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***Future Midwest Region Meeting***

May 6, 2023  
September 9, 2023  
November 11, 2023  
February 24, 2024 (to be voted on)

Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel  
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Group "National Council of Corvette Clubs"



# MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

St Louis Missouri – February 25, 2023

Governors in attendance were:

Yes (Y)

_____	MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Jon Kurtz
_____	MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	James Bodin
Y _____	MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	John Severs
Y _____	MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Ed Cassel
_____	MW-077	Glass Favorites Corvettes	Mike Link
_____	MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huijbretgse
Y _____	MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	Tom McKinley
_____	MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Curt Callies
_____	MW-122	River City Corvettes	Tom Stibbe
Y _____	MW-135	Northern Rays Ltd.	Dan Wagner
Y _____	MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Steve Grabenstetter Proxy
Y _____	MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Dale Samuelson
Y _____	MW-246	Badger State Vettes, Ltd	Craig Wiendl
Y _____	MW-277	Sunburst Corvette Club	Mike Stevens
_____	MW-278	Central Illinois Corvette Club	John Hibbeler
_____	MW-315	Corvettes of Minnesota	Don Gettinger
Y _____	MW-351	Windy City Corvette Club	Dave Heinemann Sr
Y _____	MW-378	Corvette Cruisers of Ill	Karen Grove
Y _____	MW-391	Mid Illinois Corvette Club	Jim Redmond Proxy
_____	MW-464	Rolling Prairie Corvettes	Rod Finke
Y _____	MW-465	Mad City Vettes	Joan Thomas
Y _____	MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
Y _____	MW-522	St. Louis Corvette Club	Larry Walker
Y _____	MW-575	Chicago Cross Roads Corvette Club	JR Weddington
_____	MW-598	Brew City Corvette Club	Tom Muex
_____	MW-613	Central Minnesota Corvette Assoc	Lynn Steenblock
Y _____	MW-621	Stray Vettes of Illinois	Sandy Arnold
Y _____	MW-999	Members-At-Large - Governor	Sandy Arnold

**MWR OFFICERS**

Y _____	MW Regional Executive	Linda Fairlamb
Y _____	MWR Competition Director	Jeff Craig
Y _____	MWR Membership Director	Sandy Arnold
Y _____	MWR Treasurer	Russ Tharp
Y _____	MWR Secretary	Jeanne Cassel
Y _____	MWR Webmaster	Joan Thomas
_____	MWR Facebook Dude	Matt Waters

**Guests in Attendance**

Joan Heinemann	Windy City		
Pat Stevens	Sunburst CC		
Diane Wagner	Northern Rays		
Carolyn Samuelson	NICC		
Tim Wood	Mad City Vettes		

# Midwest Region Governors Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2023

*Please mute all cell phones*

**Call meeting to order** – Linda Fairlamb called the February 25, 2023, MWR Governors meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

- Approval of the meeting agenda, moved for approval by **JW Weddington** seconded by **Tom McKinley** and
- all approved with a show of hands.
- Introduction 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. Governors, also please indicate next to your name if you plan or don't plan to attend the NCCC meeting. Linda explained the new Governor Sign-in process for attendance at the NCCC meeting – the NCCC Sign-in slips are now provided to the regions for completion at their on-site meetings.
- **Sandy Arnold** announced **Karen Grove** is the new Governor for Corvette Cruisers of Illinois and she was welcomed. Proxies **Steve Grabenstetter** (Great River Corvette Club) and **Jim Redmond** (Mid-Illinois Corvette Club) were welcomed. Sandy also announced that she is Governor of a new club, Stray Vettes of Illinois.

## **Officer Reports**

**MWR Secretary – Jeanne Cassel** – Thank You to **Diane Wagner** for covering as secretary for the November meeting. Great notes. Excellent work.

