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MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

St. Louis, MO

Midwest Region minutes of Apr 30, 2011 meeting in St. Louis, MO.

Those in attendance were:

Yes (Y)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Don Schmitt
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	Wally Grivna
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	Ron Myers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Sue Puksich
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-077	Glass Favorites	Gary Nesbitt
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huibretgse
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	George Dick
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Larry Zmuda
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-122	River City Corvettes	Charles Britten
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-135	Northern Rays Ltd.	Pat Lapardo (Proxy)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Brian Kleemeyer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Arnie Bailey
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-195	Land of Lincoln Corvette Club	Sue Bohne
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-205	Crossed Flags Corvette Club	Larry Hickman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-246	Badger State Vettes, Ltd	Tony Cizel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-277	Sunburst Corvette Club	Matt Waters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-278	Central Illinois Corvette Club	John Hibbeler
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-315	Corvettes of Minnesota	Don Gettinger
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-333	Lakeside Corvette Club	Ray Clark
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-351	Windy City Corvettes	Dave Heinemann
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-359	Chippewa Valley Corvettes	Peter Klug
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-378	Corvette Cruisers of Illinois	Donald Huskisson
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<input type="checkbox"/> MW-391	Mid Illinois Corvette Club	Jim Butler
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-464	Rolling Prairie Corvettes	Cynthia Finke
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-465	Mad City Vettes	Todd Mcilwee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-489	Minnesota Renegades	Jan Hanna
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-522	St. Louis Corvette Club	Richard Luebcke
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-538	FASS Glass	Randall Clark
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-565	Crow River Corvette Club	Tim Monahan
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-575	Chicago Cross-Roads CC	JW Weddington
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-RE		Gary Kelly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-RCD		Paul Haack
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-RMD		Sue Puksich
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-Secretary		Christine Reitz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-Treasurer		Nancy Bailey
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-Webmaster		Joan Thomas

Schedule for future Midwest Region Governor's Meetings:

September 10, 2011 - Sheraton-Westport Plaza St. Louis MO
 November 12, 2011 - Sheraton-Westport Plaza St. Louis MO

Guests in Attendance:

Dale Samuelson
Carolyn Samuelson
Janet Wilson

Rose Schmitt
Don Schmitt
Liz Huskisson

Joan Heinemann
Bill Docherty
Donn Malwick

Gary Kelly, RE called the meeting to order at 8:01AM. All attendees were reminded to sign in on the Attendance Sheet. The Administrative Schedule and Meeting Agendas were passed around. We then proceeded with an introduction of all attendees.

Motion made by Larry Hickman, seconded by Sue Puksich and approved by all to approve today's meeting agenda.

NCCC 2011 Convention Status:

Larry Pagliario informed governors that invitations have been sent out via email to select leads for convention dress rehearsal on May 7, 2011. Plans are proceeding as scheduled. Do any leaders have questions or items we need to address?

Donn Malwick has a matrix and is currently 21 shifts short for volunteers to help with tech inspection. If any governors have members who will be attending that are willing to volunteer please send that information via email to Donn. Donn is trying to plan three hour shifts. Larry recommended Donn sending an email request to Jack Wilson to distribute to all RCD's that may result in volunteers from out of the region.

There was a discussion on low-speed event between Paul Haack and Dave Heinemann. Paul asked if any more time will be available at the Autobahn to tweak the track to keep it within NCCC low-speed guidelines. Dave Heinemann said he did not anticipate having any more track time. Therefore, the track layout will need to be on the conservative side with more discussion at the dress rehearsal.

Start time of low-speed has been pushed back ½ hour to accommodate driver's meetings.

Sue Puksich had a question about the start and finish time for the funkahna. The times were originally planned for 2PM to 6PM Tuesday and Wednesday. The hints page has 1PM to 5PM. The booklet has 2PM to 6PM. Sue recommends 1PM to 6PM on Tuesday and Wednesday. A signup board will be at registration. Dave asked if time was calculated to ensure that the time allotted was adequate to allow all registered entrants to participate. Only one attempt through will be permitted per entrant.

Tom Reitz to send print material in electronic format to Joan Heinemann for the EC/PC car shows.

Betty Parks needs your list of worker's by June 1st to get worker passes made up. Workers will locate Betty Parks on the day they arrive to obtain the passes and sign the waiver.

Dave is sending around preliminary copies of the convention booklet. Everything is falling into place. Sunday will be a very condensed and busy. All on-site meetings have gone very well. Registration has fallen off by about 20 people. Hotel rooms have not been assigned because the hotel is not working with us. Debbie Lindsey has exceeded donations from sponsors.

NCCC 2011 Convention Status (continued):

Michelin wants everyone signed up online for their Drive-to-Win program at convention. Apple Chevrolet offered shirts for the Concours. There was an issue that there is a corporate sponsor for that event so that t-shirts from another sponsor should not be passed out until the Concours is over.

Arnie Bailey asked about how awards are coming. Dave said he will have a sample next week for the top three places. Awards planned are 3-dimensional. Awards came in under budget. Event leads will need to be at the Friday morning breakfast to hand out awards.

