

West Region Meeting

September 9, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Those in attendance and on conference call:

Regional Executive – Kathy Brisbois
Regional Membership Director – Nanette Brittain
Regional Competition Director – Gary Brisbois
Secretary – Sheila Wyman
Treasurer – Linda Hommer

Governors:

Gary Foster – Corvette Club of Iowa (CCI)
Bob Williams – Boone Trail Corvette Club (BCC - Phone)
Jeff Bruggeman (Proxy) – 4 State Vettes, Inc.
Jim Walton – Corvettes of Southeast Missouri (CSM)
Gary Brisbois – Cornhusker Corvette Club (CCC)

Guest:

Mary Lou Bruggeman – 4 State Vettes, Inc.
John Hird - 4 State Vettes, Inc.
Deb Hird - 4 State Vettes, Inc.
Jerry Nabholz – Cornhusker Corvette Club

Any corrections or additions to the minutes from May meeting? Motion to approve as written by Jim Walton and seconded by Gary Foster. Approved.

Regional Executive Report (RE)

We received no applications for the scholarships offered through the West Region. Need to promote in your clubs for the coming year.

Discussion on 51% club members. Must have 51% of your members to qualify as a NCCC club. Some clubs are not in compliance, however there is not any way to enforce this. A lifetime member can be a lifetime for NCCC and your local club if your club allows it.

Proposal of a standing rule to cover extraordinary circumstances such as the nationwide COVID shutdown to ensure all clubs are following the same policy.

Looking for someone to maintain and update the West Region website. Kathy will get the website up to date. Jeff Bruggeman will talk to Misty from their club to see if she would be interested in becoming Webmaster.

West Region will continue to hold our meetings prior to the Governors meeting in 2024. Beginning in 2025, we will no longer have a meeting room unless we want to pay the cost of the room. We have time next year to decide how we want to handle our 2025 meetings.

Regional Competition Director (RCD)

Three drag records were set at his years convention. Walt will be working on the servers starting December 15th so need to get anything into the system prior to that date.

Waivers must be kept from 5 years after the event. Needs to be the original hard copy Minor waivers must be kept until the minor reaches the age of majority (18 or 21) whichever your state law is. This means it may be quite a few years to maintain.

Determined that at car shows and concurs, the C8 will be considered in the custom class (C) since you are unable to look at the engine to judge.

Regional Membership Director (RMD)

Discussion on the 51% rule for clubs being eligible to retain NCCC status. We currently have 19,196 total NCCC members with 240 clubs, (4 new clubs). There has been 158 NCM deliveries.

Make sure that all the spouse information is correct. Also remember to do a Lookup on any new members to make sure they have not been a prior member, which will hopefully alleviate issuance of two NCCC numbers to the same person.

The system will be going down to get ready for renewals and when the system comes back up you will notice a new button which is an excel spreadsheet which can be downloaded to do a mail merge.

Walt also has a template from his club that he will distribute to other Governors to be used for other issues. This won't be available until October 3rd.

Renewals must be input prior to Thanksgiving. System will be going down first part of December so need to get all your renewals completed as soon as possible. If you have procrastinators in your club you need to deactivate and input as a late renewal which will cost the member an additional fee.

The Director of FCOA has resigned. Are looking for any candidate that would be willing to take this position.

One region has the potential of losing 3 clubs at which time they will no longer be eligible to be an NCCC region. The Regional Executive had questions concerning hardships and scholarships.

Nan will be sending out the West Region dues notices.

Secretary

Time to elect the 2024 officers. The following names are being considered for 2024 West Region Officers:

Regional Executive – Gary Foster, Corvette Club of Iowa
Regional Competition Director – Gary Brisbois, Cornhusker Corvette Club
Regional Membership Director – Deb Hird, 4 State Vettes, Inc
Secretary – Sheila Wyman, Corvette Club of Iowa
Treasurer – Linda Hommer, Corvette Club of Iowa

Ballots will be electronically sent out by the middle of October. They must be returned prior to the November West Region Meeting on November 11th.

Treasurer

Treasurer's report was sent out prior to this meeting. No questions.

We currently have a Competition Fund with a balance of \$5,000. This is a fund to be used by a qualifying club for deposits on facilities to be used for events. We have not used this fund for several years. Do we still need to retain this fund? Will look at when the bylaws are reviewed.

Governors

Gary Foster – Autocross 14-event weekend on September 23-24 at Merle Hay Mall.

Jim Walton – Gearing up for the 2024 Corvette caravan.

Jeff Bruggman – Working on 2024 convention in Joplin. Will be holding a sanctioned 14-event weekend on October 28-29 at Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri at a cost of \$10.00 per event. The events their club usually holds are not sanctioned, needed to hold one prior to convention to make sure all aspects of a sanctioned event are covered. Jim Walton will assist with this event.

Bob Williams – Nothing to report.

Other Discussion

Discussion on a request from Frank Weithern. Frank was eligible to receive an award for obtaining 200 points in 2022. Our Operating Rules state that when you are eligible for an award you have a choice of either a plaque, shirt, or donation of the money that West Region would have spent on their award to the scholarship fund. Frank had submitted a request to apply the money he would have received for his award to purchase his permanent number for the 2023 race season. An email was sent to Frank explaining that could not be done according to our Operating Rules. We have received no response so with board approval Linda will resend the email. Currently, Frank owes the cost of a permanent number for the 2023 season.

Will be looking at changing the” Permanent” number to read “Reserve” number. There is some confusion that people are assuming that they have purchased a permanent number and will not need to apply each year for a number.

Gary Foster wanting to know the specifics on a club newsletter. No one had any specifics, just need to make sure that all members have access to your minutes to meetings.

Kathy reported receiving an anonymous donation of \$400 for the scholarship fund.

The West Region By-Laws need reviewed and updated. Will review at the February meeting in 2024 and presented and voted at the May meeting in 2024.

Motion to adjourn from Jim Walton and seconded by Gary Foster. Adjourned at 10:50.