

West Region Meeting Minutes

Sept. 11, 2010

Present: Gary Brisbois, R.E., Jerry Koraleski, R.C.D., Bob Bowen, R.M.D., Dennis Luther, Treasurer, Kathy Brisbois, Web Master, Chris Beebe, Secretary.

Larry Walker, Governor, Boone Trail Corvette Club
Dennis Luther, Governor, Corvette Club of Iowa
Jerry Siecgrist, Proxy, Topeka Corvette Club
Chris Beebe, Proxy, Cedar Rapids Corvette Club
Jerry Koraleski, Proxy, Cornhusker Corvette Club
Diane Bowen, Guest, Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

Call to Order

G. Brisbois opened the meeting with a request that we address the nominations for West Region Officers. The floor was opened for nominations.

- Secretary - L. Walker nominated Chris Beebe. D. Luther seconded. Chris Beebe accepted.
- Treasurer - J. Koraleski nominated Dennis Luther. C. Beebe seconded. Dennis Luther accepted.
- RMD - D. Luther nominated Bob Bowen. J. Koraleski seconded. Bob Bowen accepted.
- RCD - C. Beebe nominated Jerry Koraleski. D. Luther seconded. Jerry Koraleski accepted.
- RE - J. Koraleski nominated Kathy Brisbois. L. Walker seconded. Kathy Brisbois accepted.
- RE - D. Luther nominated Larry Beebe. C. Beebe seconded. Larry Beebe accepted by proxy (C. Beebe).
- Addendum: R. E. nomination of Larry Beebe declined due to conflict with his position as 2012 Convention Director

Nominations closed.

West Region Banquet

- G. Brisbois opened the topic of the West Region Banquet. He stated the need for a club to volunteer to hold it, set a date, and a site.
- C. Beebe reported that the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club is willing to host the Banquet in Cedar Rapids, Ia. Date to be set, most likely in Feb. or March depending upon the date of the Governor's Meeting.

Secretaries Report, C. Beebe

- C. Beebe called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. D. Luther made the motion, with a second from L. Walker. Motion to approve the minutes carried.

Webmaster Report, K. Brisbois

- L. Walker developed an icon to mark the West Region Web Site. K. Brisbois was unable to implement it at this time.
- Kudos to K. Brisbois from D. Luther and J. Koraleski for her prompt entries on the Website.

Financial Report, D. Luther

- D. Luther handed out Profit and Loss Comparison Sheet and Balance Sheet.
- Discussed formation of West Region Convention Fund. CRCC has donated the proceeds from the first three events at Hawkeye Downs, \$1,258.00. The sanctions for the three events were obtained from Southwinds Corvette Club, Wichita, Kansas
- CCI Expects to make a donation in the near future
- Discussion on donations by individual clubs being reimbursed by the NCCC. Tabled for later, when L. Beebe is expected to be at the meeting. Larry stated that the WR Convention Fund will be a Convention item to reimburse the WR for money used from these funds.

Motion to approve Financial Report made by C. Beebe, seconded by L. Walker. Motion carried.

Regional Membership Directors Report, Bob Bowen

- Due to concerns regarding the number of Governors present (2), Bob explained the definition of a Quorum as: No fewer than twenty five percent (25%) of duly elected governors or their proxies constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. If a majority of the governors consent in writing to any action taken at a meeting without a quorum present, or without a

meeting being called, such action shall be a valid corporation action as though it had been duly authorized at a meeting of the Board of Governors.

- The Vision Committee talked to the RMDs about the future of NCCC. They focused on improving the *Blue Bars* magazine to make it more readable and interesting. Possibilities include more tech articles, a presence on Facebook, deleting meeting minutes, deleting Drag Record Report, and deleting regional reports, since they are written 4 months before magazine is published.
- Discussed postal costs of mailing *Blue Bars*. We currently pay for first class postage. Sylvia is working on getting a "periodical" rate that will be cheaper. Deadline for articles for *Blue Bars* is Nov.30.
- FCOA dues are being increased to \$10.00 starting Jan. 1.

Membership Database

- Bob explained new and improved function of the database. Got rid of duplicates and combined spouses and primaries.
- The database is ready to accept entries for new members. Governors must still send hard copies of applications and check payments to RMDs.
- The database is not yet ready to accept renewals. Please submit renewals after Nov. 12, 2010.
- West Region deadline for new members is Nov. 20. Bob's national deadline is Dec.15.
- When entering a change in the database hit "submit to RMD" button on screen. This sends an e-mail message to RMD informing them of your updates or new members.
- Transfers of membership - don't renew a member and then transfer them immediately.
- RMDs must give copies of new member applications to Sylvia Holdridge, *Blue Bars* Editor. She needs proof that people receiving *Blue Bars* are NCCC members to receive our postal rate.
- Discussion of validity of addresses and the importance of complete and accurate addresses.

