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***Future Midwest Region Meeting***

September 9, 2023  
 November 11, 2023  
 February 24, 2024  
 May 4, 2024

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



**MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES**

**St Louis Missouri – May 6, 2023**

Governors in attendance were:

Yes (Y)

<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Jon Kurtz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	Ken Franklin
<input 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 Huijbretgse
<input checked="" 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Bill Esicar
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<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-464	Rolling Prairie Corvettes	Rod Finke
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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
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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 type="checkbox"/>	MWR Webmaster	Joan Thomas
<input type="checkbox"/>	MWR Facebook Dude	Matt Waters

**Guests in Attendance**

Steve Grabenstetter	GRCC	
Joan Heinemann	Windy City CC	
Pat Stevens	Sunburst CC	
John Hanson	Stray Vettes of Il	

# Midwest Region Governors Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2023

*Please mute all cell phones*

**Call meeting to order** – **Linda Fairlamb** called the May 6, 2023, MWR Governors meeting to order at 8:32 AM. Approval of the meeting agenda by **JR Weddington** seconded by **Ed Cassel** 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 Fairlamb** explained the 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.

## Officer Reports

### **MWR Secretary – Jeanne Cassel**

- Approval of February 25, 2023, Region Meeting Minutes was requested. The minutes were e-mailed on March 24, 2023, to all officers and governors. Motion to approve the Minutes as sent was made by **Tom Reitz**, seconded by **Tom McKinley**, and was approved by all.
- Report from Convention Steering Committee meeting – **Allen Morris**, NCCC Business Manager opened the meeting at 7:05 PM last evening. Convention Generals Packet information was mailed to participants and is on the website under the Convention Information. Received 750 total registrations including 14 one-day registrations. The few cancellations are being processed, with the Holiday Inn transferring approved cancellations back into the NCCC block, making them available as needed. Wine Tasting, that is tasting for Region-supplied wine for voting is OK.
  - Due to the number of classes per event, with some events requiring dual trophies plus some special trophies such as Best of Show, etc., 252 trophies are needed. **Betty Parks** has arranged for etched glass trophies. Betty also showed the labeled “wine mugs/glasses” that will be for sale. Due to increased attendance, there is a need for more Door Prizes. Some to be ‘convention purchased’ items such as jacks for tech, etc.
  - **FCOA Director - Shannon Davis** shared a FCOA Convention 2023 schedule geared to encourage auto enthusiasm at a child-specific level. In the works for the 9, possibly 10 anticipated attendees are a pizza Welcome Party with goody bags, a chance to “judge” a concours/car show, participate in remote control auto-crossing with a RC car, a scavenger hunt, model car building, and a FCOA awards finale.
  - **Allen Morris** shared there may be a bid for a 2025 Convention in the Black Hills. They have two tracks that need to be checked out, and the Business Manager does an initial site visit. Info-only question asked, “What are our thoughts of a tour to Niagara Falls if the bus ride is 2 ½ hours each way?”
  - **2024 Convention Update Report** staffing for all positions are going well. They will know more after Bowling Green as they all intend to help and learn as they participate and/or shadow events and tours.
  - **Sponsorship Update: Michele Cantelmo: Horizon West Travel Planners** from Florida is a new Patron sponsor. We like and need sponsors – give possible vendor contact information to Michele, she is responsible for soliciting and/or negotiating with and for sponsors.

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

- Report on regional finances – income and expenses since last report and comparison to budget. The attached 2023 *Budget vs Actual* was discussed, with attention to the “Notes” column. **Changes from the last meeting are depicted in RED.** Each debit was explained in detail. **Linda Fairlamb** explained that overall, we are doing okay but we need to pay attention to expenses as revenue has gone down and costs up. The variance of income to expenses depicted in the report is because the region has not had the Fundraiser. We have high hopes attendance will be good.
- Regional Party final report – **Linda Fairlamb** congratulated and thanked **Joan Thomas** and the **members of Mad City Vettes** for the great job they did at the Awards Banquet. Eighty-eight were in attendance and we came in \$770 below budget. The location was great, the meal was delicious, the slide show very entertaining, and the awards presentation and rest of the evening very enjoyable. Some cost savings were found by shortening the open bar time as it eliminated bar/wait staff overtime. **Joan Thomas** was also able to capture a \$60/cost rebate by using her personal charge card. A 50/50 was held raising \$365 for the region. Thank you again to Joan and Mad City for a job well done.
- Awards Committee final report – **Linda Fairlamb** gave the report as **Diane Wagner** was unable to attend. Diane was recognized for finding fabulous choices and saving the Region almost \$1,400. Diane thanked the Midwest award recipients for their timely response as that facilitated the entire process.