- Approval of November 12, 2022, Region Meeting Minutes was requested. The initial mailing was Dec 1, 2022, with the Corrected Minutes and attachments e-mailed to all officers and governors on February 17, 2023. Motion to approve the CORRECTED Minutes as sent was made by **David Heinemann**, seconded by **Craig Wiendl**, and was approved by all.
- MWR Officer election ballots – Motion for approval to destroy – by **David Heinemann**, seconded by **Craig Wiendl** and approved by a show of hands.
- Report from Convention Steering Committee meeting – **Jeanne Cassel** – Met last evening. **Allen Morris**, Business Manager is Chairman, **Betty Parks**, acting Secretary.
  - Reviewed convention updates. Initial registration is outstanding with 200 registered in the 1<sup>st</sup> hour and 500 registered by the end of day. Originally budgeted at 400, revised now to 700. Currently 679 adults and 5 youths registered and anticipate more.
  - There are rooms, Hotels are obliging and opening rooms beyond original block. Neighboring hotels are offering space.
  - Most events are at or over their original max levels. Chairpersons are working to fit more in.
  - The March 4/5 event in Bowling Green is a practice for the Low Speed.
  - Currently High Speed and Low Speed scheduled times are not available. When they become available it may help some fit in tours, etc.
  - Questions on cost of dinners, events, etc. – NCCC does offset the cost of events and paid dinners and event venues. And many events are free to participants.
  - **Michelle Cantelmo** is working for and with sponsors. If anyone knows of a prospective sponsor, make sure Michelle gets the information.
  - Plant tours – sign up online. Some time slots/blocks are full.
  - Convention tours are very popular. Some openings are left.
  - For the High Speed and Low speed events – the chairs will send packets with generals to those registered. For these and all events, they are saying if you want to run your events, be on time and ready to run.

**MWR Treasurer – Russ Tharp** (~~Financials are attached to these minutes~~) **Contact your Governor**

- Annual Financial Audit status – **Tom Reitz** report:

### **Audit of Midwest Region – NCCC books from 1-1-2022 to 12-31-2022**

During the audit of the checking account, the bank statements were compared to the checks written, the checks were compared to receipts or invoices, and deposits were compared to deposits on bank statements. No discrepancies were found. The officers complete the required forms for reimbursement, and the receipts are attached. The budget plan is followed, and most expenses come in under budget. The audit includes all bank statements and deposit slips for the year as well as checks written. Thank You, Russ for preparing the audit files and the officers for taking care of the region's money.

**Tom Reitz**, Chairperson/Annual Audit

- Report on MW Region finances – income and expenses since last report and comparison to budget

- The 2022 Final results. Note that at the end of year 4 checks were written after our November meeting financials and are included in the final 2022 financials. There were some late changes to the 2023 Budget – IRS Travel Rate increased, website posting and domain issues, etc.
- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, results -- There were some late changes to the 2023 Budget – IRS Travel Rate increased, website posting and domain issues, etc. Some minor late income will be on the next report.
- 2023 Annual Financial Plan Income & Expense Plan final review and approval - Motion to approve treasurer reports by Dave Heinemann, seconded by Dale Samuelson.
  - Discuss shortfall in 2023 budget – The shortfall for year 2022 and anticipated shortfall for year 2023 were briefly discussed. Categories were reviewed. Income was down for events and even assigned numbers. Costs are going up. Discussion will be in New Business.

### **MWR RMD – Sandy Arnold**

- MWR Regional Membership Director Report - February 24-25, 2023

The **Midwest Region** is no longer the largest region in the NCCC but continues to have the most members. The West Coast Region is now the largest region with 30 clubs, and 2,068 members, the Midwest Region has 28 clubs and 2,347 members. Route 66 Corvette Club is the largest club in the Midwest Region with 176 members. Tom Reitz is their Governor. Their club meets in St. Peter's, MO.

The **National Council of Corvette Clubs** has 17,520 members and 234 clubs.

The Midwest Region has a new club joining the Region and the NCCC, and possibly a second club. The new club is Stray Vettes of Illinois. They are located in Germantown Hills, Illinois. They have 16 members. We also have four new Governors. **Tracy Adamson**, Mid-Illinois Corvette Club, **Karen Grove**, Corvette Cruisers of Illinois, **Ken Franklin**, Suburban Corvette Club of Minnesota, and I will be the Governor for the new club, Stray Vettes of Illinois.

