



MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

St Louis Missouri – May 4, 2024

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Future Midwest Region Meeting

September 14, 2024
 November 9, 2024
 February 22, 2025 (to be voted on)
 May 3, 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-135	Northern Rays Ltd.	Diane Wagner Proxy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Steve Grabenstetter
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Dale Samuelson
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<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-315	Corvettes of Minnesota	Don Gettinger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-351	Windy City Corvette Club	Dave Heinemann Sr
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-391	Mid Illinois Corvette Club	Jim Redmond
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-464	Rolling Prairie Corvettes	Rod Finke
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-575	Chicago Cross Roads Corvette Club	JW Weddington
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<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	Pat Stevens	SCC
Robyn Wood	Mad City	Craig Besand	Route 66
Joan Heinemann	Windy City	R Rasson	Crossroads

Midwest Region Governors Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2024

Please mute all cell phones

Call meeting to order – **Linda Fairlamb** called the May 4, 2024, MWR Governors meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

Approval of the meeting agenda by Tom Reitz, seconded by Steve Grabenstetter 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.

Linda Fairlamb explained the new MWR sign in sheet and the information needed for the NCCC proxies, and the NCCC Governor Sign-in attendance process at the NCCC meeting. Only Governors need to sign in at the afternoon meeting on the sheet(s) distributed at that meeting.

Officer Reports

MWR Secretary – Jeanne Cassel

- Approval of February Midwest Region meeting minutes. Minutes were e-mailed to all Officers and all current, incoming, and outgoing Governors on April 2, 2024. Motion to approve as e-mailed by Sandy Arnold, seconded by Diane Wagner, approved by all.
- Report from Convention Steering Committee meeting – Jeanne Cassel
 - Allen Morris, NCCC Business Manager opened the meeting at 7:15 PM.
 - 2024 Convention - Jeff Bruggeman and Jim Walton – all is fine. Just putting out some little fires. Convention will be giving "Gift Bags" (not "goodie bags"). Each bag will have a list of all the sponsors. Golf carts for hospitality are all set. Beer will be there. The Peoples Choice will be downtown so keeping any beer in 'cozies". Michelle is managing sponsors. There will be donated trophies for best of show, etc.
 - 2025 – Joan Thomas. Preliminary overview, dates, etc. were shared and well received.
 - 2026 – Chuck Heretta shared initial information for NY. The NE Region will make a formal bid for Syracuse NY in September. The NE Region is looking forward to this. They are growing and will be able to handle the Convention. They have a list of chairpeople. They have a proposed host hotel with ample parking, and have tracks for high- and low-speed events and drags. Save the 2nd week in June 2026.

MWR Treasurer –Diane Wagner *(2024 Financials are attached)* **(Check with your Governor)**

- Report on regional finances – income & expenses since last report & comparison to budget. The Income Expense report depicting the period summary 2/25/2024 through 5/4/2024 and the Year To Date Summary were reviewed along with the NCCC-Midwest Region 2024 Budget vs Actual expenses and notes. With decently attended Fundraisers we should be within budget.
 - Regional Party final report – **Joan Thomas** – Everyone had a fun time. A few of the associated expenses were reviewed. The care Mad City took to manage expenses was well appreciated.
 - Awards Committee final report – **Diane Wagner** – One jacket complaint due to sizing was received. All others are fine. Thank you, Diane, for a job well done.

MWR RMD – Sandy Arnold MWR Regional Membership Director Report - May 3-4, 2024

Report from RMD meeting.

- The West Coast Region is now the largest region with 31 clubs, and 2,026 members.
- The Midwest Region has 26 clubs and 2,194 members. We are slowly adding new members and late renewing members. Route 66 Corvette Club is the largest club in the Midwest Region with 206 members. Tom Reitz is their Governor. The club meets in St. Peter's, MO.
- The National Council of Corvette Clubs has 17,815 members and 234 clubs. Added since February were 59 NCM deliveries, both primary and spouse members. After sending them a "welcome" note, I

try to find them a nearby club. Most clubs have completed the "UPDATE CLUB INFORMATION" and it's great giving them information and introducing these new members to a nearby club. Thank you, governors! Governor's, please keep the information updated.