### **MWR RMD – Sandy Arnold** - RMD Meeting May 5-6, 2023, Report and MWR Membership & Renewal Report

- 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 2,144 members, the Midwest Region has 28 clubs and 2,408 members. Route 66 Corvette Club is the largest club in the Midwest Region with 187 members. **Tom Reitz** is their Governor. The club meets in St. Peter's, MO.
- The National Council of Corvette Clubs has 18,083 members and 236 clubs. Membership increased from 17,485 to 18,083 since the February 2023 meeting.

- 2023 New Membership cards and Late Renewals cards and mailers are being sent out as they come in. Any new or late renewing members will receive a card without the Sponsors listed on the reverse side and a label with their name and NCCC number.
- If your club has a new Governor, please let me know. Update a NCCC Information Sheet and send it to me via email or U.S. postal mail.
- 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". Please use that "Member Type". 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 changed to a Primary member and the deceased member will automatically be removed.
- Before you add a member, please, always "SEARCH FOR MEMBER". When you find a member with a club number, please don't 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 to renew their membership. Any questions, please call me! If you are in question, I have an outline, "Governors' Procedures-Membership Functions Entering a New Member into the Database" written by **Steve Johnson**, NCCC VP of Membership. I would be happy to email you a copy.

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

- Report from RCD meeting –
  - Waiver process was discussed – Each attendee must sign themselves in – no one else can sign them in, and the witness is to also confirm the signatures. *Confirmation was requested to confirm that event participants need only 'sign the waiver' once for the whole weekend of events.*
  - Budgeting and costs – Awards budget is short \$4,000 this year and NCCC will ask Governors to increase the budget sufficiently to award the traditional ring etc. to those who competed with the understanding they would receive the traditional awards. Main issue is the gold ring given to the Man and Woman Top Competitor. The cost of gold has dramatically increased, and our traditional NCCC member/ring supplier passed way. Discussion and vote will be brought up under "Unfinished Business" toward the end of the meeting.
  - The process for presenting rule book and standing rule changes and the voting process was discussed. Linda Fairlamb will present a proposal that defines when rule changes can be grouped for a single vote and when the rule change should be presented as a single item. Governors will vote on this proposal at the next meeting.
  - E-racing is not allowed under NCCC rules. The C-8 e-Ray is a hybrid and can race. "Corvette" definition was explained as a vehicle manufactured by Chevrolet as a Corvette. This type of vehicle is eligible to race under NCCC rules. Governors have been asked to discourage e-racing at their Speed events. There are fire and battery issues that makers must resolve, and the issue isn't just on the track, parking adjacent to a hot e-vehicle can also be a fire hazard. It was recommended that clubs include on their flyers "no e-vehicles other than the e-ray are allowed". Some tracks are also disallowing e-vehicles because of the hazards. Currently, all insurance information and clarifications are provided to NCCC and to the Region by **Allen Morris**, NCCC's Business manager.
  - Time Trials – a High Speed performance driving event. NCCC and our NCCC insurance policy underwriters are reviewing this concept.
  - NCCC will now allow competitors to ride with other competitors. The change is effective now and will be in the next rule book. NOTE: that the event chair can disallow ride-along, but state it on the flyer or at the drivers meeting.
  - Clarification on an Issue & Protest from East Ohio Region pertaining to the ineligibility of participants judging their own car and/or club members cars at a People's Choice Car Show. It was re-verified that A Concours follows the NCCC Rule Book, but the host club can set up the parameters of the judging of a Car Show. However, it is strongly recommended that the Host Club indicate the voting for PC Car Show protocol on their flyer.
- MWR Competition topics
  - Helmet sticker status – **Mike Stevens** brought the Stickers for 2023 for **Jeff Craig** and he will distribute them first to the governors of clubs with events early this year. See Jeff if you wish them earlier.
  - Assigned Numbers status. Any out-of-region assigned numbers – **Jeff Craig** reported that this is completed for 2023, and that 5 out-of-region numbers with 2 from West Region, 1 from Indiana Region and 2 from West Ohio.
  - 2023 Competition Event status
    - Memorial weekend Region Fundraiser status in Rantoul, IL – **Linda Fairlamb** reported Bill Docherty will head up the event. Currently 20 are pre-registered with 5 from out of the region. This Fundraiser helps support the region. Participation is fun, and help is needed and appreciated. The Heritage Inn has set aside a block of rooms. We have a new expense that needs approval as it was not in the budget. This year we are using Windy City's equipment which is normally \$10/event. Windy City has agreed to donate one day's use to the Fundraiser and thus the expense for the use of equipment should be less than \$200. It was shared that the cost paid to Windy City for equipment is for consumables such as oil dry, water, etc. **Mike Stevens** moved that we approve the Windy City equipment expense for \$200, seconded by **Ed Cassel**, and approved by all present.
    - August 26-27 Region Fundraiser status in Madison, WI – **Linda Fairlamb** reported that **Jeff Craig** will chair the event. **Joan Thomas** has the Alliant Energy Center set up. It is a nice open lot, and we can use the indoor restrooms. **Tim and Robyn Woods** and Joan will allow use of their golf cart. No other golf carts are being rented. Mad City Vettes is providing MWR the use of their equipment at no cost to the region. There is a per vehicle Gate Entrance fee, however, to avoid the fee we can use a Gate Pass – see the flyer and PRINT OUT copies of the passes – and maybe a couple extra in case you have to leave during the day.