Competition Report, J. Koraleski

- Convention 2010 Raffle Car winner did not want the car. The dealership that the car was purchased from is no longer in business, so NCCC is selling the car. It is a black Grand Sport 3LT Coupe. More info on NCCC Website.
- Update of National Points is on the Website. This includes Convention points. L. Walker asked if points earned at Convention could be increased. J. Koraleski stated that National. Convention Events are not sanctioned, but points are awarded for participation.
- Florida Convention lost approx. \$6,600.00.
- RCD from Midwest Corvette Club, Paul Hack, gave a report on how he plans to handle the management of the competition at the 2011 Convention.
- Jack Wilson, VP of Competition, is going to compile a history of rule book clarifications.
- RCDs discussed the eliminating of one meeting a year. May eliminate the Feb meeting and move May meeting to March.
- J. Wilson puts up a matrix for all to read and comment on. Saves a lot of time on discussions at the meetings.
- Round table discussion at RCD meeting.
- Classification of cars
- Indexing of Drags. Suggestion of change every 5 years. L. Walker explained concept of indexing and how it affects driver's advantage or disadvantage.
- Sanction Requests must now be done 45 days before event.
- Flyers must now be done 45 days before event. Question raised, "how can flyer be sent without a sanction number?" Not resolved.
- Event participants with physical restrictions are allowed to ride a motorized scooter, ATV, golf cart, wheelchair around the edge of a race course if it can be done safely. **They may NOT go through the course.**
- After market dry sump installed in a ZO6 will place the car in Group II.
- Fire extinguisher no longer required for Group II Low Speed Autocrosses.
- Time Trials - Wheel to Wheel Racing. West Coast club members are participating with other car clubs. Use a transponder in car for timing. Multiple laps run, with multiple cars on track. Johnny Haskell, Carolina Region, will speak at today's Governor's Meeting. Will be added to Chapter11.

- Awarding of points change. In the subgroups there must be 2 or more classes in the subgroup to get bonus points.
- ZO6 Carbon fiber is in the N Class.
- West Region points are posted on the W.R. Website through the Newton events.
- All competition info is on WR Website and NCCC Website.

Convention Report, Chairpersons Linda Siecgrist and Larry Beebe

- Competition Reserve Fund and WR Convention Fund - discussion of donations reimbursements. Agreed that Convention Budget will reimburse these funds.
- Host Hotel is the Capitol Plaza Hotel. We expect a sellout of rooms. Price looks to be \$92.00. Corner rooms and suites will be more expensive.
- L. Beebe handed out tentative schedule of events at convention. Discussion followed regarding track schedule and racing events.
- Site visit by chairpersons, Hal Bellamy, and Dick Yanko was a positive experience. Lots of good comments. Presentation will be made this afternoon at the National Meeting.
- Vote will be on the October ballot. Results will be announced at the November Governors Meeting.
- We still need a Chairman for Corvette Mall. This person will work with vendors coming to the convention. If anyone in your club is interested or wants more info, please contact L. Beebe.
- Governors and proxies received an info packet that all governors will receive this afternoon.
- Siecgrist talked about the Topeka Club's Chevy dealer sponsor and his enthusiasm for the convention. She also mentioned Brown's Towing and will contact them. Led to discussion of asking for support from all clubs Chevy sponsors, if they have one.
- Super 8 Motel in Topeka near Heartland Park, is the overflow hotel. Will block all rooms for our use the week of Convention
- Discussion of Convention Treasurer - this is an appointed position. The Treasurer is appointed by the NCCC President upon recommendation of the Convention Steering Committee. Will be appointed in September next year. The Treasurer can not be from the West Region. A background in business, accounting, and previous treasurer experience are skills we are looking for. We can't appoint anyone but we can make suggestions, so if you know of anyone, contact L. Beebe.
- Next summer, at Topeka's autocross weekend, we would like all committee chairman to come to Topeka on Friday for a meeting of the Convention Committee. We can possibly stay at the Host Hotel, tour, and have a meeting. All WR members interested in the convention are also welcome to attend.
- Diane Bowen needs old overalls in good condition for the Funkhana.
- Chris Beebe needs cowboy boots, any size or condition, and old record albums and covers , rock and roll from the 60s.
- K. Brisbois reminded all to make use of the WR Website for Convention 2012 info, requests for help, and/or supplies.

Region Executive Report, G. Brisbois

- Scholarship application was received and reviewed. Review of WR Scholarship Rules followed. Standing Rule 6 states eligibility restricted to children and grandchildren of WR members. Determined that scholarship applicant is not eligible.
- Bob Bowen, RMD, will write a letter to the applicant and the applicant's sponsor explaining the eligibility requirement.
- By-law changes (3) will be read today and will be placed on the national ballot.

Governor's Report

- Cedar Rapids Corvette Club - L. Beebe (C. Beebe Proxy) CRCC will host WR Banquet.
- Corvette Club or Iowa - D. Luther September 25 & 26 Southridge Mall in Des Moines
- Boone Trail Corvette Club - L. Walker Sat, October 2 Wentzville Mo. Friday night pizza and beer at Super 8 in Troy.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Luther. Seconded by J. Siecgrist (Proxy TCC).