- I've updated the Governor's Database Membership guide, if you want a copy, please let me know.
- Note that the database system asks for the club's President's name, not the Governor's name. JW mentioned the use of a "contact name & Phone number. And mentioned their club rotates meeting places to meet and connect with their different sponsors.
- Scholarship applications for 2024 are closed. Those receiving scholarships will be announced during the 2024 convention in Joplin, MO.
- Again, it's being discussed that the NCCC may raise dues, by possibly \$5-10 per person. It's been over twenty years since membership dues have increased, but expenses continue to rise. We are reviewing alternative options, fewer meetings, fewer/smaller Blue Bars magazines and realigning regions, etc. Linda Fairlamb has more info.

MWR RCD Report – Bill Docherty (See 2024 Long & Short Schedules at mwregion.com| Sanctions Schedule.)

• Report from RCD meeting –

- Check the Rule Book for changes. Note PP is the subgroup for the new Z06.
- Additional competition concepts: FCOA and the Auxiliary Youth Competition Program Ideas under consideration from last meeting. FCOA should develop what they want and bring it for discussion. Competition Director Rene Cardenas is suggesting a separate awards program for youth.
- Status of rule book:
 - Section 12 – No real changes. Passed
 - 2024 - R-8 was withdrawn.
 - 2024 – R-9 Indiana requested a change from the 150-mile separation between two like events in the region to 100 miles separation. Pros and cons were discussed particularly for high- and low-speed events. Passed. Request to remove any mileage difference between like events was first discussed. Failed.
 - MW Region rule is 150 miles. 2025 in November there will be a vote.
 - 2024 – C-1 declined.
 - Speed Events – entrants 2.2.3. The issue is the 4-driver limitation on family participation when there are more drivers of one gender yet are within the 4-driver max for a car per event. Bill does not see a problem with the proposed change. Removed "male" and "female" verbiage. Passed
 - 2024 – R-11 sent for revision.
 - 2024 – R-12 rejected. Duplicate of #5.
 - 2.2.8 Passengers. The general rules for passengers for sanctioned events are listed under 2.2 Rules for Setting up an Autocross. The current passenger minimum age for rally navigator is 9 years old, but it is 16 for a Funkhana Navigator; and 12 for a Low-Speed Autocross. Request to move them to the associated event category.
 - Custom C – where engines in C-8s 2020 to current
 - B – 1984 to 2019 Concours – this is now Car Show as no judge.
 - 2024 - C-8 5.1 clarification for rallies sent for revision.
 - 2024 - C-9 Rules for rally. Rejected.
 - 2024 - C-10 requirement of "panic envelope" revised from "must" to "may".
 - 2024 - C-11 Rejected.
 - 2024 - C-12 was only housekeeping – Rejected.
 - 2024 - C-13 was housekeeping – Rejected.
 - 2024 - C-14 Rallies timing – WWD or Official Time Short Wave Station. Language was pre-cell phone. Replace language to include use of cell phone as synchronization to WWC. Also, if the same clock is used, there is not a timing coordination issue.
 - 2024 - C-16 add "roundabout" definition to rally vocabularies. Passed.
 - 2024 - C-17 Indiana RCD – request to add narcotics. We currently cannot determine the effect of alcohol usage. The question is, is the driver or participant impaired. Sent for revision language to include showing signs of impairment.

- John Haskel 2021 C-8 is asking if anyone can confirm if auto-crossing will warp rotors. Can a Power Stock Rotor be used. (GM rotors on base model)
- MWR Competition topics:
 - Get flyers to Bill Docherty. Publicize events.
 - C-8 convertibles even with the "hard roof" need a roll bar. The issues pertain to the strength of the pillars. The pillars do not meet the NIH requirement of 4-times the weight of the car to be safe. No GM engineer will confirm or comment on the strength of the pillars. Discussion pursued.
 - Memorial Day Fund raiser – there is a need for workers.
 - We need to encourage clubs to have members get 200 points as that helps secure rebate dollars from national.
 - High-speed license requirements were reviewed. Governors should submit a request for their members. 10 low-speed events over a minimum of three (3) weekends, or training certifications or lapping day events should be sent to Bill.
- Waivers should be scanned and sent to Bill via e-mail. Keep the originals of youth participants until the come of age (18 or 21). Clubs are to keep original copies from completed events for 3 years.
- Bill Docherty can enter event results if the information is sent to him.
- Requests for out of region assigned numbers from 4/1-4/15/2024? No out of region participant requests this year. For new assigned numbers, a new person can bring the information to the event and the chair can check the website to confirm the information.
- Aug 3-4 Region Fundraiser status in Madison, WI – Flyer is out. Hotel registration is a month ahead of schedule.
- Bill has the 200-point patches and Top 10 and will bring them to the Memorial Day events.

