

NCCC WEST REGION QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES April 30, 2011

Regional Executive Kathy Brisbois called the meeting to order at 8:07

The following officers were present:

- RE and Webmaster, Kathy Brisbois
- RCD, Jerry Koraleski
- RMD, Bob Bowen
- Treasurer, Denny Luther
- Secretary, Chris Beebe

Governors in attendance:

- Larry Beebe, Cedar Rapids Corvette Club
- Gary Brisbois, Cornhuskers Corvette Club
- Fred Johnson, Central Kansas Corvette Club
- Dennis Luther, Corvette Club of Iowa
- Dirk Miller, River City Corvette Club
- Mike Morphew, Heartland Corvette Club
- Larry Walker, Boone Trail Corvette Club
- Frank Wietharn, Topeka Corvette Club

Guests:

- Linda Siecgrist, Topeka Corvette Club and 2012 National Corvette Convention Co-Chair

Secretary Report, Chris Beebe

- C. Beebe called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was made by G. Brisbois. Seconded by L. Beebe. Motion passed

Web Master Report, Kathy Brisbois

- No report

Financial Report, Dennis Luther

- Dennis distributed Profit and Loss Statements and Balance Sheets.
- P and L balance sheets were reviewed.
- Discussion of funds used for Convention.
- Motion made to approve the report made by F. Wietharn. Seconded by L. Walker. Motion passed

Regional Membership Director Report, Bob Bowen

- Minor changes to Data Base Program, removed reference to a credit card on MAL sheets.
- Website Information (1) RMD's can go in and make a list of members in their region. (2) L. Walker suggested adding space for a second phone number.
- RMD's discussion of realignment was tabled. Discussion by W.R. Region members followed, this will only come about from the Governors themselves.

Regional Competition Director Report, Jerry Koraleski

- Jerry approached Midwest Early Corvette Club for help with Convention. They responded positively. Members present suggested that they help judge the Concours car show, help as corner workers for the speed events or host one of the nightly parties. The Governor, Barry Abel may attend the Sept. meeting.
- Convention "Warm Up "at Topeka Heartland Park July 30-31. Flyers and information about the event is out. Ron Ruston of Oklahoma City Corvette Club is encouraging the South West Region to attend.

- Jerry Koraleski mentioned the event at the RCD Meeting.
- Competition schedule is on the Website. K. Brisbois does an excellent job on the site. Also kudos to Linda Hommer for taking care of the WR permanent numbers.
- Four States Corvette Club has canceled their autocross event.
- Jerry has discovered that some regions are having fund raisers to enable them to give their award winners a nicer award, such as a jacket. Do we want to increase the amount we spend on awards?
- Make sure autocross courses are set up for 80mph. Courses must not be too fast.

Rule book changes:

- The issue of allowing events to be scheduled during the Governor's weekend or Convention has been discussed and not approved.
- Chairperson and co-chairperson points may be earned twice a year. May get them in any competition event.
- If you enter a concours car show with a person who is not your spouse, that person will receive points, provided he/she is an NCCC member, they attended the event, helped clean the car, etc.
- Club sanctions have been increased from seven to ten per year.
- Rallye checkers need not attend event to receive points.
- Travel points for workers will be allowed.
- Concours rule changes in regard to graphics/decals.
- Wording changes for event flyers; include time zone, time of drivers meeting, event start time, time gates open, or any significant time during an event.
- Flyers must include entry costs, and cost options such as discounts, late penalties, etc.
- Paragraph in front of current matrix on points explains how the matrix works.
- Jerry complimented M. Morphew on his proposal of a rule change concerning C4 hardtops not requiring a roll bar. Voted down, however.
- Most changes are wording.
- Changes presented at September meeting will be voted on at Nov meeting.
- Discussion of line item approval of changes versus package approval. Robert's Rules of Order state that a governor can call for a separation of question on the floor to vote for line item voting. A motion to approve the rule book changes as a package must be made first.
- Electronic voting - Walt Jenkins is working on it - bylaw change must be done first.
- Question regarding passwords, who has access to passwords of Governors on the Membership Data Base?
- The feeling was that the site must be secure and access to passwords must be strictly limited in regards to voting
- Good item on NCCC Website concerning tires. Also will be in Blue Bars.
- Jack presented a rule change regarding using airport facilities for autocross. The FAA has ruled that effective April 16, competitive events cannot be held at operating airports. (Discussion by W.R. Governors followed with information sought by computer and phone. are somewhat sure that this applies to tower controlled airports, so the Memorial Day Event can continue. D. Luther will follow up).
- Jack proposed to change the "day of" rule regarding cancellation of events in regard to events having to be canceled because of the FAA ruling that are within the 30 day rule.

