

NCCC WEST REGION QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

May 01, 2010

Regional Executive Gary Brisbois called the meeting to order.

The following officers were present:

RE Gary Brisbois
RCD Jerry Koraleski
RMD Bob Bowen
Web Master Kathy Brisbois
WR Secretary Chris Beebe

Governors in attendance:

Anita Poss, CCC
Fred Johnson, CKCA
Tim Bailey, MACC
Larry Walker, BTCC
Frank Wietharn, TCC
Chris Beebe, CRCC (proxy)

Guests

Diane Bowen, CRCC
Linda Siecgrist, TCC
Jerry Siecgrist, TCC

Secretary Report

- Chris Beebe called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Anita Poss made the motion, with a second from Tim Bailey, motion to approve the minutes carried.

Web Master, Kathy Brisbois

- No report. All members present applauded Kathy's performance as Webmaster.

Financial Report, Dennis Luther

- Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Statement, prepared by Dennis Luther was distributed by Gary Brisbois, due to Dennis' absence.
- Frank Wietharn commented on the comparison of the budget between last year, 2009, and this year 2010. This year we are still in the black.
- W.R. Awards expense higher due to a greater number of competitors receiving awards.
- Question of possible error in accuracy in budget statement regarding Regional Competition budget for shirts. G. Brisbois will contact Dennis.

Discussion of NCCC budget.

- Concerns about raising membership fees.
- Discussed the idea of giving new Corvette owners a free NCCC membership in hopes that they will keep renewing.
- Frank Wietharn stated that SCCA offers competitors a \$5.00 weekend membership. When they have two of these they can be used as a \$10.00 credit towards a yearly membership.
- Discussion of waste in NCCC budget.
- Discussion of requirement of clubs to have 51% NCCC membership, why not 100%?

Regional Membership Director, Bob Bowen

- We will be getting new membership cards. They will be plastic and have no date. They are working on a design not specific to racing. Discussion of possible sponsor such as Sonic.
- Since there will be no date on the card it will be the responsibility of the governor and the RCD to verify membership.
- There are new membership applications. Throw away old ones, use new ones from now on. Get signatures if you can.
- Governors, take a look at your membership list. Compare primary address to spouse/companion or dependent address. Must be the same.
- Guest Linda Siecgrist suggested using U.S. Postal software for addresses to achieve consistency.
- After the 2010 Convention, Membership Data Base developed by Walt Jenkins, Colorado Springs Corvette Club, will be implemented.
- Membership number is the password. Governor's E-Mail address is the user name.
- Duntov Award application received from a club in the West Region. Results will be announced at the 2010 Convention.
- Finance Committee asked the Regional Membership Directors to consider a dues increase. RMD Committee did not recommend.
- Bob Bowen suggested raising price of sanction fees to \$10.00 each. With 1,350 sanctioned events this would raise \$13,500. Discussion between Tim Bailey and Bob Bowen followed. Tim felt that this would affect small clubs and lead to less participation in competition events. Tim also stated that his club donates their competition proceeds to charity, so the increase in the cost of sanctions would result in a smaller contribution to charity.
- Bob felt that most clubs could easily afford \$70.00 (at 7 sanctions per club), and that it was time for competition to contribute more to NCCC.
- Bob said that someone at his meeting suggested paying for membership 4 years at a time to save on administrative costs. Discussion followed. It was generally considered a bad idea, and it was pointed out that the cost of paying for 4 years is \$100.00, and the cost of a life time membership is \$300.00, you might just as well buy a lifetime membership.

Competition Director, Jerry Koraleski

- Patches are here and will be distributed.
- Please use the correct forms when reporting results, they are on the Website.
- Information on the "1177 Insurance Form" Request for Insurance Verification" is on the Website, send to Pam Walker, K&K.
- Send club newsletters which include schedule of events to Pam Walker, Jerry will re-send.
- Compliments to K. Brisbois on her great work on our Website.
- Check helmet's **manufacturing date** - good for 10 years from **THAT** date.
- Jack Wilson V.P. of Competition is updating point standings on the first of the month.
- Check rulebook for Drag Racing at Convention, especially for cars that run 8 - 10 seconds.

