

NCCC WEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2007

Regional Executive Gary Brisbois called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

The following officers were present: RE Gary Brisbois, RCD Tim Bailey, RMD Diane Bowen, and Regional Secretary Kathy Brisbois. Regional Treasurer Linda Hommer was absent.

Governors in attendance were Dennis Luther (CCI), Chris Beebe (CRCC Proxy), Kenny Hartkopp (MCS), Anita Poss (CCC), Gary Brisbois (HCA), Tim Bailey (MACC), and Larry Walker (BTCC).

Secretary Report – Kathy Brisbois

Gary called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Chris made the motion with a second by Kenny. The governors voted to approve the minutes.

Financial reports

Linda had distributed financial reports to the governors via e-mail. There was a review of these documents.

Gary brought up the issue of the tenure of the Web Master. It is Gary's understanding that the WebMaster is appointed for a one year term with the approval of the governors. Gary stated that Joe Eller was interested in continuing as the regional Web Master and asked for any discussion. No one else expressed an interest in the position and Gary asked for a vote to approve the appointment of Joe as Web Master for the region. The governors approved the appointment.

Gary reported the highlights from the NCCC Web Master's meeting on Friday night which Joan Thomas held. One of the things she is trying to do is eliminate personal e-mail addresses on the national web site and have generic pass-through contact names for NCCC officers, regional officers and governors. The purpose of this meeting will be to share information and expand the knowledge base. Joan also expressed a concern regarding the back-up of all web-sites to facilitate easy and speeding recovery in case of problems. She also requested that regions pay for their Web Masters to attend at least one meeting a year. Joan will be reviewing regional and club web sites and offering comments and suggestions.

Regional Membership Director– Diane Bowen

Diane reported that all West Region clubs are paid up. FCOA membership has remained flat because we have had as many members reaching 16 as we have signed up new members. The duties of the distribution center are being shifted from Rose to Rhonda and should be finalized by March 5th. Diane asked that governors work to keep address lists updated to that membership packets and Blue Bars are not returned and then have to be resent. A large number of NCCC members expressed their disappointment over not receiving pins this year so pins will be purchased for 2008 for all members. The RMD's are looking for a way to distribute the pins other than the renewal packets, because the post office has complained that postal carriers are being pricked. One solution is to send all the pins for one club to the governor for distribution. To compensate for the cost of the pins, there will not be any calendars included for 2008. Diane also reported that there are changes slated to allow more electronic communication throughout NCCC.

Regional Competition Director– Tim Bailey

Tim reported requested governors to remind clubs and their members that checks for West Region functions should be made out to the West Region and not to the officer who receives the check.

The RCD meeting focused on the Drag Race chapter of the new rule book. Tim introduced the topic of tech inspections for discussion after a request from Kenny Hartkopp at the WR Sanctioning meeting held in January. At that time the West Region governors felt that it was impossible to check all the items in the current rule book and still have time to run competitive events. The RCD's agreed that the tech form needs to be revised. There was lots of discussion regarding what needed to be checked, whether the drivers should provide a mechanics certificate of safety. One suggestion was to hold a thorough tech inspection once a year with follow-up tech and each event to ensure the safety of the vehicle and that the vehicle is classed properly. Kenny will draft a tech form for the West Region so that procedures are uniform around the region. There was some discussion of training individuals to perform the inspections. Larry Walker presented a list of items that should be checked to ensure the safety of the vehicle. Tim said there were some class dependent items that should be checked during tech. Anita expressed the idea that if there were a regional tech event that it should be hosted by the RCD and not a single club. There was a feeling that competitors would not drive a distance to have their cars inspected so that we would still be doing a number of tech inspections at every event.

The current rule book lists rules for speed events in numerous places and when changes are made they have not been applied to all the areas that needed to be updated. The RCD's are working to identify these and will combine them in one area in the new Rule book probably in chapter 2 regarding all speed events.

Another item to come out of the RCD meeting was that the 2008 rule book would be published on the NCCC web site. Coupons will be sent out with member renewals so that those who want a paper copy will be able to get one.

