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MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Midwest Region minutes of Sep 10, 2011 meeting in St Louis, MO.

Those in attendance were:

Yes (Y)			
___	MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Don Schmitt
___	MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	Wally Grivna
___	MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	Ron Myers
Y	MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Sue Puksich
___	MW-077	Glass Favorites	Lyman Johnson
___	MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huibretgse
___	MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	George Dick
___	MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Larry Zmuda
___	MW-122	River City Corvettes	Charles Britten
___	MW-135	Northern Rays Ltd.	Pat Lopardo
Y	MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Brian Kleemeyer
Y	MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Arnie Bailey
___	MW-195	Land of Lincoln Corvette Club	Sue Bohne
Y	MW-205	Crossed Flags Corvette Club	Larry Hickman
Y	MW-246	Badger State Vettes, Ltd	Tony Cizel
Y	MW-277	Sunburst Corvette Club	Matt Waters
Y	MW-278	Central Illinois Corvette Club	John Hibbeler
___	MW-315	Corvettes of Minnesota	Don Gettinger
___	MW-333	Lakeside Corvette Club	Ray Clark
Y	MW-351	Windy City Corvettes	Dave Heinemann
___	MW-359	Chippewa Valley Corvettes	Peter Klug
___	MW-378	Corvette Cruisers of Illinois	Donald Huskisson
Y	MW-380	Little Egypt Corvette Club	Tom Kasten
Y	MW-391	Mid Illinois Corvette Club	Jim Butler
___	MW-464	Rolling Prairie Corvettes	Cynthia Finke
___	MW-465	Mad City Vettes	Todd Mcilwee
Y	MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
___	MW-489	Minnesota Renegades	Jan Hanna
Y	MW-522	St. Louis Corvette Club	Richard Luebcke
___	MW-538	FASS Glass	Randall Clark
___	MW-565	Crow River Corvette Club	Tim Monahan
Y	MW-575	Chicago Cross-Roads CC	JW Weddington

Y	MW-RE	Gary Kelly
Y	MW-RCD	Paul Haack
Y	MW-RMD	Sue Puksich
Y	MW-Secretary	Christine Reitz
Y	MW-Treasurer	Nancy Bailey
___	MW-Webmaster	Joan Thomas

Schedule for future Midwest Region Governor's Meetings:

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

Guests in Attendance:

Larry Pagliaro	Bill Docherty	Dale Samuelson
Carolyn Samuelson	Susan Pagliaro	Joan Heinemann
Diana Haack	Rose Schmitt	Janet Wilson
Don Schmitt		

Gary Kelly, RE, called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. All attendees were reminded to sign in on the Attendance Sheet. The Meeting Agenda and Administrative Schedule were passed around. We then proceeded with an introduction of all attendees.

Gary reported that the MWR meeting after the November meeting will return to a later start time 8:30 or 9:00 AM. And that the National meeting starts at 12:30 today.

Motion to approve today's agenda made by Rich Luebcke, 2nd by Brian Kleemeyer and approved by all.

2011 Convention Status Wrap-up.

Convention is over. All is well. Basic status report will be given on floor at national meeting today. Finances are not complete and won't be presented until November meeting. Lots of compliments were received on every single event. Convention overall was very successful. Dave thanked all those involved for the outstanding team effort put forward by the Midwest Region. Larry Pagliaro said we should be proud of ourselves for the results of our efforts. Security was provided 24/7 and worked out quite well. Autobahn said our group was the best group they have ever had in their facility. The only complaint was there was too much to do which resulted in not enough traffic in the mall.

Nancy Bailey passed around three reports on convention merchandise and discussed them (see copies attached). If anyone is interested in getting merchandise today, please let Arnie/Nancy Bailey know so that they can get it for you between regional and national meeting. Available merchandise order form is on the Midwest Region website. We will discuss at the November meeting what to do with any remaining merchandise at that time. Dave suggested reducing the price on the merchandise to sell as much as possible now. Arnie suggested cutting the price in ½ at this time and bring the merchandise to championship series. Website will be updated to reflect the ½ price.

Motion made to reduce sales price of convention merchandise by half or to the nearest even dollar of half by Matt Waters, 2nd by Larry Hickman, approved by all.

Chris Reitz, MWR Secretary:

Chris reported that the MWR minutes for the April 30, 2011 Governor's Meeting were emailed to the region officers on May 9, 2011 and to the Governors on May 17, 2011.