Rule Book 2011

- Discussion of "Time Trials" racing. High speed track, lapping sessions, transponder in car," wheel-to-wheel racing. Jerry will go back and ask for feedback.
- Discussion possibility of no requirement for fire extinguishers in R.P. Cars. Felt it did no harm to have it in the car.
- 2011 Sanction requests must be made 45 days in advance to RCD. 40 days in advance from RCD to VP Comp.
- Flyers must be 40 days in advance to RCD, 35 days in advance from RCD to VP Comp.

Rule Book Change

- Mileage limit for non-sanctioned events is 0.
- L. Walker's proposed changes for the rule book did not pass. Walker was informed of his right to protest the rule book.
- Classification for 2011 Z06 Carbon LTD Edition is on hold.
- "Lessons Learned" List will be e-mailed to governors. Developed by Jack Wilson, VP Comp."
- "Compliance Convention Competition Events" for rule book has developed by Paul Haack
- Jerry wants feedback on Point System groups and sub-groups. What do you think of point system structure?
- Jerry led discussion of concerns regarding health and fitness of competitors. How do you determine fitness? Who has the authority to decide that a driver should/should not be allowed to drive, or even work the corners? Do we need to have drivers sign a document/waiver that attests to their health?
- Concerns regarding abuse of the rule, such as using it to eliminate a rival competitor.
- Jerry also reiterated his desire to form an ad hoc committee of W.R. Competitions to walk the course and make sure it's not too "fast", and free of obstacles.

Regional Executive, Gary Brisbois

- By-Law changes proposed by Jim Harris, Michigan, wants to create a by-law committee, that will assume the responsibilities of the R.E.'s. Governors will be asked to vote on this in Oct. Gary feels it should be voted down. Will be discussed at the next W.R. Meeting.

Other Business

- Larry Beebe addressed the meeting on the topic of the 2012 Convention. He is the Convention Director, and Linda Siecgrist is the Co- Director. A bid for the W.R. To host the 2012 Convention was submitted Friday night. Larry and Linda met with the Steering Committee and handed out information packets.

Larry discussed the details of the packet which included:

- Convention will be held in Topeka, KS.
- Convention date will be June 23-30, 2012
- Host hotel will be the Capitol Plaza Hotel
- All racing events will be held at Heartland Park.
- Discussed a tentative schedule of events.
- Listed members who have volunteered to be Chairpersons.
- Door prizes were discussed, Larry asks each W.R. Governor to speak to their clubs and ask them to support the Convention with the donation of Door Prizes. Since we would like to give away lots of prizes, we are asking each club to donate at least 10 items.
- We are still in need of a Convention "theme" and a Convention logo. Please invite your club members to submit their ideas to you the governor or directly to Larry at:
- 2012conventiondirector@gmail.com
- Each governor is asked to encourage their club members to support and attend the 2012 convention to make it a success

Governor's Reports

Cornhusker Corvette Club - Anita Poss

- May 15-16, 12 Low Speed Autocross events , Lincoln, Neb. Proceeds go towards a scholarship for an automotive student at the S.E. Community College.
- June 12-13 Sioux City, you must contact Anita and be included on an admittance list.

Boone Trail Corvette Club - Larry Walker

- Wentzville, MO Oct.1-2 7 Low Speed Autocross events, possibly all on Sat.

Mid America Corvette Club - Tim Bailey

- June 5-6, 10 events at G.M. Plant, Host Hotel Sleep Inn at KCI Airport. \$56.00 for room.
- Hospitality room Friday night, Saturday night, Sean will lead cruise to restaurant.
- Shuttle will be available at the hotel.

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club - Chris Beebe (proxy)

- August 28-29, Hawkeye Downs, Cedar Rapids IA, Host hotel The Clarion Hotel. Hospitality room and Tech Friday night. Pizza party Saturday night at Hotel after racing.

Topeka Corvette Club - Frank Wietharn

- July 10-11, 3 events Saturday on the Heartland Park - 20 acre asphalt pad and a P.C. Car Show 3 events Sunday at Heartland Park. The host hotel, Super 8 Friday night will host a Welcome party.

Central Kansas Corvette Association - Fred Johnson

- Gave sanctions to M.A.C. And C.C.C.

Gary Brisbois, R.E. Called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by F. Johnson to adjourn. Motion seconded by A. Poss.

Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Chris Beebe, W.R. Secretary