**Membership cards** have been mailed. If you don't have your membership card, please let me know.

Renewals were finished in late November 2022. The renewals went well! Only a couple clubs were late sending their renewals to me. November 15<sup>th</sup> works very well for completing renewals.

If your club has a new Governor, please let me know. I realize there are many clubs who don't have election results until the end of the year and are unable to submit the Officer Information Sheet along with their renewals. Once your election results are complete, please mail or email a completed, updated Officer's Information Sheet. This is for my use only!

If you have a member who passes away, please update your database. On their Information Page, in the last column "NCCC MEMBER TYPE" at the bottom of the drop down is "DECEASED". In the comment section you can add DECEASED and a date when possible. Always, Update Information. By doing this, the Spouse/Companion becomes a Primary member. When renewals begin the Spouse/Companion will then be charged as a Primary member.

Please look at your complete club roster! The roster will show both Active and Inactive members. I have several pages of duplicate members and will be deleting some of the duplicates. Go to the 'SEARCH FOR MEMBER', the middle box reads "NCCC NUMBER". In that box add MW-CLUB NUMBER (EXAMPLE MW-621). This will bring up your complete roster. Please let me know who in your club have duplicate number and those that can be deleted. After getting a call from a relatively new Governor, we found 60% of their club had duplicate NCCC numbers. After correcting and deleting the duplicate entries, I decided to look at every club roster in the Midwest Region. I was shocked at my findings. Before you add a member, please, always "SEARCH FOR MEMBER", and you can also check your club roster. I have 10 pages of duplicate numbers! I cannot fix these! The VP of Membership is the only person who can make these corrections, so please always check before entering anyone!

**Sandy Arnold**, MWR Membership Director - [pastaqueens2@gmail.com](mailto:pastaqueens2@gmail.com)

### **MWR RCD Report – Jeff Craig** (See updated short and long *Sanction Schedules* at [mwregion.com/schedule](http://mwregion.com/schedule))

- Report from RCD meeting –
  - Insurance – the NCCC Event Insurance does not cover non-NCCC participants, competitors, or spectators. Special membership, an Enthusiast Membership or Weekend Membership was discussed – similar to SCCA's operations. It was suggested that flyers carry a statement to that effect. Suggestion made to draft a diagram of how NCCC event insurance coverage works for non-NCCC incident versus the venue facility, or a NCCC member, or spectator, etc.; and a NCCC member incident versus the venue facility, or a NCCC member or spectator and versus a non-NCCC member, etc. This insurance issue affects participation and therefore affects income.

- Waiver form is being redone. New insurers want more signatures per page. Each person must sign for themselves – no spouse signing for the other.
- Clubs are encouraged to provide flyers that can be completed online.
- The need for maintaining Record Drags was discussed. The suggestion was made to establish records at individual tracks.
- Regarding voting for standing rule changes, the Parliamentarian asked for a Standing Rule Change for rule changes for the rule book with focus on the Line-Item Rule Book Changes versus the Whole rule book at once. **Linda Fairlamb** will read it at the NCCC Governors meeting and Regional Executives are asked to go to clubs and discuss it. Electronic Vote for/at the May 2023 meeting.
- Dave Heinemann explained how High-Speed Time Trial events work. Cars are set up in groups of 5-6 and spaced based on speed. Faster cars will end up passing. To be passed a car has to let the other car pass or hold the track in corners. Cars can be flagged if they do not let a car pass when it is feasible.
- Convention – and for Best of Show, Concours C8 – Z06 Corvette engine compartment will not be judged as they are sealed. To level this for Overall Competitor for Convention for all groups the engine will not be considered. All High-Speed cars will be raised to check with bearing compliance.
- MWR Competition topics
  - Assigned Numbers Status: We have 79 with assigned numbers. Jan 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Helmet sticker status – **Mike Stevens** has the stickers. Mike will send them to the governors as soon as the calendar is set. Early in the season those governors who have scheduled events get the lion share of helmet stickers, and those with events later in the year receive a lesser amount. We have enough stickers.
  - 2023 Competition Event status
    - The number of weekends and events – changes have been minimal. Open weekends were discussed, and some dates switched. Lots of discussion on what is up coming. Check the updated schedule attached to these meeting minutes.
    - Memorial weekend Region Fundraiser status in Rantoul, IL – Bill Docherty will head up the event. Help is needed for tech, registration, etc. Heritage III will be called to set aside rooms.
    - Status/date of 2<sup>nd</sup> Region Fundraiser? – **Bill Docherty** will head the event. He will need help with tech, registration, etc.
    - The E-Ray is not allowed to participate in NCCC events. It is a hybrid and hybrids are not allowed.
    - West Ohio is leading the Time Trial discussions. It is agreed that 7 sanctions on a day will work using the 7 fastest times. Discussion comments included SCCA rules, NCCC rules and position, how wheel to wheel competitive events fit under our insurance, and, if we open for 7 sanctions, we should review concours was mentioned.
    - C-8 Z06 will be classed as a PP car.
    - Anyone interested in getting a High-Speed license should contact Craig.
    - Craig asked that any ideas or information on how to get to, put on, and/or improve High Speed Events should be sent to him.

