this fund will be paid back from Convention profits.
- Also discussed by D. Luther the necessity of explaining to the WR Clubs that if they decide to donate, we do not expect them to donate from their charity fund or operating expenses. Perhaps an additional event run at the racing competition, or a fundraiser such as a car show or rallye
- Discussion regarding WR Competition Fund. If money from this fund is used for Convention it must be reimbursed first.
- T. Bailey questioned when funds from NCCC will be available. Technically, money for Convention is received when registration opens on February 1, 2012. NCCC will front money for hotel and track in September of 2011.
- A Convention Treasurer will not be named until September of 2011
- Discussion of selling shirts and other clothing items for the 2012 Convention. **Who puts up the money to get the shirts sales started? WR will handle the shirt/merchandise sales and money earned from shirt/merchandise sales belong to the WR**
- D. Bowen asked about the use of credit cards for selling shirts/merchandise. Discussion followed: D. Luther stated that a Merchant account might be necessary
- L. Beebe stated that we need to fill at least 75% of 1350 room nights to avoid losing money, 1012 room nights. This years Convention with 237 attendees had a total of 887 room nights

- F. Wietharn moved to use money from the WR Competition Fund to pay for the deposit to reserve Heartland Park for the 2012 Convention, Discussion of Operating Rules and Procedures followed, motion withdrawn
- F. Wietharn moved to amend Item B of the Operating Rules and Procedures to allow use of the WR Competition Fund for seed money for West Region sponsored Conventions, seconded by T. Bailey, motion carried unanimously
- F. Wietharn made a motion to use funds from the WR Competition Fund to pay the deposit for use of Heartland Park for the 2012 NCCC Convention if necessary, seconded by D. Luther, motion carried unanimously

Item B from the Operating Rules and Procedures of the West Region, N.C.C.C., Inc. will now read:

West Region Competition Fund

B. This fund will be available to W.R. clubs, in good standing, and W.R. sponsored N.C.C.C. Convention, to provide a loan or “seed” money for events to be held at large tracks located within the boundaries of the W.R. such as Heartland Park or Gateway International.

Regional Executive Report – Gary Brisbois

- Discussed fiancés of 2010 Convention – 2010 Convention in West Palm Beach, FL lost \$7707.47
- Discussed the decision on there future Governor’s meeting will be held. It’s basically between Indianapolis and St. Louis. Room rate cost are being compared
- Vision committee reported that a Club did not get recognized in *Blue Bars*
- Three judges for the newsletter contest have been chosen: Kathy Brisbois, Margaret Bohannon and Glen Hutchinson
- Joan Thomas, NCCC Webmaster asked for current email addresses of new Governors, Regional Officers and NCCC Officers
- Kathy Brisbois will send out request for list of Club officers
- Hal Tumbleson, Business Manager, wants a list of all Club officers for insurance purposes. NCCC is looking at more coverage for directors and officers liability
- **Copyright violation – K&K paid a \$3000 claim for a Club that printed a poem in their newsletter which was also put on their website. The website is considered “public” so they should have gotten permission from the author before using the poem. This is a good example of a benefit of having insurance through NCCC to protect your Club**

Governor’s Reports

- T. Bailey, MACC, is giving up the first weekend of June for competition, so it is available if anyone would like to use that weekend
- L. Walker, BTCC, asked if a PDF could be created for all Convention information so they can be E-mailed to Club members

The motion to adjourn was made by Fred Johnson and seconded by Dennis Luther

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Chris Beebe, WR Secretary