

Midwest Region Governors Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2022

Call meeting to order – Linda Fairlamb called the February 26, 2022, MWR Governors meeting to order at 8:31 AM. Call meeting to order.

- Approval of the meeting agenda was requested, and all approved with a show of hands.
- Introductions of those attending. All Governors and guests were asked to sign the roster, and if proxy for their club, to so indicate it on the roster. Also indicate "NO" next to their name if not planning to attend the NCCC meeting.
- All were asked to mute their phones and speakers.

Officer Reports

MWR Secretary – Jeanne Cassel

- Approval of November Region meeting minutes - The minutes of the November 13, 2021, Meeting of the Governors of the Midwest Region were e-mailed to all officers and governors on December 1, 2021. The Motion by Dave Heinemann, was seconded by Dan Wagner to approve these minutes as sent was approved by all.
- MWR Officer election ballots – approval to destroy. The Teller committee meets after elections to open the electronic votes and any mailed in ballots to tally the vote. The results are copied and held in case there is a challenge to the vote. Having received none, and to clear the electronic system for future voting approval is requested at the February Governors meeting to destroy the votes. Motion to approve the destruction of the ballots was made by Tom McKinley, seconded by Dan Wagner. All approved.

Convention Meeting – Jeanne Cassel

Steering Committee met last night. New Jersey 2022 Convention work is all on time. All looks good. Convention 2023 was discussed. If all goes well, ***The Place to be in 2023 – Bowling Green*** will take place with Betty Parks Chairperson.

MWR Treasurer – Russ Tharp, report by Linda Fairlamb (*Contact your Governor for copies*)

- Annual Financial Audit status – Linda Fairlamb
 - Linda prepared a checklist to formalize the audit steps. She documented what she found, such as receipts not attached, but financials were in line. Process corrections were:
 - An outstanding check for an incorrect amount; check will be reissued at correct amount.
 - Couple checks made out to correct person but listed wrong name in check register.
 - All documents were compared to payee, check register, budget numbers, bank records. Last 4 checks (3 for officer travel, 1 for incoming officer shirt) after the November meeting were not yet included in 2021 Actuals but Actuals have been updated.
 - Motion to approve the audit by Dan Wagner and seconded by Joan Thomas. All approved.

Russ Tharp was thanked for the fine work he has done.

- 2021 Final results – The 2021 year ended with profit. Cancellation of the Awards party due to COVID helped the bottom line. The 2021 balance carries to 2022 and is available to pay early in year anticipated expenses.
- 2022 - Annual Financial Income and Expense Plan final review and approval
 - **All showing RED are changes from the last report.**
 - Linda changed the item order, listing larger and more important items on top. The Awards Party was discussed – the attendance is estimated at 70 attendees.
 - The Memorial Day Fundraiser used historic information for budgeting purposes while the July 4th Fundraiser used estimated revenue and expenses provided by Joan based on the contract and her knowledge of prior year costs at the Alliant center.
 - New IRS travel rate for 2022 was entered/used.
 - Discuss shortfall in 2022 budget – There are more expenses than revenue estimated for 2022. However, party attendance expense in the budget is based on 100 attendees but our current attendance is estimated at 70, which will bring us very close to break even in the 2022 budget.

Motion to approve the report was made by Dave Heinemann, seconded by Dan Wagner. All approved.

MWR RMD – Sandy Arnold, report by Joan Heinemann - Proxy

- Report from RMD meeting – Joan Heinemann attended. There are some ID card issues, mainly on Ladies Lifetime cards. The printer will replace cards with errors at no cost. For mailing, if payment is made in cash, please don't mail the cash.
- RMD REPORT: Following is Sandy's e-mailed report. NCCC membership and club totals are up to date.

- Membership cards were mailed February 17, 2022. If there are any problems with your membership cards, please let me know.
- The Midwest Region continues to be the largest region in the NCCC with 27 active clubs, 2,367 members, including MAL's and Lifetime members. Corvette Club of Illinois is the largest club in the Midwest Region with 174 members. They are located in Champaign, Illinois. Tom McKinley is their governor.
- There are 17,111 NCCC members with 233 clubs throughout the U.S.
- We lost Land of Lincoln Corvette Club. The club was from Lemont, IL. with fourteen members. We have interest from another club to possibly join the MWR/NCCC.
- The November 15th deadline for renewals worked very well. I want to thank the Governors who were so prompt in getting their renewal to me on time!! I appreciate it! There were a few clubs who did not get their renewals to me by the established date of November 15, 2021. Al Fiscus, long time Governor for Mid-West Corvette Club, Milan, IL. was always very prompt with getting renewals to me two weeks before they were due! Sadly, he passed away in early December! He will be missed.
- Welcome new Governors! We have five new governors! Dale Samuelson, Northern Illinois Corvette Club; Rod Finke, Rolling Prairie Corvette Club; John Severs, Mid-West Corvette Club; Tom Stibbe, River City Corvettes; and Larry Walker, St. Louis Corvette Club. Again, welcome! Little Egypt Corvette Club currently does not have a Governor.
- The St. Jude Corvette Drive will take place May 12-13, 2022. For more information, please contact Robin Jones at 309-253-9253 or *email rray9@comcast.net*.