A route to Tinley Park on Sunday has been worked out so that we do not have to enter through the main streets that will be blocked off.

Driver's meetings will be Sunday evening except for the Concours and EC/PC car shows. Governors meeting will be at 11:30 AM lunch will be served at 11:00. Hope to complete the governors meeting by 12:30 to start the caravan to Tinley Park by 1:00PM. A Generals book will be given to each registrant that should help to alleviate some questions. Gary Kelly sent an email to request a backup plan for caravan for concours entrants. Dave did not anticipate a problem with that since it will likely take an hour or so to get all the caravan downtown.

Donn Malwick asked if tech was running during the governor's meeting and the answer was yes. John Baldo has supplied two lifts. There were concerns about lowered cars being able to get onto the lift. John Baldo indicates that this will not be a problem. Jacks have been purchased as a backup plan. Drivers will be responsible for driving the cars onto the lift or jacking their cars.

Nancy Bailey – Convention Merchandise: Orders are picking up to about 1 order per day. Cut off for orders will be the first Monday in June (6/6/11). New items are on the website that can be ordered **online only**. No inventory for these items will be carried. New ladies tanks are now available. Gary Kelly was looking for an overall numbers for merchandise including 2010 and 2011 Rough numbers are as follow: Expense - \$15,500.00
Income - \$ 9,200.00

Nancy is computing inventory balance to determine exact financial status of merchandise. \$6462.00 cost in inventory – gross income to be \$8549.00. Nancy would like to do an email blast to registrants.

Distribution of 2011 Convention Proceeds.

Gary Kelly emailed this list out and a copy of the list is attached to these minutes after being revised for the motion below.

Larry Hickman asked Nancy Bailey what the typical funds required to operate the region. Nancy estimated about \$10K per year.

Motion made by Tom Reitz, seconded by Larry Hickman and approved by all that the MWR accept the "Potential Recipients of Convention Profits" with the revision of "Add to Midwest Region Reserve" to each dollar range listed (i.e., <500, \$500 to \$1000, et. al.)

Chris Reitz, MWR Secretary:

Chris reported that the MWR minutes for the February 26, 2011 Governor's Meeting were emailed to the region officers on 3/10/11 and to the governors on 3/31/11

Motion was made by Arnie Bailey, seconded by Don Schmitt and approved by all to approve the 2/26/11 meeting minutes.

Chris reported that the MWR minutes for the March 12, 2011 Governor's Meeting were emailed to the region officers on 4/6/11 and to the governors on 4/21/11.

Motion made by Arnie Bailey, seconded by Sue Puksich and approved by all to approve the 3/12/11 meeting minutes.

Nancy Bailey, MWR Treasurer:

Nancy passed around copies of the MWR Year-to-Date Summary Report and MWR Party Expense Report (copies attached). The summary report includes final numbers for the MWR awards.

2010 Audit – Nancy will contact Tom Kasten when books for 2010 are ready for audit.

Nancy anticipates financial outlook for Region to be stable.

Motion by Dave Heinemann, seconded by Don Schmitt and approved by all for the Midwest Region to pay Windy City Corvette Club for the \$120.00 dinners for the Tinley Park Mayor and guests and \$20 for 1 convention shirt, and \$10.00 to hang banners at the awards banquet.

Motion by Larry Hickman, seconded by Don Schmitt and approved by all to approve the Treasurer's Report dated 1/1/11 through 4/29/11.

Sue Puksich, MWR Membership Director (RMD):

The MWR currently has 2115 members. FCOA currently has 547 members. Please remind sponsors of FCOA members turning 16 that they can now become youth members.

Deadline for next Blue Bars is 7/15/11.

Please throw away all NCCC Membership forms prior to 2010 version. White copies must be sent to RMD with payment.

The membership database is still being tweaked on and it is getting better. Please use the lookup before entering new members.

Discussion ensued regarding realignment of regions. Request for written responses from various committees regarding cost saving measures. The majority of RMD's voted no to region alignment. There are regions that don't have enough members to support sending officers to the national

Sue Puksich, MWR Membership Director (RMD) continued:

meeting and are therefore costing NCCC monies. Arnie Bailey asked if we could be sub-divided into districts. NCCC is in a downward spiral financially and ideas to be more cost effective must be addressed. Sue did some calculations regarding income vs. expenses on regional expenses. Gary recommended that someone needs to write this up as a proposal instead of just discussing. Discussion regarding elected officers vs. appointed officers and combining positions to be more cost effective. Nothing on realignment will ever be accomplished until two governors make a proposal to make a by-law change to be submitted by February 2012.

Paul Haack, MWR Competition Director (RCD):

Paul gave a reminder about the MWR fundraiser events in Mattoon, IL on May 21st and 22nd, 2011. The flyer is out and pre-registration is available at small discount. Since it is a MWR event, we will need workers to help support this event. A sign up sheet for workers was passed around the meeting.

MWRCS Sunburst CC proposal was approved by the MWR governors unanimously.

Paul got 2010 points patches and will sort through and distribute to governors at the next meeting. With such a huge MWR contingent competing in 2010, Paul had a LOT of sorting to do.

