



MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

St Louis Missouri – February 24, 2024

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Future Midwest Region Meeting

May 4, 2024
 September 14, 2024
 November 9, 2024
 February 22, 2025 (to be voted on)

Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel
 900 Westport Plaza Dr., Saint Louis, MO
 Phone: 314-878-1500
 Reservations: 888-627-7064
 Reference "National Council of Corvette Clubs"



Governors in attendance were:

Yes (Y)

<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Jon Kurtz
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	Ken Franklin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	John Severs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Ed Cassel
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-077	Glass Favorites Corvettes	Mike Link
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huibretgse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	Gordon Green
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Curt Callies
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-122	River City Corvettes	Roger Ondeck
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Steve Grabenstetter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Dale Samuelson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-246	Badger State Vettes, Ltd	Craig Wiendl
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-351	Windy City Corvette Club	Dave Heinemann Sr
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-522	St. Louis Corvette Club	Larry Walker
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<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-598	Brew City Corvette Club	Tom Muex
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-613	Central Minnesota Corvette Assoc	Lynn Steenblock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-621	Stray Vettes of Illinois	Sandy Arnold
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-999	Members-At-Large - Governor	Sandy Arnold

MWR OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW Regional Executive	Linda Fairlamb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Competition Director	Bill Docherty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Membership Director	Sandy Arnold
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Treasurer	Diane Wagner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Secretary	Jeanne Cassel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Webmaster	Joan Thomas
<input type="checkbox"/>	MWR Facebook Dude	Matt Waters

Guests in Attendance

Tim Wood	Mad City Vettes	R Rasson	Guest of Cross Roads
Chris Reitz	Rt 66 Corvette Club	Joan Heinemann	Windy City
Robyn Wood	Mad City Vettes	Pat Stevens	Sunburst
Lawrence Long	CCOI	Craig Besand	Rt 66
Liz Huskisson	Corvette Cruisers		

Midwest Region Governors Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2004

Please mute all cell phones

Call meeting to order – Linda Fairlamb called the February 24, 2024, MWR Governors meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Approval of the meeting agenda by Joan Thomas seconded by Mike Stevens 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 were asked to indicate next to their name if they plan or don't plan to attend the NCCC meeting. New Governors and proxies were introduced and welcomed. Outgoing Governors were thanked for their service. John Hibbeler was recognized for his 40 years as Governor of Central Illinois Corvette Club.

Linda Fairlamb explained the NCCC Governor Sign-in process for attendance at the NCCC meeting has changed. Governors need to sign in at the afternoon meeting on the sheet passed around at that meeting.

Officer Reports

MWR Secretary – Jeanne Cassel

- Approval of November Midwest Region meeting minutes. Minutes were e-mailed to all Officers and all current, incoming, and outgoing Governors on December 25, 2023. Motion to approve as e-mailed by Dave Heinemann, seconded by Steve Grabenstetter, approved by all.
- MWR officer Election ballots – approval to destroy per Standing Operating Procedures - motion by Dave Heinemann, seconded by Dale Samuelson. All approved.
- Report from Convention Steering Committee meeting – Jeanne Cassel
 - Allen Morris, NCCC Business Manager opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. We had a 2024 Convention update by Jeff Bruggeman and Jim Walton. Convention and event registrations to date were reviewed. A few events have higher than anticipated registrations. The Valve Cover track has been delivered. People are assigned to event chairs. Tom Reitz will be chairing Concours. Contracts are being finalized. Holiday Inn is full, there are still some rooms at La Quinta. Does not appear we will need Comfort Inn. This year's tires door prizes will consist of **50% off Coupons on a Set of Tires**. Four coupons will be given out to conventioners.
- 2025 Convention – Joan Thomas and Tim Wood gave a well-received presentation. Dale Samuelson is doing site inspections for NCCC RMD, and they are looking at Road America for high speed and low speed, and Rock Falls Raceway for Drags. The convention will be at the Kalahari, and the \$156.03 room rate includes tax, and the parking and resort fee are waived for us, plus conventioners will receive free entry into the two water parks. Joan and Tim will give more information later in this meeting.

MWR Treasurer –Diane Wagner (2023 and 2024 Financials are attached) (contact your Governor)

- Annual Financial Audit status – **Chris Reitz**. *The 2023 Financial Report follows.*

○ Dear MWR Officers & Governors:

I have completed a thorough audit of the financial bookkeeping and reporting of the Midwest Region financial record keeping for the period covering January 1 through December 31, 2023. To complete this audit, I reviewed bank statements for all months, electronic copies of all deposit and expenses, the Excel spreadsheet of the checkbook register and the 2023 Budget vs Actual report.

