

NCCC WEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2007

Regional Executive Gary Brisbois called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

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

Governors in attendance were Dennis Luther (CCI), Chris Beebe (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. Sandy Hartkopp and Alice Wietharn were appointed to tally the ballots.

Financial reports

Linda distributed financial reports to the governors. There was a review of the Balance Sheet. West Region experienced nearly \$1000 drop from a year ago. The reason for the decrease is the loss of income from Ecklers' rebates, loss of income from NCCC because of fewer individuals earning 200 points and an increase in expenses for competition awards. Tim also brought up the loss of income from regional events held in 2006 that was not done in 2007.

Denny asked if other regions were experiencing similar issues. Tim said there were some regions that "commandeer" unused sanctions to raise funds for the region which we had voted at the September meeting not to do in the West Region.

Diane introduced the topic of increased expenses for 2008 in the distribution of pins and calendars being passed from National to the regional level. With the increased budget concerns at the national level this will continue to increase expenses at the regional level.

Linda reported that there were a number of clubs that had not paid their 2007 dues and would be delinquent as of 11/30/07. Tim stated that clubs that did not pay their dues would be considered as "not in good standing in the region" and as such would not be eligible to be issued sanctions in the coming year. This raised the topic that there are several clubs in the region that are questioning the value of remaining NCCC members. Anita suggested that we needed to put a positive spin on the benefits of belonging to NCCC as governors when talking to our clubs. It was noted that the club governors do not carry much weight in many clubs and that we may need to contact the club president or treasurer. Diane stated that she does not always receive a list of all the clubs' officers.

Kenny recommended that we amend the bylaws to add a penalty for clubs who are delinquent on their dues. Larry suggested a 10% late fee be assessed. Jay said if we were changing the by-laws, that the

governors also needed to look at who is responsible for collecting dues. As it is defined in the by-laws it is the responsibility of the RMD and not the treasurer's responsibility.

Linda reported that there has been a change in the IRS code which requires that she now file a tax return for the region. This change will also apply to individual clubs.

ELECTION RESULTS

Sandy and Alice returned with election results: all incumbents had been retained in office. There were 5 write-ins for the RCD position. Tim Bailey was one of the write-ins and since he has served as RCD the last four years is bound by the four term limit and is not eligible to continue in this position. The other write-ins were Jerry Koraleski, Jim Benedict, Larry Steffen and Jay Homer. Jay declined on the spot.

Tim explained the process he used to report points and the amount of time he spent for each club's events which includes verifying waivers. Frank asked Tim to discuss the other aspects of the position. Tim named awards for the banquet, resolution of disputes regarding points of procedures, attending RCD meetings and working on the rule book. Tim also said there was talk of revising the rule book annually, especially now that it will be available on the NCCC website.

The others were contacted to see if they would be willing to serve. Kenny said that if the paperwork was part of the problem of getting someone to take on this position, he would be willing to handle that portion of the position but he would not be able to attend many of the events in the coming year. Larry Steffen was contacted and declined the position. Jerry Koraleski was contacted and with the stipulation that Kenny handle the points reporting, he would accept the position. The governors approved Jerry Koraleski as the new RCD. Clubs will need to send event results and waivers to Kenny for processing in 2008.

The web-master will be appointed at the February meeting. Joe has expressed interest in continuing in this position.

Regional Membership Director– Diane Bowen

Diane reported that there was a question raised at the RMD meeting regarding FCOA members whose sponsor is no longer an NCCC member. It was decided that they would continue in FCOA until they turn 16 when their eligibility for FCOA ends at that age. There was a discussion of several ways to reduce expenses for NCCC. Among them was a re-alignment of regions and dropping travel pay for spouses. The largest expenses are Blue Bars and officer travel. The issue of membership dues increase will be put into effect for 2009. This raised questions of what sort of justification NCCC had for increasing dues. Tim said that the RCD meeting had not been tasked with looking at ways to reduce expenses or increase revenue. There was also a discussion of how to increase membership at the RMD meeting.

Tim asked if the Executive Board had considered adding a fee to sanctions to be assessed by NCCC in addition to the regional fee. Diane said it had been discussed but that was all at this point. There was also a discussion of ways to change Blue Bars to appeal to more people and the possibility of putting it on the website and not mailing it out to all members. It was stated that if a member wanted a paper copy of Blue Bars, they should be assessed an additional charge to cover postage and printing.

The proposed meeting sites are St Louis and Nashville. The site in Nashville is the same one that hosted convention this last year. The prices for the three year contract for St Louis are \$95, \$99 and \$109. For Nashville the prices are \$132, \$146 and \$150. It was noted that there was not a lot of parking available in

Nashville. The new business manager will check out both sites and this will be discussed again at a later meeting.

