

## **NCCC WEST REGION MEETING MINUTES**

### **May 3, 2008**

Regional Executive Gary Brisbois called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

The following officers were present: RE Gary Brisbois, RCD Jerry Koral,eski, RMD Diane Bowen, Regional Treasurer Linda Homer, Regional Secretary Kathy Brisbois and Regional Web Master Joe Eller.

Governors in attendance were Dennis Luther (CCI), Diane Bowen (CRCC Proxy), Frank Wietharn (TCC), Anita Poss (CCC), and Larry Walker (BTCC).

Guests included Alice Wietharn and Jay Homer.

#### **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 Denny. The governors voted to approve the minutes.

#### **Financial reports**

Linda reported that the Permanent Number list has been updated on the WR Website. She also asked that requests for reimbursement be accompanied by the request form. The WR tax return has been filed for 2007. Financial reports were distributed by Linda. Discussion followed on several line items regarding income and expense. Jerry presented the 2007 NCCC check for competition. The region receives money back from NCCC for all WR members who earn 200 points or more during the competition season. Linda stated that the region would no longer be receiving a rebate from Ecklers which had accounted for \$300 to \$400 a year. On the Profit and Loss report, Linda pointed out that awards and trophies were a big drain on the region. The governors discussed soliciting unused sanctions to hold a fund raiser for the region. Linda suggested that WR region officers work the event so that the weight of the event did not fall to one club. Jerry stated that so there are 99 sanctions filed for this year so there are several sanctions that are not being used. Gary suggested forming a committee to look at the issue and present their findings at the Governors' meeting in September. With the 70 day filing requirement the events would have to be held after July 14<sup>th</sup> if the sanctions were presented immediately. Denny suggested the clubs already planning events consider adding one or two events to their weekend rather than planning a full weekend of WR events. Larry made a motion to have the WR RCD solicit sanctions to be donated to clubs holding events for the benefit of the WR. Diane seconded the motion. The motion failed. The discussion ended with the governors deciding to encourage clubs holding sanctioned events to seek additional sanctions with the proceeds from those sanctions being donated to the region.

#### **Regional Web Master – Joe Eller**

Joe reported that the website was current with all information that had been sent to him. Linda requested that a link be added for contacting the Web Master. Frank asked about security and the use of PDF files. Open Office can be loaded for free and allows users to produce PDF documents.

### **Regional Membership Director – Diane Bowen**

Diane reported that updated officer and membership lists had been sent out and asked if everyone had received them. Larry asked when a person was considered a member. Diane responded that the individual is a member when the RMD has issued a NCCC#. Diane asked if clubs had requirements to accept new members. The Cedar Rapids club does, Boone trail and CCI do not, TCC and CCC both require that the person seeking to join own or be the primary operator of a Corvette.

Diane reported that the West Region has 24 clubs with 1,552 members, 8 Members-at-Large. Cornhusker Corvette Club is the largest club in the region with 351 members.

Pat now has FCOA items sent out. Sylvia is planning a “Fallen Members” tribute in the summer issue of Blue Bars. Rhonda has pass out updated addresses to the RMDs.

There are several positions opening for election this year. The VP of membership and the Parliamentary positions are open and the incumbents in these positions have reached the 4 year term limit. The President and Director of Public Relations are also up for election this year. Diane also stated that the Regional Membership Director will need to be filled for next year as she has reached the 4 year term limit for the position.

Next Year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for NCCC. To mark this event, membership packets will include patches and luggage tags. A special membership card will be issued to all members commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Life time members will also receive this card. There will be no pins or calendars issued with member renewals for 2009. Denny suggested that pins could be added to the NCCC sale items if members wanted to purchase them.

There was a discussion about having dealerships include an offer of a one year free membership to NCCC with the sale of a new Corvette. Diane stated that was something that had been discussed but would have to come from GM. It was suggested that clubs could possibly work with their local dealers to set up some kind of program. Diane said that NCCC is looking to reduce costs by using the membership cards to 3-4 years and just sending out a label each year with updated information.

