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Future Midwest Region Meeting

September 10, 2022
November 12, 2022
February 25, 2023 (to be voted on)
May 6, 2023

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Group-“National Council of Corvette Clubs”



MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

St Louis Missouri – May 7, 2022

Governors in attendance were:

Yes (Y)

<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Jon Kurtz
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	James Bodin
<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
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<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	Tom McKinley
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Curt Callies
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-122	River City Corvettes	Tom Stibbe
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-135	Northern Rays Ltd.	Dan Wagner
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Carolyn Samuelson P
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<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-378	Corvette Cruisers of Ill	Donald Huskisson
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-522	St. Louis Corvette Club	Larry Walker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-575	Chicago Cross Roads Corvette Club	Chester Elion P
<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-999	Members-At-Large - Governor	Sandy Arnold

MWR OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW Regional Executive	Linda Fairlamb
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Membership Director	Sandy Arnold
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Treasurer	Russ Tharp
<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

Joan Heinemann – Windy City	
Shannon Davis- Route 66 and Director FCOA	

Midwest Region Governors Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2022

Call meeting to order – Linda Fairlamb called the May 7, 2022, MWR Governors meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

- Approval of the meeting agenda, with the change to add discussion of awards. Mike Stevens' motion for approval was seconded by Ed Cassel 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. Governors, also please indicate next to your name 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.
- All were asked to mute their phones and speakers.

Officer Reports

MWR Secretary – Jeanne Cassel

- Approval of February 26, 2022, Region meeting minutes - These minutes and attachments were e-mailed to all officers and governors on March 2022. The Motion was made by Dave Heinemann, was seconded by Tom Reitz to approve these minutes as sent was approved by all.
- Report from Convention Steering Committee meeting – **Jeanne Cassel** –
 - Last night's meeting was the final meeting for the 2022 Convention. 325 are attending.
 - When you arrive on at the hotel, look for the "NCCC →" signs.
 - The hotel has union bellhops. Attendees can drive to front door and unload. Bellhop will remove luggage from vehicle, but attendee must wait in room delivery & TIP. For departure, go to Bellhop area and request a cart, return to room, cart will be delivered.
 - Parking stickers – one for each vehicle is available, Vette/car, tow vehicle and trailer. Follow sticker placement directions.
 - A "Posting/Notice Board is planned for entry/reception area.
 - Parties and bus trips start on time.
 - After food is served to those attending the dinners/meals, the doors will be opened for all other convention attendees.
 - Door Prizes are called/awarded after 8PM ET.
 - Costumes are not required for the pajama or Hawaiian parties. For the awards banquet casual dress is recommended – no t-shirts, more polo shirts and dress pants or clean jeans.
 - Drag racing events have been cancelled due to low participation and cost.
 - 2023 Bowling Green & Betty Parks – Event outline and initial plans look great.
 - 2024 Initial proposal was brought to the group. More will be presented at the National Meeting.

MWR Treasurer – Russ Tharp (Contact your Governor for the two finance pages)

- Report on region finances – income and expenses since last report and comparison to budget
Regional Party final report were reviewed and discussed. Topics included the Assigned Numbers Renewals and the Trophy Rebate. Attention and discussion was given to Awards, which was discussed in later under Unfinished business, the Awards Banquet and Travel. The May and July Fundraisers finances were discussed with concern about the low anticipated attendance. Discussion and reevaluation of some items resulted in some cost savings. The invoice for the awards programs is pending and, to facilitate the process, Sandy Arnold moved to pre-approve the payment of that bill, Seconded by Tom Reitz and all approved.
- Awards Committee final report – **Linda Fairlamb**
 - With 64 attending the event the minimum of 45 attendees needed was well met. Appreciation for the great event was given by all. A diligent effort enabled us to bring the awards cost in under budget. Additional discussion time will be available later on when motions are presented.
 - The optional \$30 gift certificate 'award' for the Fundraiser is an awards cost – not charge against the event.

MWR RMD – Sandy Arnold

- Report from RMD meeting – Report is given at the National Meeting.
- MWR membership and renewal report - The MWR Region continues to be the largest region in the NCCC with 27 clubs, 2,406 members, including MAL's and Lifetime members. Corvette Club of Illinois is the Midwest Regions largest club with 174 members. Tom McKinley is their club governor. The club is located in Champaign, IL.

There are 16 regions, 264 clubs, with 17,789 members in the NCCC.

From January to today the MWR has added 70 new/renewed members. Six of those are NCM deliveries, four of which have already transferred to clubs!

We are trying to reactivate a club to the region and NCCC. Muskego Corvette Club became inactive in 2013. They have shown interest in returning. Jeanne and Ed Cassel will be attending the club's next meeting. Thank you, Jeanne and Ed, for following up with them!

