

National Council of Corvette Clubs, West Region

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

February 22, 2020

Those in attendance included: Gene Gau, RE (Cornhusker Corvette Club); Gary Brisbois, RCD (Cornhusker Corvette Club); Nan Brittain, RMD (Corvette Club of Iowa); Linda Hommer, Secretary (Corvette Club of Iowa); Jay Hommer, Treasurer (Corvette Club of Iowa); Denny Luther, Governor (Corvette Club of Iowa); Jerry Koraleski, Governor (Cornhusker Corvette Club); Bob Williams, Governor (Boone Trail Corvette Club); Jack Bidding, Governor (Glass Express Corvette Club); Frank Wietharn, Governor (Topeka Corvette Club); Ray Kennedy, Guest (Cornhusker Corvette Club); Ray Zimmerman, Guest (Cornhusker Corvette Club); Francis Richmond, Guest; Teresa Austin, Guest (Cornhusker Corvette Club); Alice Wietharn, Guest (Topeka Corvette Club)

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by West Region Regional Executive, Gene Gau.

Secretary's Report - Linda Hommer:

- Minutes of the last meeting were posted on the West Region website.
- There were no additions or corrections.
- Motion made by Bob Williams to approve the minutes; 2nd by Frank Wietharn; **the motion was approved.**

Treasurer's Report - Jay Hommer:

- The West Region Profit and Loss Report and the Balance Sheet from January 1 through December 31, 2019 was presented.
- Jay pointed out that the Scholarship Fund is showing positive growth due to the West Region fund raiser event proceeds, a portion of West Region dues now earmarked for the Scholarship Fund, West Region speed event number registrations and club donations.
- The West Region Profit and Loss Report and the Balance Sheet from January 1 through February 21, 2020 was presented.
- Motion made by Denny Luther to approve the financial reports; 2nd by Jerry Koraleski; **the motion was approved.**
- Jay went over the financial responsibilities of the regional officers as stated in the West Region Operating Rules and Procedures. There was general discussion on this topic with the consensus being that the regional By-Laws and Operating Rules and Procedures need updated to reflect the current regional practices. After general discussion it was determined that a committee consisting of Gene Gau (RE), Nan Brittain (RMD), Linda Hommer (Secretary), Jay Hommer (Treasurer), Jerry Koraleski (Governor) and Denny Luther (Governor) would meet in Des Moines on March 6 and preform a comprehensive review and update of the By-Laws and Operating Rules and Procedures.
- Jay stated that he completed and filed the 2019 IRS Tax Report for the West Region.
- There was a motion made by Jerry Koraleski to remove Gary Foster, 2019 Regional Executive, as an authorized signer on the West Region checking account and add Gene Gau, 2020 Regional Executive, as an authorized signer. A 2nd was made by Denny Luther and **the motion was approved.**

- The NCCC West Region Administrative Schedule stated that an annual financial audit was to be performed at the February Regional meeting, if needed. Jay stated that he had all supporting financial documents with him and that an audit could be performed. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Bob Williams that an audit was not needed and the 2019 records were appropriate; 2nd by Denny Luther; **the motion was approved.**

Regional Membership Director (RMD) Meeting Report - Nan Brittain:

- Nan Brittain, 2020 RMD, was present and did attend the national RMD meeting.
- Nan stated that the West Region currently has 1,517 members.
- Nan informed the group that the national membership data base does not work properly with Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge as your browser.

Regional Competition Director (RCD) Meeting Report - Gary Brisbois:

- At the national RMD meeting, there was discussion on wheels and tire specifics in the rulebook. This will be clarified and corrected.
- There is now a maximum of three concourse events in one day. If there are two cars in one class, they must be judged.
- The new rulebook changes will be done by April 21, 2020.
- NCCC insurance premiums increased by \$6,000.
- NCCC 2019 points have been approved and finalized.
- Event flyers should NOT have: 1) wording that states "street legal" and 2) wording that states "pre-registration only".
- Nationally, there is interest in adding the Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving as a three day event weekend. There was no real interest or objection within the Governors in attendance since the weather in the West Region at this time of year is not usually favorable for competition speed events.
- A yearly technical inspection is supposed to be in the 2020 NCCC rule book. General discussion occurred and the consensus of the Governors was that the West Region would perform a technical inspection of competitor cars at each event.
- Record drag race tear down procedures are an issue nationally since there are so few members qualified to do an accurate tear down.
- Gary stated that the West Region Scholarship Fund received approximately \$900 from the regional competition event number program. He also stated that the Operation Fund received approximately \$1,100 from the NCCC rebate program for the 2019 competition season.

Regional Webmaster Report - Proxy, Gary Brisbois:

- Gary Brisbois reported in the absence of the Region Webmaster, Kathy Brisbois. He stated that the West Region website has not been transferred to Patrick Whalen yet. If you need changes done, please continue to email Kathy until you are notified of the completed transfer of ownership.
- Joan Thomas has updated the West Region Historical Data as much as she can. If you have any information available that would complete our historical information, please let Joan know. Thank you to Joan from the West Region!