I found that all MWR finances have been accurately accounted for and represented to the MWR Governors and Membership in the 2023 Budget vs. Actual report and that those numbers balance with the Bank Statements. I have provided a copy of this letter and my Excel Audit Worksheet to the Midwest Region Executive.

I commend Russ and Linda for keeping records that made the audit straight forward and relatively easy to complete and all the Regional Officers for being good stewards of the region funds.

Respectfully submitted.

Chris Reitz
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- Report on regional finances – income & expenses since last report & comparison to budget.

- 2023 Final Results: Between the November meeting and end of the year, we received income from sale of patches, and had expense from ordering new checks, and a minor check processing change resulting in a total expense of \$36.63. The full summary is shown on the attached Income & Expense page. The 2023 Annual Financial Plan shows that the well-attended fundraisers and the 50/50 kept 2023 positive for us.
- Jan 1st-Feb24th 2024 results: The 2024 Income & Expense report shows the current year's status. These results were reviewed as was the 2024 Budget to Actual reports. The Budget to Actual shows anticipated changes based on updated information as well as the 2024 IRS Travel Rate Allowance's change. The Budget is conservative and shows negative on paper because future anticipated income to off-set future anticipated expenses has yet to be concluded.
- 2024 – Annual Financial Income and Expense Plan final review and approval. Changes to the Budget since the one presented at the November meeting were to remove the Webmaster travel in 2024 as Joan will be reimbursed by NCCC as the 2025 Convention Director, and to adjust the travel expense based on the final IRS 2024 rate. Motion to approve the budget as presented by Tom Reitz, seconded by Sandy Arnold, and approved by all.

MWR RMD – Sandy Arnold MWR Regional Membership Director Report - FEBRUARY 23-24, 2024

- MWR Membership and renewal report, Report from RMD meeting, and Report of 2024 Governor and club changes -

The West Coast Region is now the largest region with 31 clubs, and 2,115 members. There are several new clubs in the West Region signing up with the NCCC due to insurance issues.

The Midwest Region is no longer the largest region in the NCCC but continues to have the most members.

The Midwest Region has 26 clubs and 2,347 members. We've lost roughly 60 members since renewals. Route 66 Corvette Club is the largest club in the Midwest Region with 184 members. Tom Reitz is their Governor. The club meets in St. Peter's, MO.

The National Council of Corvette Clubs has 17,214 members and 234 clubs. NCM deliveries have added 117 new MAL members, both primary and spouse members.

I'm working with Walt Jenkins trying to incorporate the NCCC Information Page with the "UPDATE CLUB INFORMATION" in your database. It would be the Governor's responsibility to update it, as needed. Once we've made the changes, I will email you to update your Information Page.

Current clubs' difficulties with processing

- Member Look-Up needs to be used before EVERY entry.
- Make sure you are using the most current NCCC Membership application, printed legibly, and signed.
- When a member passes, update their Information Page, in place of Primary/Spouse to read "deceased".
- When adding information, complete address, city, zip, etc.
- Spouse's info not linked to primary member.
- DUPLICATE ENTRIES for late renewals/new members.

Before you add a member, please, always "SEARCH FOR MEMBER". When you find a member with a club number, do not give them a New Member Number! If they have a number from another club they will TRANSFER to your club, and if they are past members of your club, they will use their ORIGINAL NUMBER and be reactivated from your inactive list. If you have questions, call, or email me. I've updated the Governor's Database guide, if you want a copy, please email me.

Scholarship applications for 2024 are posted on the NCCC website on November 1, 2023, and must be completed and returned by April 10, 2024. The date change is due to the convention being held in May 2024.

It was discussed that the NCCC could be raising dues by possibly \$5-10 per person. It's been twenty plus years since membership dues have increased. We are reviewing alternative options, fewer meetings, fewer Blue Bars magazines and realigning regions. Anyone with ideas, please let us know.

Membership cards were mailed out February 12, 2024. I have yet to receive my card.

Remember that only NCCC members are covered by NCCC insurance.

Sandy Arnold, MWR-RMD

MWR RCD Report – Bill Docherty (See 2024 Long & Short Schedules at [mwregion.com/Sanctions Schedule](http://mwregion.com/SanctionsSchedule).)