Diane said she still has some West Region T-shirts available at a cost of \$10. The proceeds from the sale of these shirts are going to the WR Scholarship fund. She also has a few 2007 pins available on a first come first serve basis.

Diane introduced a new form to be included with new member forms to help her process them more efficiently. She reminded everyone that renewal packets should be returned to her by December 15th at the latest.

Kathy requested permission to destroy the ballots. On a motion by Anita, seconded by Kenny with the approval of the governors, the ballots can be destroyed.

Regional Competition Director– Tim Bailey

Tim reported that there were some new drag records from the RCD meeting. For G3 (classic modified) the new record is 10.2; for 1A it is 13.48 and for 1H it is 13.07.

There were no clarifications from the RCD meeting.

Tim brought up the issue of how travel distance is calculated and how travel points are awarded. There was a change in the way mileage was calculated for the Wentzville events based on decisions made at the September governors' meeting. This caused a great deal of controversy within the region and Tim has decided to award travel points based on the method used for the majority of the 2007 competition season.

Tim talked about a variety of situations with waivers that occurred over his term and the decisions that he made to address them:

- 1) No waivers are sent in.
- 2) No waivers are brought to an event.
- 3) One page of the waivers is lost.

The rulebook outlines how to handle these situations. Tim has tried to work with the clubs and individuals involved. There have been times when the event has been held at a location like MAM or the KC speedway where Tim allowed the track waiver in lieu of the NCCC waiver form.

There was a suggestion that waiver forms be numbered to prove that there is not a missing page. There was also a discussion of the use of spread sheets to calculate points.

The latest changes to the rulebook were sent out the Wednesday / Thursday prior to the governors' meeting. The changes were to correct typos and grammar (basically clean-up work before publication). RCDs recommend that governors vote to approve the new rulebook at the NCCC governors' meeting. Larry asked why there was opposition to the rulebook at the September meeting Tim responded that it was because the governors had not had an opportunity to review the finished product before they were asked to vote on it. Frank and Larry expressed their support of the new rulebook.

There was a clarification in the new rulebook dealing with DQ (Disqualified) in that the class is treated as if the entrants that have been disqualified did not participate in the event. Tim related an incident involving a rallye where participants who had completed the rallye called another participant to give them answers. This resulted in a DQ to the first party and a DNF to the second party. There was no specific item in the rule book to address this. There was a statement that the event chair can "eject" a participant for this type

of behavior. The event chair did not do this as the paperwork filed for the event showed full points for both parties. There was an appeal filed and the appeal was upheld. There should be an announcement at the drivers' meeting that the use of cell phones during the event is not allowed and will constitute a DNF.

Tim expressed thanks for the support of the governors during his term as RCD. He said that it had been an honor and a privilege to serve. He stated that he had learned a great deal and that it had been a rewarding experience.

Regional Executive – Gary Brisbois

Gary reported that the RE's had a short meeting. Blue Bar articles are due December 1st.

Gary stated that the 2007 convention earned \$34,000+ which is split between the host club and NCCC. For the Tulsa convention, 440 participants are needed to break even.

Old Business

Frank discussed details of the regional banquet. The Topeka club has made arrangements for the banquet to be held at the Prairie Band Casino on March 29th, 2008. The room rate has been set and will include 2 coupons for breakfast. The theme for the event is "Proud to be an American". There will be an award for the best male and female patriotic attire that night. The cost for the banquet will be \$28/ person. A flyer will be distributed to governors in the near future. Proceeds from the banquet will be donated to a Topeka charity. TCC will handle all finances and absorb any losses. The break even point is 75 participants.

WR competition fund was discussed. Tim provided a proposal which included a 30 day repayment term. Frank made a motion to accept the proposal, with a second by Denny. The governors voted to accept the proposal.

Governor's Reports

Mid America Corvette Club– Tim Bailey

Tim reported that MACC is changing their declared city and that they are changing the week for their event. The week that they wanted conflicted with the national convention so will have to be revisited.

Cedar Rapids Corvette Society - Chris Beebe

Chris requested that the sanction meeting be held via e-mail this year. Tim responded that that would be up to the new RCD.

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.

Topeka Corvette Club– Frank Wietharn

Frank stated that he felt that the NCCC 2008 budget had major discrepancies and he felt that wasn't adequate proof for the need for dues increases. Frank said that he would vote against the proposed budget and encouraged the other WR governors to do the same. Frank wanted to know why there was a \$30,000 decline in membership income projected for 2008. Anita suggested that they wait to hear the justification at the NCCC meeting or raise any questions at that time.

Tim noted that there had not been an RCD on the finance committee but that Manny Montgomery will start representing them in 2008.

New Business

Diane asked how best to distribute calendars and pins within the region Tim recommended that they be sent back with governors that were present. She also asked which clubs would be changing governors for 2008. Kenny and Gary indicated that their clubs would have different governors for 2008.

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

Kathy Brisbois, Secretary