

NCCC WEST REGION MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2008

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

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

Governors in attendance were Dennis Luther (CCI), Chris Beebe (CRCC Proxy), Frank Wietham (TCC), Anita Poss (CCC), Tim Bailey (MACC), and Larry Walker (BTCC).

Guests included Dave Pierce, Kenny and Sandy Hartkopp and Larry Steffen.

Secretary Report – Kathy Brisbois

Kathy called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Frank made the motion with a second by Denny. The governors voted to approve the minutes.

Financial reports

Financial reports were distributed to governors prior to the meeting. Frank questioned the income in 2007 and expenses reported for 2006. The income was the donation by the Sioux City club after the banquet and the expense was for the speaker and other items related to the regional banquet in Kansas City.

The web-master needs to be appointed at the February meeting. Joe has expressed interest in continuing in this position. On a motion by Tim with a second by Frank the governors approved Joe Eller as the WR Web-master.

Regional Membership Director– Diane Bowen

Diane requested the clubs use current FCOA applications from the NCCC website be used. She reported that the pin and calendar distribution that was tried this year did not work well but that NCCC save \$10,000 on this item. Frank suggested that coupons be included in the member renewal packets for those who want pins and only produce the number of pins that are needed. Diane replied that depending on the number of pins requested, it could cost more because currently there is a price break for the bulk order. It has been decided that NCCC will no longer provide calendars in the renewal packets.

Diane reported that next year is NCCC's 50th anniversary and they are looking at various ways to commemorate that with something special for members. There is some money available from MidAmerica that has been used to subsidize the cost of the pins but this money could be used for some other item. Diane requested that clubs attempt to keep member addresses current. When they are sent in during renewals it increases the amount of time required to process renewals which is a very busy time under the best of conditions and having to update addresses slows things down.

The topic of a dues increase was discussed again. This was tabled at the last NCCC governors' meeting and should come on the table for a vote at this meeting. There was a feeling that NCCC needs to present a "Vision for the Future" to the governors before asking for the dues increase. Tim brought up the Blue Bars expense and felt that NCCC could save most of that expense by providing an electronic version to members. Denny pointed out that advertisers are beginning to get on board with this type of communication and might be willing to take out ads with Blue Bars in the electronic form. Jerry said that there was discussion of forming a committee to review NCCC practices and recommend areas for change.

Jerry asked about the status of Glass Express. Diane reported that the club has paid dues and are now current. Jerry also requested clubs to submit governor information prior to January. Getting club contact information impacts getting sanctions and other regional business off to a slow start when we have to wait for that information.

Diane reported that NCCC has lost some clubs in the renewal process. West Region lost one club and gained a new club so we remain the same over-all. She also reported that NCCC is looking at term limits for appointed officers.

Diane is now serving her fourth year as RMD. She reminded us that she will not be able to continue in this capacity next year. It is also the last year for Bob as the VP of Membership. There was a discussion of the software being used to track membership. It is quite old and needs to be replaced. Frank suggested that several functions of NCCC including the treasurer, membership and business manager functions be combined and contracted out.

Insurance packets have been mailed out to club governors of record.

Diane requested that the WR membership summary form be submitted with all new membership forms. This makes it easier to determine primary members.

Regional Competition Director– Jerry Koraleski

Jerry reported that the sanction process went very smoothly this year. Approved sanctions have been forwarded to the VP of Competition. Declared Cities and Travel points have been updated on the WR Website. Jerry has started a spreadsheet to track qualifications for hi-speed licenses. Helmet stickers will be used again this year to indicate that they meet requirements outlined in the rulebook. Tim will order them from the same company that has been used the last couple of years. Forms are very important this year. The new VP Comp wants all points to be reported on the form provided on the NCCC Website. Tim asked if clubs could continue to use the results posted by the software, i.e. AxeWare which automatically tabulates results. Jerry said he would check on this. Frank requested that Jerry request that the on-line version of the rule book be set up to all cut & paste functionality so that specific items can be copied in response to questions.

Jerry reported that there were two clarifications from the RCD meeting. The first dealt with Chair points for speed events where the chairman was also an entrant. The second other related to how to communicate with club governors and whether mail should be interpreted to include e-mail. There were also some clean-up on grammar for the rule book that will be presented at the NCCC governors' meeting for approval. There was discussion on the Chair point clarification. The details of the clarifications will be available on the NCCC website.

Larry stated that he did not agree with the way chair points impacted other competitors and felt this needed to be revisited at the RCD meetings.