Regional Executive Report, Kathy Brisbois

- D. McMahan, NCCC Director of Public Relations - tables at the Corvette Museum are completed. There is a bar code to scan to go directly to the NCCC Website.
- August 24, Corvette World and Mid America Tribute to 100 years of Chevrolet. NCCC can be promoted there.

- Joe Vasta asked if we could ship a promotional DVD to various clubs instead of the displays. This would be cheaper and easier, providing clubs have the equipment to play it in a public area.
- There is a DVD at the museum that could be copied, and used as an NCCC promo.
- *Blue Bars* Editor Sylvia Hoaldrige needs articles for the magazine. If you or your club has done something neat that would be of interest to NCCC members, send a few pix and write up an article.
- *Blue Bars* periodic rate did not go into effect until this spring issue. It is now in place.
- Finances; changing banks from Wacovia to Wells Fargo to save money.
- Current convention has 571 registrants, need 15 more to break even.
- Steering Committee met with the Sales manager of the Sheraton to learn about negotiating contracts with hotels. Talked of need for RFP, to get competitive bids, make sure you get the rooms you need. Very informative. She reviewed 2011 contract and did not think it was very good. She reviewed the 2012 contract and said it was very good.
- Hal Bellamy, NCCC President, feels that there are too many officers (22). He would like ideas on combining offices from the Vision Committee. Go to Website to comment.
- Looking to change Proxy form to require one signature. Will remove witness line.
- Dennis Patrick reported on Vision Committee; setting up booth at convention to talk to convention goers. Trying to find a way to reach non-active members. Need to give potential NCCC members a reason to belong. What is the benefit to them?
- 2 claims filed with Brown and Brown. One concerned two drivers, each NCCC members at a corvette event. One backed into the other. B and B advised them to use their own insurance. The second one involved an NCCC member who was parking her car at an event. She scraped the side of her car on an improperly placed cone. Claim filed with a company owned by B and B was denied. Claim filed with B and B paid 75% of damages.
- Discussion on importance of safety rules and signing the waiver to reduce liability. Wristbands are a way to show that someone has signed the waiver. Wristbands do not have to be worn if someone objects, but all participants should be reminded that if they have not signed the waiver they leave themselves open to liability and will not receive their points for the event(s).

2012 Convention Report, Larry Beebe Chairman

Convention Warm Up

- West Region Convention "Warm Up" Event at Heartland Park in Topeka July 30 & 31.
- Capitol Plaza Hotel \$79.00 single, double or triple with complete breakfast buffet.
- Super 8 \$69.00 single & \$74.00 double.
- We need people to volunteer to be a corner workers when you are not driving. F. Wietharn has developed a rotation schedule that will allow you to drive, work a corner, and have a break.

Convention

- Chairperson needed for the Corvette Mall. This entails organizing vendors in the Mall space and making sure vendors have what they need. You will not be required to find or recruit vendors. You will be busy the first day when setting up, after that it should just be a matter of checking in each day.
- Chairperson needed for Wine Tasting Event. This entails being the contact person for participating clubs, ballots and awards, and set up on the day of the event.
- Convention workers who are not registered will receive a day pass for the day(s) worked. This will admit them to the hospitality room and the evening party.
- Merchandise- Al (Bernie) Willenborg has developed the logo for convention. It will be used on flyers, shirts, and signs
- We will set up a 2012 Convention display at the 2011 convention. The display will be sent to various events around the country to advertise the convention.