2022 New Membership and Late Renewal Cards and mailers are being sent out as they come in. New cards with misspellings, incorrect addresses have been CORRECTED and mailed. If you have members that haven't received their cards, please let me know.

Current clubs' difficulties with processing:

- spouse info entered incorrectly or not "married"
- complete street and town addresses often incomplete
- model type and year of Corvette missing; additional Corvettes
- When sending new/late renewal please send a control sheet
- Add club number to your check

St. Jude Corvette Drive will take place May 12-13, 2022.

MWR RCD Report – Jeff Craig

- Report from RCD meeting – unable to attend RCD meeting, Larry Walker proxied.
 - So far this year there will be only one sanctioned drag event and it is to be at a 1/8th mile track in Texas.
 - The VP of Competition will commence deleting events on the data base that do not have dates.
 - Discussions are on-going with the insurance. Safety efforts have to be redoubled. "Hold Start" for down pylons etc. Pre-event corner worker meetings considered and implemented implemented.
 - Ohio Region would like the Peoples Choicer name for Concours changed to People's Choice 'event'. Ed Cassel mentioned the change cannot be done till next rule book. Dave Heinemann said their 3-Concours Dealer Choice" events follow the rule book.
 - Some clubs need to change event dates. Discussed to allow the RCD to approve/allow changes when needed if others MWR clubs not negatively impacted. Sandy Arnold mentioned date change needed because their date/area is impacted with area crop dusting. Jeff said to e-mail him and he will contact governors for approval to change to new dates.
- MWR Competition topics
 - Helmet sticker status-**Mike Stevens** – Has the stickers and they were distributed to Governor's present who need them. Give extras to Jeff Craig. Mike will mail stickers to governors as needed.
 - Assigned Numbers status – all completed.
 - a. Any out of region assigned numbers? One assigned to West Region members (15 & 151). This process is all word-of-mouth communication – it is not promoted.
 - 2022 Competition Event status
 - a. Number of weekends and events – MWR has 17 scheduled events so far, but a few are up in the air. Craig Wiendl said Wilmot is unavailable for Badger State Vettes events. Mike Stevens discussed Crystal Lakes as an option. John Severs said this will be the last National Guard Location event for Midwest Corvettes.
 - b. Memorial weekend Region Fundraiser status in Rantoul, IL. Consideration was given to cancelling the event based on low attendance. Break-even is 21 people, currently 16 are registered. A number of those present indicated they will be attending. Options discussed included how to encourage attendance and pre-registration and the concept that lower turnouts is the way of the future. This is our fund raiser, and we need people. With the addition of those indicating they will be attending and with the savings found in the finance the event will proceed. Dale Samuelson stopped in to let the Region that the cost charged by the Northern Illinois Corvette Club for the Event Timing service may be modified to ensure events can run. However, if the event is a windfall, they will, of course, rescind the modification. Dale was thanked for this help.
 - c. 4th of July weekend Region Fundraiser status in Madison, WI – all is on track.

MWR RE Report – Linda Fairlamb

- Report from RE meeting
 - At the national meeting there is generally a table with flyers and new issues of Blue Bars – so check the table.
 - Place holders for MWR are on the tables. Note the different chair set up for today. Check the left side.

- The NCCC Secretary asks that governors use a new sign-off sheet. At the next meeting a sheet will be distributed to governors and approved proxies. The proxy eligibility was explained to those present.
 - By-Laws Article VIII, Section 5. B. Proxy Governor. A Governor may authorize another NCCC member of his/her club to act for him/her during a Governors' weekend. The Proxy Governor must be a member of the Corporation through the club he/she is representing. Attendance will be recorded based on the completion of the sign-in form.
- Sponsorship & Charities: The committee will award 9 Scholarship awards at \$1,500. NCCC also has a \$1,000 hardship request. Information is on the NCCC website.
- Insurance coverage is an ongoing large expense. Claims drive insurance premium expense, and spectators are an insurance risk.
- New Social Media Director will be Rita Robison.
- Rule Book changes – Voting options to be presented/read by the VP of Competition this afternoon for consideration and vote are line item or major group segmentation. This motion will be tabled for vote in the November meeting. Communications and all voting will be electronic.
- Denny Luther-Parliamentarian explained that a proposed by-law is presented first as the Rule Book is vague on process. Dave Heinemann explained that most proposed changes to the Bylaws and Rule Book are to align them with current practices and each other.
- Establish the 2022 Officer Nominating Committee – Tom Reitz graciously volunteered to head the Nominating Committee for the Midwest Region. Jeff Craig said the RCD position is/will be open.