Diane reported that she had only received one scholarship application so far. She encouraged governors to get back to their clubs and let members know about the scholarship fund.

### **Regional Competition Director – Jerry Koraleski**

Jerry reported that the West Region has received the competition rebate from NCCC. He has also received the patches for 2007 and will be distributing them at upcoming events. Clarifications to the rulebook will be posted on the website at the end of the rulebook. The plan is to have point standings and event results posted to the NCCC website monthly. This information will also be passed back to the regions to post on their websites.

Joe discussed populating the NCCC result forms from club software. There was a discussion of the various packages being used and the best way to import information.

No new Drag records have been posted as of this meeting. There were several clarifications discussed at the RCD meeting and the results will be distributed to governors with the NCCC minutes and posted on the NCCC website.

Jerry reported that Manny Montgomery from the Florida Region is submitting a request to host the 2010 National Convention in Florida.

Work will be done on the Website to make forms more user friendly. This was an item that had brought up at our last meeting.

RCD's have requested action items from the governors. There have been 30+ items submitted to date. These will be addressed at RCD meetings throughout the remainder of the year. Some items may also be addressed via e-mail among the RCD group so that they can all be addressed.

Jerry asked that clubs not use the "quick tech" form previously agreed upon, since it is not covered by the current rulebook. K & K have said they will stand by club actions as long as it is covered in the rulebook.

All WR flyers are current and posted on the WR website. Trophies/ awards for all classes are required for all speed events based on the rulebook. Flyers need to state what qualifies as awards i.e. normal fees have been reduced in lieu of awards.

Jerry has requested that governors provide him with a list of club members who hold a high speed license with expiration dates. This will allow him to be prepared when a re-issue request comes in. Clubs should prevent Back-to-back runs at events. Some competitors have felt certain people have benefited by this. It usually occurs when an entrant is also working the event. Drivers' meetings should cover any special items the club has like fun runs and whether passengers will be allowed. Passengers should be allowed following the rulebook specifications. There was a request to develop a form outlining information to be presented at drivers' meetings.

### **Regional Executive – Gary Brisbois**

Gary reported that the Corvette Museum is planning to eliminate the NCCC kiosk. NCCC is asking governors to report on club members who also are members of the Corvette Museum of if club members have made any contributions to the museum. If a club has donated money or purchased a brick that information is also needed. This is an effort to persuade the museum to maintain an NCCC display of some sort. This information is needed by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Gary reported that the RE's felt that the E-board had not presented sufficient information to justify an increase in dues for 2009. West Region governors shared this opinion.

Gary reminded the governors that WR needs an RMD because of term limits. The Secretary and Treasurer have one more year based on term limits and the RE has two years left.

### **Governor's Reports**

#### **Cornhusker Corvette Club – Anita Poss**

Anita reported that CCC will be hosting a PC car show and 2 rallyes on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 7 autocross events in Lincoln on may 17 & 18.

#### **Boone Trail Corvette Club – Larry Walker**

Larry reported that Boone Trail will be hosting events at Wentzville in October.

#### **Topeka Corvette Club – Frank Wietharn**

Frank reported that the Topeka club is holding events July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Corvette Club of Iowa - Denny Luther**

Denny reported that they are hosting events in Chariton over the Memorial Day weekend. Events are being planned for Osceola the last weekend in September and at Newton the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October.

**Cedar Rapids Corvette Society - Diane Bowen**

Diane thanked Jerry and congratulated him for the work he had done in getting sanction events scheduled. She also thanked TCC for the banquet this year. CRCC will be hosting events at Chariton over the Memorial Day Holiday weekend and events with the Muscatine club August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. The club has purchased a display board for timing. There are still some West Region T-shirts available; proceeds will go to the West Region scholarship fund.

Denny made a motion, seconded by Anita to adjourn the meeting. It was approved by the governors. Meeting adjourned.

Kathy Brisbois, Secretary