The 2008 national convention will be held on Tulsa. In anticipation of this, there will be a driving school held at Hallett so that people can get a high-speed license in advance. Tim plans to be at this event and will issue licenses at that time.

The RCD's discussed the use of GPS during Rallye events. Since some C6's come equipped with GPS they will be allowed.

Regional Executive – Gary Brisbois

Gary reported that Blue Bar articles are due March 1st. Since Gary will be out of town at that time Tim volunteered to coordinate the WR articles and send them in to Sylvia.

It was announced in the RE meeting that Ecklers would no longer provide rebates.

Rule 14 is back in effect as of this meeting and the NCCC treasurer, Deb Murphy will request funding to hold the audit at the Governors' meeting.

A committee of RE's have reviewed the NCCC by-laws. Suggested revisions will be published on the NCCC web site for governors and members to review. A vote will be taken at the September Governors' meeting to approve the by-laws. Tim asked that an item be added to the by-laws to require national, regional officers and club governors to have e-mail to facilitate the conduct of business.

Regional Competition Director– Tim Bailey

Tim presented the 2007 event schedule. Currently there are 60 sanctioned events in the region. Tim stated that he had not received payment for some of the sanctions and they needed to be paid. There was discussion of events at Newton on October 13th and 14th. Dennis Luther would like to use the WR competition fund for the down payment on the track.

Governor's Reports

Midwestern Corvette Society

Kenny reported they are hosting 7 auto -cross events on June 9th & 10th. He also thanked the group for the reservations and asked governors to continue to encourage their club members to participate in the Regional Banquet and Party. Kenny reported that the expenses of the banquet had been covered by local merchants.

Cornhusker Corvette Club– Anita Poss

Anita asked about the status of permanent numbers. Tim replied that he had received a list from Linda. Anita also asked about the WR plaque program. Dennis will check with Willenberg's to see if they are willing to continue to provide the placques.

Boone Trail Corvette Club– Larry Walker

Larry said that the two topics he was most concerned with had been addressed. He wanted to have all members receive NCCC pins which Diane had already discussed and he wanted to have the Rule Book published on the web which Tim addressed. Diane had distributed a printed list of governors and WR offices. Larry requested the list electronically. Diane will send one out.

Corvette Club of Iowa – Dennis Luther

Dennis requested an updated 2007 Competition schedule. Tim will send this out. Tim stated that he had sent out information regarding the 50 mile club.

Mid America Corvette Club – Tim Bailey

Tim reported that there are plans to build a 2.7 mile road course near Kansas City with a 2008 completion date. Tim reported that his club has purchased a timing board.

Cedar Rapids Corvette Society

Chris reported that the club is hosting events in Chariton. The club has also purchased new timing equipment. Chris also reported that the club had been presented with the Eagle One Award which recognizes community and charity involvement.

Heartland Corvette Association– Gary Brisbois

Gary reported that Heartland will be hosting 7 auto -cross events on June 30th and July 1st at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs.

Old Business

Larry raised the question of chair points and competition points in a two car class. Tim did not bring this up in the RCD meeting. Larry will send Tim an e -mail prior to the next RCD meeting to remind him.

Larry also asked about using Trip Maker for determining mileage points. Tim recommended that if governors use this tool that they make sure the program is using default values to determine miles.

Tim will get helmet stickers for 2007.

New Business

Diane started a discussion of ways NCCC can reduce membership expenses. She suggested having bi - annual membership and the possibility of consolidating regions. She also stated that competition does not generate any income for NCCC but a large portion of the budget is given out for competition.

Tim addressed the issue with Nebraska Corvette Association's request for a sanctioned car show in Lincoln. The person making the request was directed to the club governor.

The next WR governors' meeting will be held in St. Louis in conjunction with the NCCC governor's meeting.

Dennis Luther moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tim Bailey seconded the motion which was passed by a vote of the governors.

Meeting adjourned.

Kathy Brisbois, Secretary