Regional Executive (RE) Meeting Report - Gene Gau:

- The NCCC mileage reimbursement rate has decreased from 58 cents per mile to 57.5 cents per mile.

- There are currently 350 people registered for the convention this July in Indianapolis, IN. They need 400 registrations to reach the break-even point.
- There is a 2022 convention bid to be held in Atlantic City, NJ.
- Regional Officers were reminded to submit their articles to the Blue Bars Editor in a timely manner so the West Region can be represented with the appropriate articles for publication.

Old Business:

- Gene Gau, RE, asked if there was any interest in having a West Region shirt. There was an interest by several Governors in attendance. Gene will check with Dennis Patrick, NCCC Merchandise contact, and find out what options are available and let those interested know.
- Gene Gau, RE, stated that the West Region Awards Banquet was cancelled due to lack of attendees. The awards banquet for the 2020 competition year will be discussed at the next West Region Governors meeting.

New Business:

- Gene Gau, RE, stated that Cornhusker Corvette Club is having issues procuring the Lincoln airport for a West Region fund raiser event this year, so consequently the fund raiser event will not be hosted by the Cornhusker Corvette Club. The Governors discussed the need for a West Region fund raiser event. Consensus based on the current financial reports of the Scholarship Fund and the difficulty in procuring event sites, the Governors determined that the region did not need a fund raiser event this year.
- Gene Gau, RE, stated that the West Region has 200 sanctions available for use in 2020. Currently there are 188 sanctioned events planned. The planned sanctions as Gene knows is as follows: Cornhusker Corvette Club - 92 planned sanctioned events; Corvette Club of Iowa - 55 planned sanctioned events; Cedar Rapids Corvette Club - 14 planned sanctioned events and Mid America Corvette Club - 14 planned sanctioned events.
- Planned sanctioned events for the region as known to date were presented by Jerry Koraleski as follows:
 - May 16-17: Cornhusker Corvette Club, Omaha, 14 sanctions
 - May 23-25: Corvette Club of Iowa, Ankeny, 21 sanctions
 - June 6-7: Mid America Corvette Club, Kansas City, 14 sanctions
 - June 14: Cornhusker Corvette Club, Omaha, 1 sanction
 - June 20: Corvette Club of Iowa, Des Moines, 2 sanctions
 - June 27-28: Corvette Club of Iowa, Chariton, 14 sanctions
 - July 18-19: Cornhusker Corvette Club, Omaha, 14 sanctions
 - July 25-26: Cedar Rapids Corvette Club, Cedar Rapids, 14 sanctions
 - August 8-9: Corvette Club of Iowa, Newton, 14 sanctions
 - August 15-16: Cornhusker Corvette Club, Omaha, 14 sanctions
 - September 5-7: Cornhusker Corvette Club, Glenwood, 21 sanctions
 - September 20: Corvette Club of Iowa, Des Moines, 4 sanctions
 - September 26-27: Cornhusker Corvette Club, Unknown location, 14 sanctions
- Jerry Koraleski, Governor, Cornhusker Corvette Club, stated that the tentatively planned events he presented were not all inclusive. He also stated that the events were subject to change as the season progresses.
- There was discussion on the assignment of sanctions and the timely payment of the sanctioning fees. It was concluded that Gary Brisbois, RCD, would be the person in the region responsible

for the proper control of sanctions and the corresponding fees. Gary stated that he would design a system to accurately control the sanctions for the clubs' use.

- Jerry Koraleski, Governor, Cornhusker Corvette Club, made a motion that the West Region require entrants in speed events to wear long pants when they compete. This requirement would need to be placed on all West Region event flyers and should read as follows: "Long pants are required for all classes. No spandex, Lycra or other synthetic fibers allowed. Jeans or fire pants recommended." The motion was 2nd by Frank Wietharn. There was general discussion on difficulties implementing this regional requirement. It was suggested that clubs could have long pants available at events for use that meet the requirements if an entrant did not have long pants of their own that met this requirement. Governors agreed that the wording for the long pants requirement should be on all flyers and on the West Region website "Competition" page. The Governors agreed that the safety of entrants was the primary issue. Governors voted and **the motion was approved.**
- Gene Gau, RE, thanked all the Governors for the proxy forms being returned to him timely.

Governor Round Table:

- Jerry Koraleski, Governor, Cornhusker Corvette Club, presented a check for \$1,000 as a donation from his club to the West Region Scholarship Fund.
- Denny Luther, Governor, Corvette Club of Iowa, presented a check for \$750 as a donation from his club to the West Region Scholarship Fund.
- Jack Bidding, Governor, Glass Express Corvette Club, presented his ideas on how he is trying to encourage participation in his club/car events by establishing "pods" to deal with specific interests. Some specific interests "pods" could be car shows, youth events, drive and dines, parties, etc. He stated that he is trying to spread the responsibility for different types of events to multiple individuals so the load is easier to manage. Jack is going to implement this concept in his club and will let the Governors know how it is working.

At 10:30 AM Denny Luther made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jerry Koraleski; **the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted by
Linda Hommer, Secretary