RCD Meeting – most discussion was about the rule changes.

Paul got input from many governors this year and the only item that differed from his summary was the 200 point threshold.

Paul discussed results of rule book changes and will add decisions to his table and email results to all governors.

A couple of the highlights were:

Clubs will now be given ten sanctions per year (currently 7) with a limit of hosting 7 events per day. Regions having sanctions was voted down due to the additional sanctions being given to the club.

200 Point minimum will remain.

Rules Clarification – Concours cars must be owned by entrant.

Joan Thomas, MWR Webmaster:

Joan Thomas is at a charitable event with family this weekend and not able to attend.

Gary Kelly, MWR Executive (RE):

Gary reminded governors to report club member deaths to Sue Puksich, RMD, via email. Reported at this meeting was the loss of Dick Smika of Rolling Prairie Corvette Club.

Gary gave the following news from the Friday Regional Executive Meeting. The elected chairperson for the RE Committee is Kevin Milton.

Blue Bars is requesting articles from clubs as they are running out of articles. Articles should be submitted by 7/15. Spring issue mailed this week so you should see in your mailbox soon. If any amateur photographers are going to convention, Blue Bars could use some help with convention photography.

Convention anticipates making a profit. Dave got a grant from the Southland Convention Center for \$12K, which ended up being \$7500.00 after expenses.

All appointed officers will be sitting at the head table with elected officers at national meeting today. RE's were asked to think about possible combination of offices.

Newsletter contest has 3 judges and 13 entrants.

The following Standing Rule changes will be coming on floor at the national meeting.

1. Governor's Meetings Item 7 – NCCC pays for beer and soda at Saturday night party. Change to NCCC will provide hospitality room for Governors and guests on Friday night, with beverages.
2. Governor's Meetings Item 4 - Change to NCCC will purchase a recorder with sufficient capacity to record all scheduled meetings.
3. Miscellaneous Item 1 – Change to NCCC will purchase name tags for all National Elected and Appointed Officers.

Submitted by-law changes

1. Article 11 – Committees: Change to re-insert "without prejudice". Change will come on the floor at national meeting in September. This in essence takes away the right of the RE to report or give an opinion on the change.
2. Article 6 Dues & Finance Section 4C – Currently lists eight items listing how national officers get reimbursed. A couple of appointed offices were not on the list. Change to appointed officers will receive mileage reimbursement and out of pocket expenses as do elected officers. Also goes on to list where the out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed from.

Arnie Bailey voiced his concern about the Convention Steering Director not having a limit on expenses for site visits. Larry Hickman explained that there is a checklist that the steering committee goes through to verify. Gary Kelly explained that there are no guidelines or limits for any officers. Arnie explains that he feels the finance committee should address creating guidelines and controls for all officers. Gary will take these concerns back to the RE meeting.

MWR proxies – some rumbles are being made about no representation from clubs at national meeting. The current requirement is that clubs should be represented at a minimum of three meetings. This is not possible without proxies being submitted to RE. Proxies are missing from one club.

MWR Facebook Page – Matt Waters

Send pictures to Matt Waters if you want them added to the facebook page.

Old Business:

MWR Awards banquet, hosted by Windy City Corvette Club had 95 attendees. The food was better this year.

New Business:

2011 Officer Nominating Committee needs to be appointed. Last year's committee was Diana Haack, Tom Reitz and Sue Puksich. We need volunteers for a nominating committee. No volunteers mean appointments. Matt Waters, Tom Reitz and Sue Puksich were asked and agreed to volunteer. Gary Kelly and Paul Haack will not be running for re-election next year. Therefore, the committee will be seeking volunteers these two positions. Please contact any of the committee members if you would like to volunteer for the Regional Executive or Regional Competition Director or any other regional position.

Do we want to have additional banners made for convention? Dave Heinemann suggested a generic banner that can be used at convention as well as other places.

Motion made by Arnie Bailey, seconded by Matt Waters and approved by all to allow \$250.00 to be used towards purchase of MWR banners as needed for 2011 Convention.

Paul and Gary were contacted by an individual regarding only having company email. Discussion ensued that those individuals would need to make arrangements to receive regional material. It was discussed that it is very simple to setup a free email account that you can access at the local library. If that is not an option, the individual could provide a SASE to be sent the information via US Mail.

Arnie Bailey asked about hanging club banners for parties. Put your requirements on the convention plan. The hotel has to hang the banners.

Door prizes are needed from clubs for convention. They are receiving some gift baskets, but still need many more prizes.

Meeting time for September meeting will be addressed on the agenda.

Miscellaneous Items:

Dinner plans. Union Station at Landry's Seafood. Meet in lobby ½ hour after completion of national meeting.

Do we want to give away door prizes at the national meeting? Yes.

Miscellaneous Items (continued):

Dave Heinemann passed around a fundraising flyer for The Center and Children's Farm in Palos Park, Illinois.

If you see Hal Tumbleson at the national meeting, please thank him for our meeting room today.

Motion made by Larry Hickman, seconded by Matt Waters and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 11:26AM.