### MWR RE Report – Linda Fairlamb

- Report from RE meeting
  - *Competition Rule Book Changes* were discussed.
  - The percentage of a club's NCCC membership was a topic. Discussions included 51% clubs; requiring 50% of the membership to be Primary members; and allowing new members to not join NCCC (currently if joining after Sept 1 the membership carries over to the following year). Sandy will check to see how many clubs are 100% NCCC member clubs.
  - Report from Finance meeting – As reported in the RE meeting: the new NCCC Treasurer has asked to step down as the position requires additional skills and experience. Chris Reitz has stayed on as the other candidate did not accept the then opened position.
- Status of Proxy Forms – Chasing forms is time consuming and not fun. Questioning if the forms cannot be good for perpetuity and it appears they can be.
- 2023 Appointed Officer selection and approval - **Joan Thomas** applied for the Webmaster Position. Linda appointed her, **Ed Cassel** moved we approve the appointment, **Larry Walker** seconded and all approved. Thank you, Joan. We know you will do an excellent job.
- Review the Administrative Schedule - all topics were discussed/covered. The Schedule was approved by show of hands.
- Be sure to let us know if any club members have passed since our last meeting that you have not yet shared with me that we should submit to **Blue Bars**?
- **Blue Bars** deadline date is February 28, 2023. I'm looking for any kind of WOW or special interest story that involves our region members that we can celebrate in the next edition of **Blue Bars**. Do you know of someone doing something cool/interesting that I can share? It doesn't necessarily have to be Corvette related.