- Report from RCD meeting – Welcome back.
 - Walt updated the server. See Competition page for the NEW Competition Summary Form. There is a new Summary Form. Update, DO NOT UPLOAD Excel. Results summary forms must be converted to .csv format before uploading to the database. Get rid of old Summary forms. Walt has added a 'sort to file'. Rally sorts high to low; Speed events low to high.
 - Governors and Chairpersons cannot have the same password.
 - Rumor discussed at meeting – discontinuation of patches. While a new person might like them, and they are a nice national recognition. While not a major expense, the patches are an expense. Some Governors did indicate that it is nice to give out the patches at club meetings. It is a visual and permanent affirmation that members get something for their membership. However, chasing after or mailing patches is inconvenient.
 - Melissa Felts from Capital City Corvette Club has been appointed the new National Director of FCOA.
 - Rule Book Changes – Rule change clarification on the web site. Summary of rule change proposals follows:
 - Auxiliary Youth Competition Program ideas:
 - FCOA Awards Program. Bring in FCOA members and offer a separate competition points system for FCOA and Youths.
 - Implement a Youth Program. Currently out of FCOA we gain some members. We could set up a separate classification and let them drive and accumulate points. Awards could be tires or some other award. The question is – what our MW Region's opinion.
 - Award overall FTD's.
 - Consider a Youth classification for conventions.
 - Discussion on the above was tabled for input. Please e-mail questions and or suggestions to Bill Docherty and/or Melessa Felts.
 - Read/review the handbook on these topics under discussion.
 - Drag Races: 3.11. Scoring and 3.11.1 Elimination by Class. How results sheets are annotated. Using ladders is the best way to show or score the timesheets sheets.
 - Championship Points: 8.1.3: Group FTD for all C-8s. Recommendation is to include the Z06 with all C-8s.
 - Speed Events – Entrants 2.2.3, proposed change to allow 4-drivers per car per class (remove the "male" and "female" restriction verbiage).
 - Sanctioning of Events 1.4
 - 1.4.5 and 1.4.4: Bill Docherty suggests allowing 7 events per day at one site and removing the maximums listed in 1.4.4.
 - 1.4.3 Request to reduce the 150-mile cannibalization protection limit between same events on same day in the same region to 100 miles.
 - 2024-R8 pertains to the separation of speed and non-speed events.
 - 2024-R9 is a clarification of the Z06's closed roofs. Request is for extra classes for closed top versus open top in Funkhanas.
 - 2024-2 Funkhana Entrants (2.2.8) Allow Funkhana navigator to be 9 years old (match rally).
- MWR Competition topics:
 - Assigned Numbers status: There were 71 renewed and 7 new assigned numbers renewed Jan 1-31.
 - 200+ Points Regional Champion Patch (every member in the #1 club in the national and #1 club in the Region receives a patch). There is expense with the patches. Joan Thomas suggested a 300 points patch. Dave Heinemann mentioned that in 1990 Windy City was the #1 club for 30 about years. To offset costs:
 - The clubs/region could increase the fee for not pre-registering – however sometimes there are extenuating reasons why participants hold off preregistering and that would just penalize/irritate.

- Joan Thomas gets all flyer information from Bill Docherty; she does not pull it off the database.
- 2024 Competition Event status
 - The number of events and event weekends will be available with the completion of the schedule.
 - Memorial weekend Region Fundraiser status in Rantoul, IL: Planning is on track.
 - August 3rd-4th Region Fundraiser status for Madison, WI. All is in process. Day of registration fee was \$75/day/\$150/weekend. Venue costs have increased. A suggestion is to use \$80/day/\$160/weekend to bring in a small amount of extra income (leave pre-registration cost the same at \$70/day/\$140 weekend). We hope to draw West Region, as this event is opposite an Indiana event. Joan Thomas to evaluate the fee as she does the flyer. Further updates at the next meeting.
 - Once all event info is finalized, the flyers need to go to Bill Docherty for posting to give people time to schedule the date and motel reservations.
- Helmet sticker status – Mike Stevens handed them out to the Governors.

