

National Council of Corvette Clubs, West Region

Minutes of West Region Meeting held in St. Louis, MO

February 24, 2018

Those in attendance included: Larry Beebe, R.E. (Cedar Rapids Corvette Club); Bob Williams, Governor (Boone Trail Corvette Club); Sheila Wyman, Governor (Corvette Club of Iowa); Gary Brisbois RCD (Cornhusker Corvette Club); Jonathan Brown, Governor (Cornhusker Corvette Club); Teresa Eller, guest (Cornhusker Corvette Club); Linda Hommer, guest (Corvette Club of Iowa); Gary Foster, guest (Corvette Club of Iowa)

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by West Region R.E. Larry Beebe

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes of last meeting were read.
- Motion made by Jonathan Brown, 2nd by Sheila Wyman to approve the minutes. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report:

- West Region Treasurer Ron Bockerman reported by email that the West Region balance was \$19,932.82, as of February 20, 2018.
- Motion made by Bob Williams, 2nd by Sheila Wyman to approve the report. **Motion approved.**

Webmaster's Report:

- Discussion took place about the website. After switching over to a new website hosting company, the West Region website should be more usable than before. Let Kathy Brisbois know if you have any problems with it or if anything needs to be updated or changed.

Membership Director's Report:

- The West Region RMD was absent, so nobody from West Region attended the membership meeting last night.

Competition Director's Report:

- There were no major changes after their meeting last night took place last night.

Regional Executive's Report:

- NCCC Finance Committee explained that NCCC made a profit last year. Some of this was a result of comparing rates for the publication of Blue Bars and going with a cheaper company. The IRS matter regarding the raffle car has been settled. We will pay off what is owed to the IRS, and some money will still be left that will go to the kidney foundation.
- The West Region scholarship applications are accepted as of June 1, 2018. Be watching for scholarship applications to become available on the West Region Website.
- Larry reported that as of February 24, 358 people have signed up for the 2018 NCCC Convention in New Orleans.

- The National Corvette Museum reports that they have garages available at the track. (They are reportedly rather expensive, as you might guess.) The museum also has a new race car simulator. Finally, Andy Pilgrim, of Corvette/Cadillac racing fame, is now employed by NCM and will be bringing his “Traffic Safety Education Foundation” to the museum.
- Reminder from R.E. Beebe for those in attendance to sign the sheets in the Governor’s Meeting to get credit for attending the meeting.

Old Business:

- Larry explained about the “Governor Website Information at a Glance” that he designed to explain how to easily access and use the NCCC website and the West Region website for various West Region business. This sheet will be sent out to governors.
- There was brief discussion about the bank changeover so as to allow the new WR Treasurer to access our account.
- The West Region Banquet still has room for anyone who would like to attend. The event will be hosted by Cornhusker Corvette Club in Omaha, NE on March 3, 2017.
- There was discussion about a West Region competition fundraiser to raise money for our scholarship fund. Sheila Wyman tentatively agreed for Corvette Club of Iowa to host an event at a date and location yet to be determined with the proceeds to go to the West Region scholarship fund.
- Gary Brisbois talked about sanctions and some event dates that have been changing. He wants to make sure that the distribution/purchase/trading of sanctions remains fair and run according to the existing gentlemen’s’ agreement. Gary B. answered questions with some ideas regarding what to do about clubs that don’t respond to requests for sanctions that these clubs aren’t going to use.
- The awarding of scholarships was discussed. Due to a misunderstanding, the granddaughter of Diane and Bob Bowen (Cedar Rapids Corvette Club) was unsuccessful in obtaining a scholarship in 2017. Apparently, the issue was that the granddaughter submitted an application for one of the scholarships available in 2016, and wasn’t awarded one. Last year, she re-applied, but she did not re-submit all the paperwork, again. Rather, she followed the West Region past practices, completed a new application and used some supporting documents she completed and used the previous year. Diane submitted a letter requesting the board to reconsider. Following discussion,
- Motion by Sheila Wyman, 2nd by Bob Williams to award Mikayla Bowen a \$1000 scholarship. **Motion approved.**

New Business

- Due to family health issues, Larry Beebe submitted his resignation as West Region RE as of the conclusion of the National Governor’s Meeting.
- Motion by Bob Williams, 2nd by Sheila Wyman to accept Larry’s resignation, as worded. **Motion Approved**
- Gary Foster (Corvette Club of Iowa) has agreed to assume the RE duties, pending approval by the Board of Governors.
- Motion by Bob Williams to appoint Gary Foster to the position of West Region RE. Second by Jonathan Brown. **Motion approved.**

- Participation at governors meetings, the meeting dates, location, etc. was discussed. The idea of having a West Region governor's meeting immediately following a competition event in the region was discussed in an effort to boost participation at the governor's meetings. Usually, only a handful of governors attend the meetings at the National Governor's Meetings in St. Louis. If they were held after an event that many governors participated in, would it improve participation? Another idea that was suggested was trying to host a meeting in a more central location, such as Des Moines or Omaha. Finally, the pros and cons of a digital meeting, such as Skype or Go to Meeting, were debated with no solid conclusion reached. This discussion will continue.
- A change to the West Region operating rules was proposed regarding permanent numbers. West Region offers members the opportunity to purchase permanent numbers for use at all competition events in the region for the year for a fee of \$15.00, with the proceeds going to the West Region Scholarship fund. Many members take advantage of the opportunity. However, some competitors don't pay the fee and still ask for a specific number when they register for events. The proposed change deals with this issue by continuing to allow all members to purchase their permanent numbers for the year. If a member chooses not to do so, however, he/she will be assigned a number by the registrar of the event the member is signing up for. If they want a specific number at registration, they will be charged a fee of \$3.00 for the weekend or be given the opportunity to request the specific number for the rest of the year at the \$15.00 rate. After some debate, a motion to implement the rule change, effective January 1, 2019, was made by Jonathan Brown. Second by Sheila Wyman. Motion accepted. It was suggested that competitors be informed of this rule change by placing verbiage similar to that in the rule change on flyers, etc.
- Sheila Wyman announced that Corvette Club of Iowa was going to donate \$500 to the West Region Scholarship fund in the name of all those CCI members who have passed away.

At 9:38 AM, Sheila Wyman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Williams. Meeting adjourned.