Appointed Officer and Committee Reports

MWR Webmaster report – Joan Thomas

- MWR Communications System (MWR-CS)

The new MWR-CS seems to be working quite well. Links to the Officers on the website that send messages sent to the central e-mail address of MWRRegion1972@gmail.com has been utilized by MWR Members and Non-Members. Messages have been received and forwarded to the RE, RCD, Secretary and Webmaster. The mailbox is being checked twice daily. There have been 6 SPAMS sent directly to the SPAM Folder. That Folder is also checked to be sure its contents are not actually legitimate e-mails. GOVERNORS & OFFICERS ~ DON'T FORGET to let me know if you change your e-mail address. When changes are made, I will send out a new list to all of the Governors and Officers.

Event Flyers and Event Information on the MWR website Sanctions Schedule Flyers for Sanctioned Events need to be sent to Jeff Craig, our RCD. Once he approves the flyer, he will send it to me to post. I only post Flyers sent to me by the Jeff. Social Calendar Non-Sanctioned Events with a Non-Sanctioned Event Number also need to be sent to Jeff for approval. Jeff will then send on to me to post on the Social Calendar. Governors may continue to send Flyers directly to me for their social club events that would be of interest to all of our members.

MWR Meeting Information on the MWR website Under the Meetings tab on the website you can find: The MWR Administrative Schedule for 2022, The MWR Meeting Dates for 2022 and NCCC Meeting (and possibly MWR) dates for 2023 and 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 2022 Governors Meeting Weekends link. Meeting Minutes ~ 2009 to the present (I now have others that I will hopefully get to posting soon)

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 note in brown on our MWR website Changes 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.

Happy Birthday! On May 7, 2002, our website with the Domain Name of mwregion.com was born! It started out as just a scary project and has grown....and grown...and grown! Being the only-ever MWR Webmaster has been an honor, but it has been a 20 year long never-ending project. Humor me by visiting regularly and checking the Changes page and the History Changes page.

- Little Egypt Corvette Club's new governor Harold Kocher is on the MWR E-Mail Addresses as of Marcy 22, 2022 list I am distributing today. And Larry Walker's information is up to date.
- Chester Elion is currently the proxy for Cross Roads Corvette Club.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Review the Regional Admin Schedule – **Linda Fairlamb**
 - Blue Bars deadline(s) – Linda shared that there is a gap between the time something is told/reported for printing in Blue Bars and the date the Blue Bars comes out.
 - Blue Bars next deadline is May 31. If anyone has information to report on the great things our members do, charity or special things, please get the information to Linda for reporting in Blue Bars.
 - Governors remember to report the names of any dearly departed members to Linda for inclusion in the announcement at the National Meeting and in Blue Bars.
- **Other – All**
 - Review and vote on Motion for Worker Awards Standing Rule change
To manage income and as costs go up, we are reviewing the Workers' Awards schedule. The schedule was initially built to mimic the Competitor's schedule. For 2021 there were numerous ties, some with 20 or more tying for the same position. The two motions presented and included with these minutes were discussed. Topics included adding a 21-event minimum to the rule and/or adding a "tier 4" type award.
 - The first motion by Tom Reitz, seconded by John D Severs:
 - To replace the wording in the MWR Standing Rule, 4.2.2.5 Region Worker Awards to stipulate the minimum of events required to be eligible for the different 'tier level' type of awards to say:
 - The worker who volunteers at the most MWR events (minimum of 70 events) shall receive a Tier 1 award. All other workers who volunteer for at least 21 events, shall receive, at a minimum, a Tier 4 award. Approved by all.
 - The second motion by Tom Reitz and seconded by Ed Cassel:
 - To revise the first sentence in the MWR Standing Rule 4.2.2.1 to say:
 - The MWR awards will be divided into tiers with Tier 1 being the most expensive, and subsequent tiers having declining values. Approved by all.
 - Vote on the MWR Memorial Weekend Fundraiser
 - Ed Cassel presented a motion to continue to hold the Memorial Weekend Events, seconded by Joan Thomas. Of representatives there 11 voted to hold the event, 2 abstained.
 - Tom Reitz moved to add \$200 for miscellaneous incidental items to the budget, seconded by Sandy Arnold. Discussion regarding items encompassed golf carts and cost solutions were presented. All approved this motion.
 - Competition Awards –
 - In preparation for next year, the following information was shared. Currently awards go to the top 15; 16 were awarded "Over 200 Points" awards. Currently virtually all are in the top 15 because there are fewer competitors.
 - Per structure, we are to align our award structure the same as National. We need to evaluate the structure and cost/value.
 - The National statistics shows that participation is dropping, but the depth of the award schedule is static.
 - We can eliminate the 200 Points Awards; but per the By Laws, we do have to award the top 15 points earners.
 - Suggestion to consider a sub-committee to evaluate the pros and cons of the process.

New Business

- Other – **All** - None
- **TURN ON CELLPHONES**

Motion to adjourn by Tom Reitz, seconded by Sandy Arnold, approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeanne Cassel MW Region Secretary

Turn on Cell Phones.

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