Motion made by Larry Hickman, 2nd *by Sue Puksich and approved by all to approve the April 30th, 2011 meeting minutes.*

Nancy Bailey, MWR Treasurer:

Nancy passed around the MWR Year-to-Date Summary Report (copy attached). Outstanding items not on report are the head tax she received today from the MWR RCD, a deposit of $894.00 and expenses for reimbursement to MWR Treasurer ($368.00) and MWR Secretary ($11.00).

Motion made by Sue Puksich, 2nd by Rich Luebcke and approved by all to approve the MWR Year-to-Date Summary Report dated 1/1/2011 through 9/08/11.

Nancy passed around a report on MWRCS Finance Report (copy attached), which was displayed on the overhead projector and discussed. This Excel spreadsheet form was created by Nancy Bailey and has the information for the past several years. Discussion about if Standing Rule is needed to require use of this spreadsheet for MWRCS reporting. Gary and Nancy will discuss wording and bring it to the November meeting for motion to Standing Rules.

Sue Puksich, MWR Membership Director (RMD)

Sue reported that the National membership is about on track compared to last year. FCOA is losing a lot of 16 year olds, with the MWR losing 37. Please see if the 16 year-olds can become youth members.

Sue reminded the Governors to keep database addresses current. Please advise Sue if there is a change of a Governor's address.

Renewals: The MWR is currently 92 members behind the East Region. Sue asked Governors to please process new applications prior to October 1, 2011. We have added one new club to the MWR in Wisconsin with 54 members. Sue is also working on another club to add. We have the most clubs of all regions. A member is not a member until the RMD has the cash-in-hand. This has not been an issue for the MWR. October 8th through October 14th the database will be shut down for maintenance. October 15th the database will open for renewals. November 12th is deadline for renewals. Late renewals **will not** be accepted without the late renewal fee. A question was asked about if renewals can be entered on a partial basis on the database. Answer was yes as long as you don't hit the send to RMD until all are entered. Sue will be sending an email out regarding the above. Dave asked if membership has discussed the idea of being able to pay renewals electronically. Sue indicated that the pros and cons were discussed in the RMD meeting. The downside is the incorrect payment amounts that don't match the renewal and that the information is kept in two different places. Question was asked can new members still be added during the renewal period between October 15th thru November 12, 2011 and the answer was yes, but then they will become part of your renewal process (not an auto renewal). Please be sure to use the current version of the NCCC application. Remind your non-competitor members of the advantages to being NCCC members (i.e., product discounts, et. al.)

Paul Haack, MWR Competition Director (RCD):

Paul reported that today at National Meeting, Governors will be provided with a handout for the proposed rulebook changes for 2012. Paul will send out a redline version of the changes to the rulebook and they will also be available on the MWR Website. One of the proposed changes is for the process for rulebook changes to be formalized and added to rulebook. Discussion about the tread-wear 80 Pilots that is available as a stock option on Z06's and ZR1's. There are two rules that can contradict each other currently in the rulebook.

Paul Haack, MWR Competition Director (RCD) continued:

The proposed rule change is the removal of the first line of the paragraph "factory original tires and replacement . . ." from Page 231 of the rulebook. Change to update to helmets referencing helmet year. Rallye tech form currently asked for Driver's License Number, this part will be removed as there is another part of the form for checking for valid driver's license. There was a discussion on the East Region about their requirements for high-speed certification. NCCC currently requires only 10 low-speed events. East Region has implemented the need for a driving school completion to obtain high-speed license. Currently there is no mechanism for refusing or revoking high speed certification. Item is being presented proposing giving the RCD/VP of Comp the authority to do refuse or revoke high-speed license if the application does not demonstrate adequate skills to demonstrate safety in competing in these high-speed events. Reasons for denial/revocation would have to be completely documented. Anticipate more discussion about voting on the proposed rulebook changes as a package or line by line. This would be in line with the Budget being proposed as a package. Gary said there was discussion at the RE meeting for this to be added to the Standing Rules.

Updated MWR Point Standings were posted on the website on Thursday. Discussion ensued regarding audit of points. Paul explained that the system is almost completely automated now with the results being imported via Excel spreadsheets. The only risk of error is if Paul has to make changes manually. Paul will, on more than one occasion, re-run the process as a check. Last year in 2010 the Governors voted to forgo the audit. Discussion about how most competitors self-check their points on the results and will notify the host club's Governor and/or the RCD of any errors.

Motion made by Sue Puksich, 2nd by Larry Hickman and approved by all to forgo a regional points audit for 2011.

Dale Samuelson mentioned that chairperson information (name, address, phone #) listed on the flyer is very helpful in processing event results.

The 2012 Sanction Meeting was proposed for early in the November MWR meeting. Discussion about the 2012 rule book is not approved prior to our sanction meeting and how to handle the possibility of 10 sanctions per club. Paul suggested handling the sanctioning meeting as current rules exist (7 sanctions).

