

NCCC WEST REGION MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 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), Diane Bowen (CRCC Proxy), Kenny Hartkopp (MCS), Frank Wietharn (TCC), Gary Brisbois (HCA), Tim Bailey (MACC), and Larry Walker (BTCC).

Secretary Report – Kathy Brisbois

Kathy asked for corrections or comments on the minutes. Since there were none, Gary called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Tim 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. Tim questioned the Profit and Loss Overview regarding the budget item of officers' shirts. Larry Walker suggested that we place the West Region funds in a savings account to increase the amount of interest income. Gary suggested that governors email questions regarding the financial reports to Linda.

Gary distributed the proposed standing rule changes from the RE meeting for the governors to review. Tim distributed the rule book changes from the RCD meeting for the governors to review also.

WebMaster reports

Gary reported that the web site had been updated with recent flyers. Again Gary recommended that governors e-mail Joe with comments or updates for the web site.

Regional Membership Director– Diane Bowen

Diane reported from the RMD's meeting that pins and calendars will be mailed in renewal packets for all members. She also reported that changes in postal regulations will change the postage expense for renewal packets. Distribution is having issues with new member envelopes not staying sealed. Thonda has been taping all envelopes to ensure they stay closed. The NCCC financial reports show a \$20,000 deficit this year between budget and actual. Diane reported that NCCC is up almost 400 members from this time a year ago and thinks the difference in budget is the change from accrual method accounting and the cash method of accounting that occurred during the change over in treasurers. The RMD committee is looking to reduce their expenses by changing from the current plastic membership card to a paper card similar to the one used for high-speed licenses. Diane has received two scholarship applications to date and reminded

governors that the dead line is coming up quickly. She also discussed membership forms and requested that e-mail addresses be provided. This will help when there are issues in the distribution center with new member packets.

Regional Competition Director– Tim Bailey

Tim reported that 2006 patches have been ordered and the VP of competition will mail the patches to the RCD's when they come in. Tim will distribute WR patches to governors when he receives them.

At the RCD meeting, a new index was set for the 1G class; the index is 13.31. Tim also reported that with the new rule book, indices will be changed 1% each year until it can be beaten. Another item from the RCD meeting dealt with Section 2.8 that stateshub caps and centers must be removed for both low and high speed events. There was some discussion of this item and Tim related an incident where the center cap from a C5 came out during an auto-cross event and only luck prevented a corner worker from being seriously hurt. Governors will need to make their tech people aware of this for their events this year. Tim also discussed the Rand McNally trip maker for assigning travel points. He suggested that West Region governors use the matrix he has supplied. If there is a question regarding travel points or a club that has not previously had a competitor so that they are not listed on the matrix, the governor should contact Tim and he will provide the appropriate points. There was one clarification from the RCD meeting dealing with tire size for the 1S class. The RCD's ruled that the tire must be the exact size that came out on that car and model of that year.

Tim reviewed the current list of sanctioned events for the West Region. The governors also discussed the use of sanctions for hi-speed events. CCI has the possibility of hosting hi-speed events at Newton. Denny is trying to line up sanctions from clubs not hosting events. Tim will also help solicit sanctions if Denny needs the him to contact these clubs. Although this is not his normal practice, Tim has offered to act as event chair for these sanctions so that the club providing the sanction does not need to be present at these events. There was a discussion of the liability related to these sanctions and Tim pointed out that some of these clubs are 51% clubs so that not all of their members are covered by K & K in case of an accident and subsequent law suit. There was also a discussion of the use of the West Region competition fund. Based on the current rules, the request needed to be presented at the sanction meeting. Tim will review the rules and propose changes so that the fund can be used.

The new rule book will have a statement that all cars involved in fun runs must be tech'ed prior to entering the track/course. Another item in the new rule book deals with the spacing of cones for autocross events.

Denny made a motion to have 2 WR sanctioned events at the October CCI hosted events at the Newton speedway with the net proceeds to be turned in to the WR treasurer. Frank seconded the motion. A vote of the governors approved the motion unanimously. There was a discussion of the number of entrants needed to meet the break even point.

