

NCCC WEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2008

Regional Executive Gary Brisbois called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

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

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

Guests included Dave Pierce and Jay Homer.

Secretary Report – Kathy Brisbois

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

Kathy reported that she had not received any written nominations for WR officers for 2009. Gary said he would run for the RE position for another year; Jerry will run for RCD again; Jay Homer agreed to run for RMD; Linda will run for treasurer and Kathy will run for secretary. This gives us a full slate of officers for 2009.

Diane reported that there were three scholarship applications for the governors to review: Noah Pierce, Dana Blake and Amanda Zoelzer. All three applicants are currently enrolled in college. Frank stated that we had sufficient money in the scholarship fund. There was a little discussion of the funds then Frank made the motion that we award all three applicants \$750. The motion was seconded by Denny and passed on a vote of the governors. Diane will provide the pertinent information to Linda so that checks can be sent.

Financial reports

Linda distributed financial reports for the governors to review. Linda reported that the Permanent Number program, that is used for the scholarship fund, brought in over \$1000 for 2008. This has been a very successful program for the West Region. This discussion was followed by a review of the 2007 / 2008 comparison of financials. Currently the West Region is at a break even position. It was noted that the largest expense was the competition awards given out each year. The region receives some money from National to help cover this expense but it does not cover the whole amount. Tim pointed out that last year there was about \$700 more expense to the region than what was taken in from the competition income. Frank proposed that WR increase sanction fees to offset the expense since that income is derived directly from the competition program. Tim suggested that WR solicit unused sanctions to be used for additional events in the region with the proceeds of these events going to the region. Anita and Denny expressed concern since both of their clubs solicit and use other clubs' sanctions throughout the year. It was stated that the proposed pool of sanctions would not conflict with what clubs are currently doing. The pool would truly seek out unused sanctions. Frank stated that he would have difficulty in getting his club to host more events and supply corner workers. He also stated that his club uses the proceeds from sanctioned events to fund the club's charity donations. Anita stated that CCC operates on a break even basis and so would not be able to donate the proceeds back to the region. Tom indicated

that because of the liability to his club he would be hesitant to let another club use their sanctions. Anita requested that the WR by-laws be updated to reflect the current state of communication by allowing an e-mail from the club donating the sanctions to satisfy notification to the RCD that the sanctions have been given to another club and allow the event host club to pay the WR sanction fees for these events. It was determined that there were enough governors present to make a change to the WR Operating Rules and Procedures. (Included with these minutes). Frank made a motion to increase sanction fees from \$3 to \$5 and to allow the event host club to pay for the sanctions provided the RCD had received written or electronic authorization. Anita seconded the motion. The governors approved the motion unanimously.

Linda then brought up the fact that there was a club that left the region without paying their dues for 2007. She proposed that we change the collection period to the first of the year after renewals were in. There was discussion on this. One suggestion was to send out two bills each year so that the region can collect for all members that joined during the year. Some felt that a second bill for \$.50 or a \$1.00 would cost the clubs more than what was owed to the region. Frank called the question for a motion and none was made.

Denny moved that the treasurer's report be approved with a second from Frank. The motion carried.

Joe Eller has indicated that he would continue in his capacity as web master. This is a nominated position and will be brought before the governors at the February meeting.

Regional Web Master – Joe Eller

No report.

Regional Membership Director – Diane Bowen

Diane reported that Joan, the NCCC Web Master, was requesting that members provide e-mail addresses so that NCCC can disburse communications from sponsors. Like the rest of us, the NCCC sponsors are trying to find a more economical means of communication. Denny expressed concerns on privacy compliance; stating that NCCC needs to provide members a means to opt out of this process. Joan is also looking for Blue Bars issues from 1962 through 1971 to be used in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Celebration next year.

On the topic of Blue Bars, there was an error at the printers and some issues were sent out without the center fold (pages 33, 34, 35 and 36). If you have a club member that did not receive these pages, please notify Sylvia. She is working with the printer to get these pages sent out.

Diane reported, on the behalf of the distribution folks, that there were some new member packets returned for bad addresses. Diane also requested that if you have any address corrections to file, that they be sent in prior to the 51% forms and renewal forms. Tim pointed out that there is a place on the NCCC web site that can be used to update personal information.