Sandy Arnold, MWR Membership Director (309-472-0003 (C); 309-274-3295 (H); pastaqueens2@gmail.com)

MWR RCD Report – Jeff Craig

- Report from RCD meeting – Jeff mentioned that Bill Docherty was disappointed the rule book changes didn't go through. He suggests there was a miscommunication of information, or information was not relayed. Bill is asking for a Rule Change to allow some items on a 'hot button' or line-item vote. Instead of the whole block of changes being voted at once. He referenced the work that went into the changes which will now sit till the next go round. Dave Heineman cautioned against 'line items' as the vote can create conflicts or conflicting provisions. Two years now to work on this. They are starting on the updating to the competition manual. We should give our suggestions to Jeff Craig. Some proposed Rule Book Changes suggest recognizing the cost of repairs or replacements such as Catalytic convertor and emission repairs as components are getting more expensive. Maybe eliminate or moderate some rules. Mention of a possible recognition or additional award for non-speed events as a way to get more people active. Time trials – can be fun and safe.
 - Discussion on e-mails/Communication issues and Jeff asked if all are receiving his e-mails.
 - Since about 2002 there is a link on the MW Region website where 'Changes' are posted. Joan Thomas adds all new or changes on the web, and she asked Governors to remind their members about the 'Changes'.
- MWR Competition topics
 - Assigned Numbers status
 - Helmet sticker discussion – Mike Stevens is handling it. All will be ready by the first events. The \$100 is in the budget.
 - 2022 Competition Event status –
 - Number of weekends and events – Go to the website. Let Jeff know if there are any issues. We have fewer events now as there are less places to run events. Some clubs lack support to put on events.
 - Memorial weekend Region Fundraiser status in Rantoul, IL – Jeff is asking for help for Rantoul. Needs Registration, Tech, Corner Worker, Set-up. We need to enter off a different street. The area has good and bad areas. SCCA runs there. Rent, set up and run for \$1,400. Other possible places to auto cross such as Mattoon were discussed and speculated about.
 - 4th of July weekend Region Fundraiser status in Madison, WI – Joan Thomas and Tim Wood got pricing and contracts. This date is the only thing currently posted. It is a 21-day event.

MWR RE Report – Linda Fairlamb

- Report from RE meeting

Dale Samuelson said our Hagerty insurance representative will be at the NCCC meeting. They are a good sponsor. Walt Jenkins showed REs what the Governor's screens look like. RE's initially wanted access so they could help Governors with issues. General consensus – if a governor has problems the RMD is the best source for help.

Standing Rule and By Law Changes - All change information is documented distributed and reviewed to ensure no conflicts exist. Considerable discussion ensued concerning current and some proposed voting protocol for Standing

Rule and By Law changes. Options proposed included but were not limited to annual voting, separate category packet votes, present all in one whole packet and vote the whole packet.

Possible issue is the 2023 convention. The window for presenting a convention proposal has closed. The question to governors was, should we vote to allow the proposed convention to go forward or stand on the rule that it is too late to present the convention and therefore 2023 would not have a convention. There is precedence to accept the bid outside the presentation window. Concern expressed is that if we miss the year, it would be easy to miss the next and it could result in decline in attendance, and revenue. Governor's present voted to accept the bid.

- Status of Proxy forms – All received. Thank you to all Governors.
- MWR topics
 - 2022 Appointed Officer selection and approval – one applicant for the Webmaster, Joan Thomas. John Severs made a motion to appoint Joan seconded by Dan Wagner, and all approved.
 - Region Recognition submissions? Turn any you have to Linda. She wants to make sure folks are recognized for the good work and effort they do outside of the organizations.
 - Blue Bars deadline is the 1st of March

Appointed Officer and Committee Reports

- MWR Webmaster report – **Joan Thomas** (*see Report included with the minutes for the following topics*)
 - MWR Communication System
 - Procedures for posting flyers for Sanctioned and Social Events and other info
 - Gary Kelly sent Joan copies of 1982 to 2002 minutes, and she will post them online. She is looking for any pre 1982 minutes.
 - Joan is interested in hearing from Governors about what they would like to see on the website.Joan was thanked for her diligence and work on the communication system and on the website.
- Awards Committee – Diane Wagner
 - Status update – Awards cost will come in at \$4000, well below the \$6000 that had been approved. Item availability and pricing changes make it a challenging process.
 - Diane explained the complication this year with worker awards.
 - The awards are presented at the banquet. To facilitate the process, it was decided that if a recipient is not at the party the governor should get the award to the recipient. Approved by all.
 - Diane was thanked for her much-appreciated service.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Regional Party status – Linda Fairlamb – As of yesterday they had door prizes – but more are welcome. Club Certificates are good. Bring them to the event.
- Review the Regional Admin Schedule – Linda Fairlamb – A "Proxy Column" will be added to the Governors' sign-in sheet for Governors to indicate if they will not be attending the NCCC meeting

New Business

- Discuss worker award points cutoff in Standing Rules
 - Discussion ensued regarding how to frame a motion for Worker awards. Agreement was reached that for other than the #1 worker, Tier 4 awards would be given to all who volunteered for at least 21 events (earning at least 42 points) in the competition year. Motion was made by Tom Reitz, seconded by Jeff Craig, to present the formally drafted motion at the next Governors meeting. All present approved.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Reitz, seconded by Larry Walker and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeanne Cassel MW Region Secretary

Turn on Cell Phones.

**Note: National Governors Meeting starts at 12:30pm.
Any Governors not attending?**