

NCCC WEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 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 and Regional Web Master Joe Eller were absent.

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

Secretary Report – Kathy Brisbois

Kathy 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 brought up the use of extra sanctions for the region. He had suggested that the RCD on behalf of the WR solicit clubs with unused sanctions. He proposed that the club using the sanctions should provide a portion of the event proceeds to the club that supplied those sanctions. There was a discussion of the need for additional funds needed for the operation of the WR. As part of this discussion, Diane reported that NCCC is going to push the distribution of the pins and calendar in the renewal packets to the respective regions. This will increase the expenses incurred by the region. Tim suggested that the E-board lead by example in reducing expenses by foregoing some of their perks.

Diane reported that there was also a debate regarding increasing member dues for 2008. She reported that Blue Bars is under review as one of the ways to reduce NCCC expenses. There has also been a discussion of consolidating regions to help cut down on NCCC expenses.

Larry expressed the opinion that the increase in dues was probably justified. He felt that NCCC needed to generate the incentive for individual participation in the program. This generated a discussion on how to promote the benefit of belonging to NCCC for the individual members.

Regional Membership Director – Diane Bowen

Diane reported that with the proposed change in dues, new forms would need to be printed. Frank suggested the NCCC consider hiring a professional firm to manage the business side of NCCC and eliminate some of the E-board positions. Diane said that this idea had been discussed but no decisions had been reached at this time. Anita asked if reducing the number of Governors' meetings would help in reducing NCCC expenses. This was another idea that had been discussed by the E-board.

Diane reported that membership dues are to be sent to her by November 2nd. She plans to have the renewal packets sent out by October 1st. She explained that the NCCC dues and WR dues are separate. Linda will be sending out statements to the clubs for WR dues and those should be returned to Linda. The NCCC renewals need to be returned to Diane. There has been some confusion in the past over this process.

Regional Competition Director– Tim Bailey

Tim passed around a preliminary draft of the new Rule Book for the governors to review. Governors will receive a copy prior to the November meeting to review and a vote will be taken then to approve the new rules.

The following changes were presented:

- 1) Tim discussed the changes in classes for economy runs in chapter 9.
- 2) FTD's will be maintained as published in the current Rule Book.
- 3) Chance rallies will continue to be assigned points on the same basis as any other rally. This was a change from what Tim had previously reported. At that time the plan was to allow 3 points for chance rallies as is done for the Peoples' Choice car shows.
- 4) There was an adjustment made to the points assignment for all types of Rally and Concourse events.
- 5) The RCD may appoint a proxy RCD for an event if someone from the host club is not able to attend.
- 6) The Rand McNally website is the recommended source for calculating mileage points. Use the quickest time in the calculation.

There were four clarifications from the RCD meeting:

- 1) Can the H pipe in C5's be replaced by X pipes? No
- 2) Do the oxygen sensor and exhaust system need to be in the same location for aftermarket equipment as the original configuration? Yes
- 3) Do hub cap centers on C4's need to be removed for speed events? Yes
- 4) The Ron Fellows edition of the C6 Z08 has full width spoiler. Can this be added to any C6 Z06? Yes

Tim reported that CCC will be hosting a "Play Day" at MAM on September 24th for anyone who wants to warm up for the events being held in Newton. The cost is \$50 per entrant. This is not an NCCC sanctioned event. MAM will supply the insurance and set the rules for this event.

Tim reported that all Hi-speed licenses have been issued.

The WR competition fund was discussed. The fund is available on a first come – first serve basis starting at the annual sanction meeting. There was a discussion on the term Gross vs. Net proceeds in the terms of repayments. Larry suggested that this money be used to induce clubs to hold Hi-speed events with and use the money as a bonus to clubs who stepped up to host this type of event. Frank, Denny, Kenny voiced their opinion that the fund should be maintained but we needed to modify the rules so that the fund could more readily be used. Governors in the region need to be made aware of the existence of this fund and the means to apply for its use. Tim will draft changes to the existing Operating Rules and distribute this document to the governors.

Tim has muffler configuration documents from 1984 forward for reference if anyone needs them for Tech inspections.

Jack Wilson is running for VP of Competition for NCCC. Tim endorsed Jack for WR votes to be cast for the November meeting.

Regional Executive – Gary Brisbois

Gary reported that Blue Bar articles are due September 16th. Diane asked if the governors liked reading the regions reports as published. This was one of the items that had been discussed as being cut to reduce the costs of publishing Blue Bars. All the governors present said they liked this part of Blue Bars.

Gary reported there had been a discussion at the RE meeting regarding the value of belonging to NCCC for individual members. The regional officers and governors need to present NCCC in a positive light when talking to the clubs.

Gary brought up the topic of a host for the WR annual banquet. Frank said that Topeka was thinking about it and had some questions for Kenny since his club was the most recent host. Frank said he should know in 30 days whether his club would be willing to host this event. Anita said Cornhuskers had also entertained the idea of hosting this event.

Diane reported that she received two applications for scholarships. However one of the applicants was not accepted into the school of her choice so was not eligible for a scholarship. Frank made a motion to present a \$500 scholarship to the eligible applicant. Denny seconded the motion and the governors approved the motion.

Governor's Reports

Mid America Corvette Club – Tim Bailey

Nothing to report.

Midwestern Corvette Society - Kenny Hartkopp

Nothing to report.

Cedar Rapids Corvette Society - Diane Bowen

Diane thanked everyone for their participation at their event at Hawkeye Downs.

Corvette Club of Iowa - Denny Luther

Denny requested that Tim have some on hand in Newton because some people need the low speed events there to qualify for their Hi-speed licenses.

Boone Trail Corvette Club - Larry Walker

Larry reminded everyone of their upcoming events on October 6th and 7th.

Topeka Corvette Club – Frank Wietharn

Nothing to report.

Cornhusker Corvette Club – Anita Poss

Nothing to report.

Heartland Corvette Association– Gary Brisbois

Nothing to report.

New Business

Diane reported that there would be WR shirts for sale at the events in Osceola.

Meeting adjourned.

Kathy Brisbois, Secretary