## Appointed Officer and Committee Reports

### **MWR Webmaster report – Joan Thomas**

- **MWR website's new server** On February 19, 2023, I completed the tedious task of downloading everything on our existing server and then uploading the information to the new server. That same day *GoDaddy* made the switch and the new server began the propagation from the old server to the new server. It needed to propagate through all 24 times zones and all DNS Servers before we were fully on the new server. When all was done, there were a few glitches that *GoDaddy* and I got fixed. Since then, there have been a few more glitches that were fixable. Even though I did the download and upload of over 3,000 files, I do not intend to go onto our website and make sure everything is there. **PLEASE** ~ I ask that you all help with this part. If you see something not right, let me know immediately and I will work on getting it fixed.
- **Event Flyers and Event Information on the MWR website**
  - **Sanctions Schedule** I do not check the NCCC Competition Database for new Flyers or added Sanctioned Events. Flyers for Sanctioned Events need to be sent to our RCD. Once the RCD approves the flyer, the flyer will be sent to me to post. I only post flyers sent to me by the RCD. If a Revised Flyer is presented, it would be great if the Revised Flyer would state on the flyer what the revision is. I know that I have linked 2 Flyers from the Database because I wanted to test out my process. I do know there is at least 1 Flyer that has been posted on social media but not sent to the RCD and then sent on to me to post.
  - **Social Calendar** Non-Sanctioned Events with a Non-Sanctioned Event Number also need to be sent to the RCD for approval. The RCD will then send them to me to post on the Social Calendar. Governors may continue to send Flyers directly to me for their Club Social events that would be of interest to all of our members. These events are also posted on the Social Calendar.
- **MWR Meeting Information on the MWR website** Under the Meetings tab on the website you can find:
  - The *MWR Administrative Schedule* for the current year.
  - The *MWR Meeting Dates* for 2023 and *NCCC Meeting* (and possible MWR) dates for 2024
  - The agenda for the current *MWR Governors Meeting* (when distributed by the RE)
  - The *Room Assignments* for the current Governors Meeting Weekend. (List is created by NCCC)
  - Forms needed to conduct business.
  - *Hotel Reservations* for the 2023 Governors Meeting Weekends link
  - Meeting Minutes ~ 2009 to the present
    - I have received others from May 15, 1982, to September 14, 2002, that I will hopefully get to posting soon.
    - That still leaves a lot that I do not have. Let me know if you have some others.
- **NCCC Website Reminder** Except for the *NCCC Competition Database*, I do not link to any specific page on the NCCC website. I do check the NCCC site once in a while and if I find anything that would be helpful to our MWR membership, I will make a note in **brown** on our MWR website **Changes** page. Sometimes I download information posted to the NCCC site and then upload it to our server before linking on our website. An example of this is the *Meeting Room Assignments* posted under our Meetings page. Do not rely on me to find NCCC information. If you do find something that I maybe should add to our **Changes** page, please send me an e-mail and I will consider posting the information.

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- 10-year renewal of *GoDaddy* hosting/SSL/Domain name was completed at end of Dec 2022, extending hosting (with auto SSL) through 12/29/2032 and domain (mwregion.com) through 10/3/2032

### **Awards Committee – Diane Wagner**

- Status update – **Diane Wagner** was thanked for the awesome job. We have a nice selection of awards and the budget was kept in line. Diane was able to find good awards for all those eligible and saved the region \$1,000 dollars. We had some discussion about award expectations, particularly for new participants, and the possibility of getting a sponsor for the banquet.

### Unfinished/Old Business

- Regional Party status – **Joan Thomas** – This will be a good event. Nice menu. 82 are registered. Looking for door prizes for the party.
- Other – **All** – none.

## **New Business**

- Brainstorm solutions to costs exceeding revenue in coming years. Currently, we are spending more than taking in as income. We could be <\$3,000.00> for this year. ***Discuss the following suggestions/options with your club membership and bring thoughts, ideas, and suggestions to the May Meeting.***
  - Tighten the belt – but we have done this. The budget was culled, to reduce where we can and to make sure all categories are being watched.
  - Increase revenue – raise event fees but that might decrease participation. Raise dues.
  - Do 50/50 raffles.
  - Head-tax was explained – each club contributes say .50 cents or up to \$1 or \$2 for each participant at each sanctioned event.
  - Increase revenue/cost for assigned events – but less may participate in events.
  - Awards are the largest expenditure – reduce here (cost of items and not going as deep for awards – but we have, and actually saved \$1,000 this year.
  - The NCCC Quarterly meeting expense for Governors is about \$600 and beginning with the new hotel contract in 2025 we will not have the current meeting room(s) available for the region.
    - Should the meeting be virtual and held before the weekend, or virtual and held the Saturday same time.?
  - Question asked – who is responsible for funding region, members, or competitors.
  - Find out what other regions are doing.
    - It was suggested we get a Region Sponsor. Some think Indiana has a sponsor dealership.
    - Florida does the banquet in summer with a dish to pass.
  - Reevaluate the amount of cost the region covers to off-set the cost of the party. And should the region pay for unlimited drinks?
- Other – **All** - none.

Motion to adjourn by **Dale Samuelson**, seconded by **JR Weddington**, and approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM.

*Turn on Cell Phones.*

Respectfully submitted.

**Jeanne Cassel**, MW Region Secretary