MWR RE Report – Linda Fairlamb

- Quick Housekeeping Points for new governors. We need to know who will attend the National meeting this afternoon so we can manage the proxies for clubs that will not have a Governor or Appointed Proxy Governor present at the meeting. We will break in time for the meeting. There be time for lunch. At the national meeting the MWR have saved seats so there will be seats for you up front. Look for the MWR table tent. Only the Governor or Appointed Proxy Governor is to sign the Governors Sign-In form at the National meeting. Also, New Governors and any Governors with any address, etc., or change of club officers, please send the information to Joan Thomas/Webmaster, and check to make your information listed is correct.
- Report from RE meeting. Discussions included a proposal that sponsorship dollars go to NCCC to defray costs, also that the Charity Director work with sponsorship on where to apply sponsorship dollars. The proposal was voted on and rejected.
- Report from the RE Finance meeting:
The dues proposal increase was discussed. The E-Board would like to know how we, as the Governors, and as a group, and how our club members will think about an increase in NCCC dues. Linda explained that she really hasn't looked over all NCCC finances, and they don't distribute all the details. The Governors are being asked to look at why the increase is proposed. Linda shared how the cost or items the clubs and members use, such as insurance, cost of membership cards, the printed Blue Bars, the cost of paper and printing, and travel for meetings has increased. Increased membership is also needed to offset these costs. Suggestions find areas to cut costs. Discussion was tabled while more work was done. The last dues increase was in 2004. Since then, the elimination of the patches was discussed, along with eliminating the membership cards, but issues arose, and many liked the patches and cards, especially for new members. Due to lack of size, Carolina, West Ohio, NW, and the NE Region don't qualify for any travel reimbursement and consideration and discussion to realign them is underway. Also reducing national meetings to three as well as considering having virtual meetings, and reducing the number of Blue Bars issues, or the number of pages, and moving all online has been considered. NCCC has consistently taken purchases out to bid.
- Status of the MW Region Proxy forms – all done.
- 2024 Appointed Officer Selection and approval – Joan Thomas applied for the Webmaster position. Dave Heinemann moved that her appointment be approved, seconded by Craig Wiendl and approved by all.
- Review the Region Admin Schedule –
- Remember to send Linda Fairlamb stories for publication in **Blue Bars**.

Appointed Officer and Committee Reports

MWR Webmaster report – Joan Thomas – [See attached](#) Full Webmaster Report for February 2024 with examples.

Highlights are below.

- **MWR Communications System (MWR-CS)**
 - Database. It is not programmed to show if something has changed,
 - Email links to the Officers and Governors will continue on the website in the same manner as 2023 with messages being sent to the central e-mail address of MWRegion1972@gmail.com. I monitor that mailbox and I forward the received messages to the appropriate Officer or Governor.
- **Sanctioned Event Flyers and Event Information on the MWR website**

- All Flyers need to be sent to Bill Docherty, our RCD. Once he approves the flyer, he will send it to me to post.
I do not regularly check the NCCC Competition Database for flyers, additions, deletions, changes, or anything.
- All information regarding Sanctioned Events must come to me via the RCD.
- As another note... we are not the only Region that does not give a hint on the Competition Database where events will take place. We may be one of the few Regions that have a Sanctioned Events Schedule on their website showing all the information including the venue.
- I will continue to post a **Sanctioned Events Schedule** with all the info as well as a **Short PDF Version** of the schedule on our website. Their most up to date version will be posted after the Sanctioned Event Schedule is approval today. The **Short PDF Version** is a very nice compact version to have handy.

- **Social Calendar** - Governors may continue to send Flyers directly to me for their Non-Sanctioned Events

Awards Committee – Diane Wagner- All complete. Thank you from all to Diane Wagner for a job well done.

2025 NCCC Convention (Wisconsin Dells) MW Region Report – Joan Thomas/Tim Wood.

- A packet of preliminary information was provided to the NCCC Standing Convention Committee. The resort fees are \$156.03 – and it is the full room price. Many of the Kalahari Resort amenities were shared – such as the full in and outdoor water parks. There will not be a need for an overflow hotel. Road America has signed the contract, same with Rock Falls. They are asking clubs to step up and help with events, or as Tour Chaperones, Greeters, Tech, Registration, etc., and to donate door prizes. The Sponsor form should be used as it indicates who gave or donated for those who do or plan for items under \$499. Other sponsors we are to connect with Michele Cantelmo who can help the sponsors get the best marketing for their organization.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Regional Party status – **Joan Thomas** – Promote with your clubs. The venue is great, and there will be door prizes.
- MWR 2024 Sanctioning Meeting (continued for 14 sanctions) – Bill Docherty to send out a form for clubs to use to donate their Sanctions. Review the website for updates.
- Other – **All None**

New Business –

- Discuss proposed Standing Rule changes. Tabled for lack of time. Motion by Dale Samuelson, seconded by Steve Grabenstetter, all approved.
- Other – **All** - New Governors see Secretary Jeanne Cassel with e-mail addresses for minutes.

Motion to adjourn by John Hibbler, 2nd by Ed Cassel, and approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted.
Jeanne Cassel MW Region Secretary

Turn on Cell Phones.