2011 MWRCS income/expenses are on the MWRCS Finance Report (copy attached). Paul will be emailing invitations for the 2012 MWRCS starting next week. Matt Waters submitted MWRCS rallye route to Paul and he and Diana drove the route. Paul Haack suggested to Matt Waters a review of Standing Rules regarding times on rallye. All other plans are in place except a place for dinner on Saturday night. Paul Haack put in a nomination as VP of Competition and will present his campaign speech at the National meeting. Dave Heinemann suggested the MWR support Paul's bid.

Joan Thomas, MWR Webmaster:

No report given.

Gary Kelly, MWR Executive (RE):

Gary Kelly asked for any deaths to report at national meeting? Tom Kasten reported that Little Egypt CC's – Johnny Juneau passed away

Gary gave his RE Committee Report: National Offices up for election in November include VP of Competition, Secretary, Business Manager, and Sergeant at Arms.

There are three National By-Laws changes to appear on November ballot.

1) Allow either written or electronic balloting starting in 2012; (funds for the electronic balloting software is on the proposed budget to be voted). Larry Hickman questioned the order in which these items will be voted on (i.e., are we voting on the funding for the program before we vote on the electronic balloting procedure). Walt Jenkins is developing the software. Approximate cost of $1500.00. Nancy Bailey asked if and third party pricing was investigated for competitive bids. Gary did not know the answer to this. Arnie Bailey mentioned he was considering submitting a By-Laws change to require competitive bids for writing software.
2) Article 11, Section 3 - duties of RE Committee; proposal submitted to add two words to paragraph. ". . . shall be presented *without prejudice*." This will prevent the committees from offering any opinion on the changes presented. Dave Heinemann voiced his opinion that this was a bad idea and urged governors to vote no. We elect these individuals to represent us in the committee and should therefore be able to hear what the committee's opinion is.
3) Update reimbursement of expenses for appointed officers and which fund they are reimbursed from.

The next Blue Bars deadline is September 30th. Sylvia is requesting articles, articles, articles!!! The deadline for the following issue is November 30th, 2011. Sylvia is going to get some helpers, One helper will accept electronic newsletters from clubs and the other helper will receive hard copies of newsletters. Both will pick articles/and information from these newsletters to write articles.

Vision committee is concentrating on four items

1) Why NCCC? (marketing brochure) no specifics on what it would replace if anything.
2) Analysis on e-board both elected and appointed positions, identify what jobs are actually performed by each member and make sure overlap is not occurring or any one member is overloaded with duties. Timeline of six months.
3) Go back and look at financial trends by viewing historical information and forecast future cost trends.
4) Analysis of membership trends, past, present and future.

Debbie Lindsey gave RE's two gift certificates from Mid-America Motorworks that were used as door prizes at MWR awards banquet and will be again this year. An email blast was sent out regarding using the Corvette logo. More discussion anticipated at the national meeting.

MWR patches available from Gary Kelly.

Gary will be mailing out ballots to vote for 2012 Regional Officers.

Future item for discussion – MWR merchandise?

NCCC Standing Rules state three of five Governor's meetings require club representation. This can be done by proxy.

Gary Kelly, MWR Executive (RE):

Webmaster
There is a new procedure in place for MWR appointed officers. Application must be submitted to Gary Kelly prior to the November meeting. The application is available on the MWR website.

The Nominating Committee: Matt Waters, Tom Reitz, & Sue Puksich, presented the following nominations for the 2012 MWR Officers:

RE – Larry Pagliaro
RCD – Bill Docherty
RMD – Diana Haack
Secretary – Chris Reitz
Treasurer – Nancy Bailey

Old Business:

Regarding the audit of 2010 books. Nancy Bailey read a letter from Tom Kasten (copy attached) indicating the audit went very well and thanks Nancy for her hard work and dedication. Thanks to Tom Kasten for performing the audit.

Motion made by Larry Hickman, 2nd by Sue Puksich and approved by all to approve audit of 2010 books.

New Business:

We need to establish a MWR Awards committee – for points and MWRCS awards. Diana Haack volunteered.

Motion made by Sue Puksich, 2nd by Brian Kleemeyer and approved by all to approve Diana Haack.

Sanction meeting for 2012 will be held at the November 12th MWR meeting.

Proposed national budget comment; Larry Hickman urges governors to ask questions about any budget increase items that are not clearly identified prior to voting on the budget.

Dinner plans for Rizzo's in Waterford Plaza.

Motion made by Larry Hickman, 2nd by Rich Luebcke and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 11:06AM.