Regional Executive – Gary Brisbois

Gary reported from the RE meeting that there would be a motion presented to have the Charity Raffle fund audited by a committee of appointed annually for that purpose rather than spend up to six thousand dollars to a CPA firm to "balance the checkbook". The money spent for the audit is taken from the charity fund so that we have less to contribute to the Kidney Foundation or which ever charity NCCC is donating to for that year. Gary said that he brought up the issue of requiring e-mail and that it was suggested that each club might be required to have an e-mail contact point for the club.

Gary brought up the issue of nominations for the September meeting. Currently we need candidates for the RCD and Secretary positions. All positions are elected for a one year term and anyone can run for any position if they are interested.

Old Business

Kenny and Tim presented the proposed “quick tech” sheet for the governors to review and discuss. Tim recommended that the sheet be used as the minimum needed for tech. Kenny had hoped that this sheet would provide a standard for tech for all events in the Region. All the governors agreed that it presented a good base from which to operate but each club would make modifications as they saw fit. Tim also said that he had discussed this with the VP of Comp and that other regions had done similar types of things. The VP of Comp is also planning on developing something along these lines for the new rule book since the feeling was that the current rules governing tech would take too much time and not allow time for the competition if every club followed them to the letter.

New Business

Diane brought up the topic of a West Region shirt and caps. The shirts would be sold to the Region for \$7.00 and \$8.00 for the caps; they could then be resold for more to provide a source of income for the Region. There was some discussion but no decision was reached.

Kenny provided a report on the WR banquet in Sioux City. His club had a good time planning the event and gathering all the items from center pieces to prizes. Kenny also discussed the financial success of the event. The Midwestern Corvette Society had decided at the beginning of this endeavor to donate any profits to the WR Scholarship fund. To that end Kenny presented a check for \$1200 to the West Region.

Frank revisited the issue with the variance between budget and actual monies for NCCC membership. The difference was explained as the conversion of accounting methods used between the two NCCC treasurers.

Governor’s Reports

Topeka Corvette Club – Frank Wietharn

Frank reported that he had just gotten his flyers turned in. Topeka will host a PC car show, Funkhana and 5 low speed events.

Corvette Club of Iowa – Dennis Luther

Dennis reported CCI, together with Cedar Rapids CC, Muscatine CC and River City CA will be holding a PC car show, 2 rallies, a funkhana, and 5 Low Speed autocrosses in Chariton, Iowa over Memorial Day weekend.

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club – Diane Bowen (Proxy)

Diane reported that Cedar Rapids will be hosting events in Chariton. CRCC will also be holding events at Hawkeye Downs August 25th & 26th.

Boone Trail Corvette Club – Larry Walker

Larry reported that his club will be holding a club appreciation event in Wentzville in August.

Mid America Corvette Club – Tim Bailey

Tim reported that MACC will be hosting 7 low speed events at the GM Fairfax Assembly Plant in Kansas City, KS on June 2nd and 3rd. The hotels used previously do not have trailer parking because of new

building. Tim will send out information on hotels in the near future. Kenny talked about a Sleep Inn off Exit 10 on I29. Tim said he would check it out. Also Kenny said NCCC has a Major Group Rate listed on the NCCC website that could be used to get better rates for hotel accommodations.

Midwestern Corvette Society

Kenny reported they are hosting 7 auto-cross events on June 9^h & 10th. These events will be held at the Air National Guard. The National Guard will require additional waivers to be signed by all entrants and trailer parking will be behind the hanger. MCS will be hosting a welcome party and tech on Friday night.

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.

Tim asked for volunteers to attend the RCD meeting in Nashville since he will not be there. Gary said he could attend as Tim's proxy. Items to be voted on at the RCD meeting include:

- 1) whether or not to keep FTD points. Tim said that he would vote to keep them.
- 2) maintain 7 points for one car class or increase them to 9 points. Tim would like to maintain 7 points for 1 car class.
- 3) to allow 1 travel point for 100 to 199 miles. Tim is in favor of this change.
- 4) Currently clubs are limited to 100 points for hosting an event. Tim would like to see this changed so that the club earns a minimum of 100 points but if enough of the clubs members participate in the event to earn more than 100 points, the club should get the number of points earned by its members.

Frank moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kenny seconded the motion which was passed by a vote of the governors.

Meeting adjourned.

Kathy Brisbois, Secretary