

West Region Meeting February 22, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

Those in attendance and on conference call:

Regional Executive – Denny Luther
Regional Membership Director – Mary Lou Bruggeman (Proxy)
Regional Competition Director – Lauren Killam
Secretary – Sheila Wyman
Treasurer – Linda Hommer
Webmaster – Kathy Brisbois

Governors:

Jay Hommer – Corvette Club of Iowa (CCI)
Gary Brisbois – Cornhusker Corvette Club (CCC)-Phone
Gary Thompson – Cedar Rapids Corvette Club (CRCC) - Phone
Bob Williams – Boone Trail Corvette Club (BTCC)
Frank Wietharn – Topeka Corvette Association (TCA) - Phone
Jack Bidding – Glass Express Corvette Club (GECC) - Phone
Mary Lou Bruggeman – 4 States Vettes, Inc (4SV) (Proxy)

Guest:

Diane Bowen – Cedar Rapids Corvette Club - Phone

Secretary – Sheila Wyman

Noted that Frank Wietharn's name was misspelled. Correction will be made. Any other corrections or additions to the minutes from November meeting? Hearing none, motion to approve as corrected by Bob Williams and seconded by Jay Hommer. Approved.

Treasurer – Linda Hommer

Balance sheets, profit and loss statements were sent out. Our Scholarship fund is outgrowing our Operating fund.

Permanent numbers from 2024 were at 51, so far this year we are at 46. Still available if you want a permanent number this year.

Received a bank letter wanting to change our account from a business to non-profit account. No difference in the accounts other than purchasing new checks. Will leave account as is with no

change. After checking with the bank, it was determined to stay as a business account which will draw interest.

Filed the West Region 2024 non-profit taxes and was accepted.

Motion made to accept treasury report by Frank Wietharn and seconded by Jay Hommer.
Approved.

Regional Executive Report (RE) – Denny Luther

Reported by Alan Morris in the Regional Executive meeting, that a club voted on not renewing a member at renewal time and the member sued the club for \$504,000 which was settled for an amount of \$30,000. Another incident reported was a Treasurer of a club embezzled \$24,000 over a few years from the club. She was arrested and is going on trial next week. Just a reminder to be sure and track your club's treasury and do an audit yearly.

Discussion on how to better finance awards. Tack on 50 cents for participate and worker to come back to NCCC. In some regions, it might just cripple them to pay it. It was tabled for more discussion. The budget will be discussed at the Governor's meeting.

Discussion on lifetime members-do you need to be a member first before becoming a lifetime member. This issue was tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Voting will take place today on discontinuing the patches. Did not go into any discussion on the rebates issued to regions.

Regional Competition Director (RCD) – Lauren Killam

Walt has put a new button on the competition database that should create a summary report file that Walt can get into. Once you have put all the information in just push the button and it will upload. Using Chrome browser is preferred but Firefox works most of the time.

FCOA sends out a newsletter to all Governors. Would like to really promote FCOA. Need to send in anything that FCOA is involved with your club for the newsletter.

Will also be awarding 5 worker awards this year. The budget is the same as last year but will be adding 40 additional awards this year. A sub committee is brainstorming on how to finance these additional awards and will be presenting at the Governors meeting.

Have several subcommittees that are brainstorming on new guidelines for our programs and events. Will present ideas at the May meeting.

Autocross safety guidelines were a big topic at the RCD meeting.

New category called the OFTD Zora Program. Shortened season program that you pay a little extra to participate. Specific qualifications for the entrant to accumulate so many FTD's in competition events and at the 2026 convention be in the top 5 to run for the award at the convention. At convention, the slate is wiped clean and the top 5 will start fresh and the one that has the most FTDs in all competition events will be the OFTD Zora winner.,

C-8 guidelines for drags was discussed. One hurdle is figuring out the indexes and the teardown is now known as the post-technical inspection. Have come up with a provisional that was voted on and approved by the RCDs for C-8's to participate in the drags.

Valid for the 2025 competition season – Quick 60

To get more people involved you will get a time from the start and go 60 feet and stop.

This would be considered a low-speed autocross according to VP of Competition – Rene Cardenas. Try this out and have a couple on your weekend events to get more participation.

Rule was approved for immediate implementation on roll bars.

Regional Membership Director (RMD) – Mary Lou Bruggeman (Proxy)

Currently we have 16,325 members, 230 clubs, and 543 MALs.

Discussion on changing banks from Wells Fargo. Many RMDs are not located around or near one which makes it hard to deposit membership dues.

Discussion on flyers for events. Needs to be created by either Governor of the event or the Chairperson.

The 2026 budget will be presented at the November meeting.

Webmaster – Kathy Brisbois

Website updated with the February meeting minutes and updated scholarship information and the West Region officers for 2025. Also posted guidelines for being a proxy. If there is anything else that needs to be posted let Kathy know.

Governors Roundtable

Strongly encouraging clubs to do sanctioned events. Doesn't have to be a racing competition event, try a car show, funkana, or rallye.

Clubs hosting events in 2025:

Cornhusker Corvette Club: May 17 and 18 driving school – Oakview Mall
5 events (Anyone that is new to autocross and attends the driving school will run the 5 events at no cost)

May 24-26 - Memorial Weekend – 21 events at Lincoln Airpark

June 1 – Peer's Auto Show

June 28/29 – Autocrosses at Southeast Community College

July 12/13 – Autocrosses at Lincoln Airpark

August 9/10 – Autocrosses at Oakview Mall

August 30-31/September 1 - Labor Day Weekend- Sunday at Oakview Mall and Low speed events on Monday-will not be doing High Speed

September 20/21 – Autocrosses at Oakview Mall

October 4/5 – Autocrosses at Lincoln Airpark

Corvette Club of Iowa: September 6 – Driving school and 3 matching time events

September 27/28 – Autocrosses at Bell Avenue lot

Glass Express Corvette Club May 26 – Car Show

Reminder that your event flyer must be posted 45 days prior to the event.

Old Business

Correction on the Operating Rules to renumber on page 7. Discussion on table tents for placement in the Governors meeting.

Need to make your clubs aware of the deadline for the scholarships offered: NCCC due by June 16th and the West Region due by August 1st.

Diane Bowen, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, announced the Scholarship Committee:

Nan Brittan – Corvette Club of Iowa

Lyle Knutson – Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

Gene Gau – Cornhusker Corvette Club-Will do it again this year but would like to be replaced

Lyle would like to make suggestions to revise the scholarship application. Send suggestions to Denny for review and send out to the Governors.

Will we be looking at increasing the dollar amount of scholarships awarded. More discussion on reviewing/revising the Operating Rules on the scholarship awards.

National scholarships were discussed and informed that there are several different scholarships offered. Need to look on the national website for the listing.

Motion made to approve committee members by Jay Hommer and seconded by Bob Williams. Approved

Diane questioned why there was no FCOA application in Blue Bars. It has been reported that they are working on a revised application and will be posted when completed.

New Business

Jay Hommer presented a donation of \$500 from the Corvette Club of Iowa to the Scholarship fund.

Motion to adjourn from Jay Hommer and seconded by Lauren Killam. Adjourned at 10:33.

Submitted by

Sheila Wyma

West Region Secretary