The renewal packets for 2009 will contain a 50th anniversary membership card. This will also be sent out for all lifetime members. There will also be luggage tags included in the packets. Pins and calendars will not be included in the renewal packets. Pins will be available for sale and must be pre-ordered by the November governors' meeting. The cost will be around \$3.00 and plans are to have the pins distributed to governors at the February meeting. There is a postage increase in the proposed budget to cover the cost of the items being sent out in the renewal packets. This will be a one time item related to the celebration of the NCCC 50th Anniversary in 2009.

NCCC appointed a Visionary Committee to research ways to increase and guarantee support of Corvettes in future generations. They are planning to have a survey on the NCCC web site for all members to provide input.

Diane requested that WR renewal packets be returned to her by November 26th. The deadline for NCCC is December 15th. After that date there will be a \$10 fee assessed for each member.

Nominations for VP Membership are Patsy Shearer and Larry Morrison. Diane stated that Larry had excellent computer skills and had made a trip from Colorado to Iowa to see what all was involved in the job. Walt Jenkins will be updating the software used for membership and Larry has a good working relationship with Walt. Patsy has most recently been the RMD for the Florida Region and has served NCCC in a number of positions over the last 30+ years.

Work is on-going to re-align the regions. Tim asked what criteria was being used to determine how to collapse the regions. Diane replied that this was one of the items on the Visionary Committee's survey. She also stated that there had been a request to include special needs individuals as NCCC members. There had been a recommendation to include these individuals as dependents with a change to the rules defining dependent by age or special needs.

Regional Competition Director – Jerry Koraleski

Jerry thanked the governors for their support this year. It has been a year long learning experience for him as his first venture as a WR officer. He went on to say that the region was holding 132 sanctioned events in 2008.

From the RCD meeting, Jerry reported that the RCD's had voted on the rulebook changes and that the changes would be presented at the NCCC governor's meeting. Jack Wilson, the VP of Competition, requested that the specifics of the changes not be discussed until after the governors' meeting. The changes will be available for review on the NCCC website prior to the voting at the November meeting. The plans are to update the rulebook annually. There will be a "Change to Rulebook" form to be submitted to club governors for presentation to their RCD and then to the RCD committee where the request will be reviewed and voted upon.

All flyers for the WR are on the WR website and are current. All WR sanctions have been verified and are paid in full.

Tim raised the issue of the WR Quick Tech form that the governors had approved for use last year. Jerry stated that there was a revised tech form in the rulebook for the governors to review and approve. Governors expressed the hope that the revised form would be more reasonable. This will be a topic of an upcoming RCD meeting.

Larry had presented some questions to Jerry and asked the status on them. Jerry replied that because of time constraints, the questions had not been addressed at this meeting. Jerry requested that Larry complete a clarification form on these items so that they can be presented at an upcoming RCD meeting.

Regional Executive – Gary Brisbois

Gary reported that the Wendell Strode, the Director of the National Corvette Museum, would be speaking at the NCCC meeting and requested that WR governors to listen to his presentation with an open mind.

Gary then reported that the proposed 2009 budget showed a 91,000+ deficit. Blue Bars, postage expense and the 50th Anniversary celebration were cited as the items impacting the budget to create this deficit. The budget will be presented at the NCCC governors' meeting and voted on in November.

There were 7 entrants in the newsletter competition for 2008. For 2008, CCI placed second with their newsletter. Congratulations to them. The RE committee has decided to continue with this competition for 2009. Clubs are encouraged to print out their newsletters and submit them for this competition.

Gary then presented a request for Larry Steffen to revise the WR operating rules regarding awards for rallyes. Larry requested that the awards be presented to the two top points earners since there has been a shift from man / woman teams participating in these events. Tim stated that in the event that two men / women tied for top points both members of the team would be presented awards. After discussion, the governors felt that no change was required.

New Business

Gary requested a discussion of the WR banquet. Anita said CCC would be willing to host the event. She then questioned if the WR wanted to continue holding a banquet. There was discussion of whether the event should be an awards banquet or a more social event to encourage participation by other club members who do not participate in competition events. Denny and Chris both expressed the desire to see the regional banquets continued.

There was also a discussion of the proposed NCCC 2009 budget. Frank stated that he thought a \$30,000 item to celebrate the 50th Anniversary at the national convention was excessive since so few NCCC members actually attended the convention.

Governor's Reports

Most governors had no report.

Boone Trail Corvette Club – Larry Walker

Larry reported that Boone Trail will be hosting events at Wentzville October 4th & 5th.

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

Kathy Brisbois, Secretary