- Convention Shirts: Our cost is 23.00 for a Polo shirt sizes S-XL, 2.00 extra for XXL-6X and Tee shirt sizes S-XL will cost \$13.00, 2.00 extra for XXL-6X.
- After discussion, sale price for Polo shirts was set at \$27.00 + \$2.00 for shirts XXL-6XL, Tee shirt price was set at \$17.00 + 2.00 for shirts XXL-6XL.
- We will be selling 2012 Convention polo shirts at the end of the 2011 Convention (Thursday and Friday). We will also be taking orders for shirts.
- We will have a display of pictures setup and brochures available to promote the 2012 Convention in Topeka.
- A digital picture frame will be loaded with a movie, pictures and info about Topeka, and the surrounding areas.
- Colors available at convention will be Banana, Turquoise, and Hibiscus. Other colors available online will be Navy, Black, Red, White, and Maui Blue. Priced the same.
- Shirts with pockets will be available to order for an added charge.
- Convention Chair and worker shirts will be safety green. Each Chairperson will receive a Polo shirt and committee workers will receive Tee shirts.
- Other items, such as hats, visors, gym bags, etc. are being considered.

Other Business

- Gary Brisbois, CCC, submitted a proposal regarding sanctions. It reads as follows:
- Club sanctions may not be bought or sold in the West Region. Clubs may petition other clubs for the use of sanction. The donating club may stipulate that the proceeds from events held be donated to charity, the West Region, FCOA, NCCC scholarship program or the NCCC grants program. All other directives of NCCC must be followed in the use of all sanctions in the region.
- Discussion followed. F. Wietharn pointed out that clubs who give sanctions to other clubs are still liable for damages that occur when their sanctions are used for that event. General discussion followed regarding the need to strictly follow safety rules.
- Bylaws clearly state that sanctions can not be sold. Most clubs now obtain sanctions from clubs not using theirs by donating to the club directly, or by donating to a charity or scholarship program, etc. associated with that club.
- Dirk Miller, River City C.C. Stated that his club receives a donation for their sanctions, and as they are a small club, they would prefer to keep the donation as it is an income source for them.
- Will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business

- D. Luther proposed a one year waiver adjustment to operating rules on term limitation to allow J. Koraleski to remain as RCD through 2012.
- Will be put on agenda in September.
- J. Koraleski expressed willingness to continue, but also stated that if anyone was interested in becoming RCD he would be willing to keep track of points and help as much as possible.

Governors Reports

- L. Beebe, CRCC - Hawkeye Downs 12 event low speed at Hawkeye Downs Aug 27 & 28.
- G. Brisbois, - CCC Council Bluffs - Mid America Convention Center 9 events May 14 & 15, Lincoln 11 events June 11 -12 and Lincoln 12 events, July 23 & 24
- L. Walker, BTCC - Wentzville 7 events Sat May 21
- M. Morphew, Heartland Corvette Club - Possible High Speed Driving School at Mid America No date is yet set – Waiting for NCCC approval.
- D. Luther, CCI - Memorial Day Weekend May28, 29 & 30 - 14 events with Judged Concours, 2 Rallyes, Funkhana and nine Low Speed Autocrosses.
- F. Wietharn, TCC - Heartland Park July 9 & 10.

- F. Wietharn, TCC - Heartland Park Convention "Warm Up" Heartland Park three high speed autocrosses Saturday and five low speed autocrosses Sunday July 30 & 31.
- T. Bailey, M.A.CC - Kansas City – GM Fairfax Assembly Plant July 16 & 17.

Motion to adjourn made by F. Wietharn, seconded by G. Brisbois. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Minutes submitted by Chris Beebe, WR Secretary