- E-mail any questions or concerns to **Jeff Craig**. Due to his business travel needs, that is the best method.

### **MWR RE Report – Linda Fairlamb**

- Report from RE meeting
  - Bylaw and Standing Rule Change process was discussed in detail. **Linda Fairlamb** presented language at the Feb meeting regarding how Competition rulebook changes will be voted on. She will read the proposed language again at the Governors meeting and then it will be voted on.
  - Report from Finance meeting – Linda shared that after our newly elected NCCC Treasurer asked to step down as the position requires additional skills and experience, she did not have, the e-board will update the job description to accurately encompass the duties.
  - E-Board officers - Open for election this year for the 2024-2025 years is the VP – Competition, Secretary, Business Manager and Sergeant-at-Arms. If anyone is interested check out the NCCC website under Officers for more information. For transition purposes, there was a suggestion to extend all elected officer positions for one meeting beyond the term end. This would incur a NCCC cost for room and travel. This may/will need a vote.
  - Convention was discussed, as well as sponsorship.
- Establish the 2023 Officer Nominating Committee – **Tom Reitz** enthusiastically volunteered to head up this committee. Tom suggested adding another person to the committee, possibly someone from Minnesota or Wisconsin. Both **Jeff Craig** (RCD) and **Russ Tharp** (Treasurer) announced that other commitments and priorities will impact their ability to continue in their roles and prefer to step down.
- Review the Regional Administrative Schedule – **Linda Fairlamb** reviewed the schedule.

### **Appointed Officer and Committee Reports**

#### **MWR Webmaster report – Joan Thomas** – no report.

Linda Fairlamb mentioned that Joan Thomas gave her some of the Awards Banquet brochures if anyone wants one. She also has several of the Public Relations bifold flyers summarizing the benefits of NCCC for anyone who wants one to share with their club or prospective clubs.

### **Unfinished/Old Business**

- NCCC Awards/Ring vote – The governors present discussed the request for an increase to budget. Two-thirds voted yes to approve budget increase to award the ring; one-third voted no. Linda was to vote the proxies yes to approve.
- Discussion on solution for costs exceeding revenue in coming years. From last meeting some suggestions include:
  - Increase revenue.
    - Raise event fees but then that may decrease participation.
    - Implement region dues.
    - Implement event 50/50's.
    - Resurrect Head-tax that is charged per person at each sanctioned event held.
    - Can we find a sponsor?
  - Decrease expenditure.
    - Decrease cost of awards, i.e., reduce cost and number of awards. MRW has reduced the number of trophy eligible places from the Top 15 to Top 10.
    - Revisit the Awards Banquet region cost share. Eliminate or reduce 'open bar concept'.
    - Change the format of the Awards Banquet altogether.
  - Volunteers needed to be part of a committee to discuss options and present best options to the rest of the Governors. **Mike Stevens** offered to lead the committee and **Bill Esicar** and **Sandy Arnold** offered to be on the committee.
- Other – **All None**

### **New Business**

- Discuss loss of meeting room beginning in 2025 and alternatives.
  - For the year 2025 and beyond the current Saturday Morning meeting rooms will not be available. Information we have from Allen Morris indicates the currently free rooms are not in the next contract. Suggested options include:
    - Talk with the hotel – as this will also be a loss for the hotel, particularly from the Midwest Region as we have a good showing of members attending and staying over on Friday Night. That is income for the hotel.
    - For more guidance talk with Bruce DeWitt as he is familiar with who-is-who at the hotel.
    - Possibly obtain one of the hospitality rooms upstairs in the hotel.
    - Linda to confirm exact effective date and will follow up with Butch for who at the hotel we can discuss this with
- Other – **All None**

Motion to adjourn by **JR Weddington**, **Sandy Arnold** seconded and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeanne Cassel MW Region Secretary

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