MWR RE Report – Linda Fairlamb

Report from RE meeting.

Two change requests were approved by the RE's.

- Standing rule change request 2024-002. The change concerns what authority the Eboard has in extraordinary circumstances to cancel national meetings, convention, and competition season.
 - In the Rulebook changes voted on in November 2023, the VP of Comp was already given the authority to cancel the competition season so the proposed standing rule change is being reworded to give the Eboard authority only to cancel National meetings and Convention. This will be presented for vote at the afternoon meeting.
- Bylaw change request 2024-001. The change combines the positions of Charity and Sponsorship into one.
 - This is what we are currently doing. This change would align with current operating practices. This will be put on the November ballot.
- One Standing rule change was not approved by the RE's.
 - Standing rule change request 2024-004. The change concerns a dues increase of \$10 per member.
 - There was much discussion about what could be done around cost cutting and whether time had been spent by Eboard to investigate cost cutting ideas. The vote was 8 yes, 4 no, 3 abstentions.
- Dues Increase. If there is to be a dues increase to be effective for 2025 it needs to be brought forward and officialized. The process was discussed as well as the pros and cons of a dues increase, and alternatives to an increase. The Governors present revisited base discussions and included suggestions such cost saving changes to Blue Bars, the benefit and cost of membership cards, combining regions, etc. The straw poll is to vote "no increase".

Establish the 2024 Officer Nominating Committee – Tom Reitz graciously volunteered; Craig Besand will assist.

Review the Region Admin Schedule.

- Bill and Sandy, Blue Bars article due to me by 5/31
- Next Blue Bars articles are due before our next Governors meeting on 8/31. I will send reminder to Bill and Sandy.
- Anyone with WOW stories about members please forward to me for my Blue Bars article

Appointed Officer and Committee Reports
MWR Webmaster report – Joan Thomas –

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

- Joan showed where the preliminary 2025 Convention information is on the web site.
- The host facility is the Kalahari. Joan reviewed the preliminary schedule. As it is tentative it is recommended the information be accessed right from the MW Region website. Dates to be Saturday August 16, 2025, starting with Registration and ending Friday August 22, 2025, with a Buffet Breakfast, presentation of convention awards and the passing of the Convention Flag. Venues include Road America for high- and low speed events, and Rock Falls Raceway for the record, bracket, and matching Drag Racing. Parties and tours throughout the convention.
- The tentative schedule also includes information on where chair-people and workers are needed. Check it out and join in as being part of these events is very rewarding. Promote this with your clubs.

Unfinished/Old Business

Standing Rule Changes – tabled at last meeting (*attached to this report along with the Motion Forms*).
(Check with your Governor to read details)

Motion was requested and received to consider these Standing Rule Change Requests.

- 1.7.2 Meeting Room- Standing rule from 1995 which says it is ok to budget \$50 for a meeting room if needed. Delete this standing rule as any budget needed for a meeting room will be included in our annual budget process for the appropriate amount needed. Motion by Tom Reitz and seconded by Ed Cassel, all approved.
- 4.2.2 MWR awards presentation process to change to eliminate the defined number of tiers and to modify the award for the Regional Club Champion to receive an amount equal to the cost of a 4"x8" brick at the NCM not to exceed \$200. Motion by Craig Wiendl, Seconded by Mike Stevens, all approved.
- 5.1.2 re Proxy Forms. The language was modified to reflect current practice. Motion by Gordon Green, seconded by Dave Heinemann, all approved.

New Business –

- Discuss with Tom West – Sargent-at-arms the MW Region room meeting situation for 2025 and beyond.
- Other – **All** - New Governors see Secretary Jeanne Cassel to confirm e-mail addresses.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Reitz, 2nd by Steve Grabenstetter, and approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted.
Jeanne Cassel MW Region Secretary

Turn on Cell Phones.