Jerry asked that governors let him know if they want flyers for events e -mailed. It was decided that flyers should be sent to governors since they may not be posted on the website right away.

Larry stated that he did not think that a portion of the RCD meeting should be closed to governors. We all understand that governors are not allowed to participate in the discussions but he felt that governors should be allowed to watch the process. Tim said that since there were not detailed minutes of the RCD meeting, this was the only way for governors to know what was going on. Tim expressed the opinion that this was not a good way to keep good communication between governors and RCDs.

Tim reported on the 2007 awards to be presented at the banquet in Topeka. The price will be the same for each award but there were more people earning awards so the overall cost will be up for 2007. Tim asked that he be reimbursed for the cost of the helmet stickers. Denny made the motion to reimburse with a second by Anita. The motion carried. Tim also requested that he be reimbursed for shipping shirts. This was also approved.

Diane reminded governors to let club members know about the scholarship opportunities with both NCCC (deadline is May 1) and West Region (deadline is June 30th). NCCC application is on the website.

Frank provided an update on the banquet. At this time there are 56 people registered. They had set the break even point at 75 so Frank asked governors to encourage club members to attend. He also asked if Bob Bowen would be willing to present "BOB Awards" and Diane replied that he would but needed material.

Regional Executive – Gary Brisbois

Gary reported that Blue Bar articles are due March 7th. Tim will provide the top 15 men and women in the West Region to be published in Blue Bars.

Gary stated that two members from the same club cannot serve on the E -board. There is talk of changing this rule and Gary asked for input from WR governors. Tim felt that with the number of clubs and members in NCCC that this was still a good policy.

Gary reported that John Maxwell (Rocky Mountain Region RE) has said that he will print up the new rule book for governors for just the cost of printing. He asked RE's to let him know the number needed from their region. There was also discussion at the RE meeting to set term limits on appointed positions.

New Business

Larry Walker talked about reimbursement for supplying food for the Friday night Hospitality room. The Sergeant at Arms asks for volunteers to provide the food at each NCCC meeting. Larry felt that this should be included in the WR by-laws. Diane stated that the WR has hosted the hospitality room more than any other region in recent years. Anita suggested that we reimburse Boone Trail this time but in the future the approval should be requested prior to volunteering a club to provide food if the club is not going to foot the bill. Frank made the motion to reimburse Boone Trail and Anita seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of the governors.

Governor's Reports

Cedar Rapids Corvette Society - Chris Beebe

Chris reported that she is serving as her clubs Competition Director this year and she is working on getting a timing display. Their first event this year will again be at Chariton, IA over the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.

Mid America Corvette Club– Tim Bailey

Tim reported that MACC is hosting 7 auto -cross events June 7th & 8th at the GM plant.

Corvette Club of Iowa - Denny Luther

Denny reported that they are having issues trying to find a date for Newton. They are planning an holding events at Chariton and Osceola.

Topeka Corvette Club– Frank Wietharn

Frank reported that the Topeka club is holding events July 19th & 20th.

Boone Trail Corvette Club– Larry Walker

Larry had no report.

Cornhusker Corvette Club– Anita Poss

Anita brought up the issue of West Region plaques. She is trying to complete some fly ers and asked if the governors wanted to continue with this program. After some discussion, it was decided that the program had not been well received. Al Willenberg had hoped to be able to sell the plaques to hold the event plates and this has not happ ened. Diane stated that he would not be opposed to discontinuing the program. Anita made the motion and Tim seconded to discontinue the program. The governors voted to approve. CCC will be holding 7 auto-cross events on April 26 & 27 at the MidAmeric a Center in Council Bluffs with a party to be held Saturday evening. They are also planning to host Summer Festival Labor Day weekend and are planning to hold record Drags in Kearney on September 20 with auto-cross events on the 21st.

Jerry said the rule book requires awards to be offered for competition events. Be sure the offer is on event flyers. The type of award being offered should be stipulated on the flyer i.e. “Normal costs have been reduced in lieu of awards”. Follow rule book when designing flyers.

Diane asked if anyone had access to a DVD of a Corvette that could be used at a meeting.

Anita raised the issue of insurance coverage for club events. K & K has stated that the event must be on the schedule and she asked what qualified as “on t he schedule”. K & K has also said that they will defer to the NCCC rule book. Tim stated that there was nothing that he had found in the rule book on this topic. Easiest proof is to have event published in the club newsletter. It was recommended that i f there was a question, to contact K & K insurance.

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

Kathy Brisbois, Se cretary