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***Future Midwest Region Meetings***

**November 8, 2014**

**February 28, 2015**

**April 25, 2015**

Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel  
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# MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

## ST. LOUIS, MO.

Midwest Region minutes of September 13, 2014 meeting in St. Louis, MO.

Those Governors in attendance were:

Yes (Y)

<u>Y</u>	MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Don Schmitt
<u>    </u>	MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	David Juhl
<u>    </u>	MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	Ron Myers
<u>Y</u>	MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Dave Murphy
<u>    </u>	MW-077	Glass Favorites	Lyman Johnson
<u>    </u>	MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huibretgse
<u>Y</u>	MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	David Crull
<u>    </u>	MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Gene Larson
<u>    </u>	MW-122	River City Corvettes	Charles Britten
<u>    </u>	MW-135	Northern Rays Ltd.	Patrick Lopardo
<u>Y</u>	MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Bill Esicar, Proxy
<u>Y</u>	MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Arnie Bailey
<u>    </u>	MW-195	Land of Lincoln Corvette Club	Sue Bohne
<u>    </u>	MW-205	Crossed Flag Corvette Club	Larry Hickman
<u>Y</u>	MW-246	Badger State Vettes, Ltd	Gary Kelly, Proxy
<u>Y</u>	MW-277	Sunburst Corvette Club	Bill Hoak
<u>Y</u>	MW-278	Central Illinois Corvette Club	John Hibbeler
<u>    </u>	MW-315	Corvettes of Minnesota	Don Gettinger
<u>    </u>	MW-333	Lakeside Corvette Club	Ray Clark
<u>Y</u>	MW-351	Windy City Corvettes	Dave Heinemann
<u>    </u>	MW-359	Chippewa Valley Corvettes	Peter Klug
<u>Y</u>	MW-380	Little Egypt Corvette Club	Tom Kasten
<u>Y</u>	MW-391	Mid Illinois Corvette Club	Sandy Arnold
<u>    </u>	MW-464	Rolling Prairie Corvettes	Cynthia Finke
<u>    </u>	MW-465	Mad City Vettes	Todd Mcilwee
<u>Y</u>	MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
<u>Y</u>	MW-522	St. Louis Corvette Club	Jeffrey Craig
<u>    </u>	MW-538	FASS Glass	Randall Clark
<u>Y</u>	MW-575	Chicago Cross Roads CC	JW Weddington
<u>    </u>	MW-578	Ozaukee Corvette Club	Wayne Richter

**MWR OFFICERS**

<u>Y</u>	MW Regional Executive	Larry Pagliaro
<u>Y</u>	MWR Competition Director	Bill Docherty
<u>Y</u>	MWR Membership Director	Diana Haack
<u>Y</u>	MWR Treasurer	Nancy Bailey
<u>Y</u>	MWR Secretary	Christine Reitz
<u>N</u>	MWR Webmaster	Joan Thomas

**Guests in Attendance**

Janet Wilson	Carolyn Samuelson	Joan Heinemann
Susan Pagliaro	Jo Hoak	Shannon Davis

Larry Pagliaro, RE called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Introduction of those in attendance. Notice we are not in Room A today because they are cleaning the carpets. Please place your cell phones on silent.

Motion made by Dave Heinemann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hoak approved by all to approve today's meeting agenda.

**MWR Secretary, Christine Reitz:**

Chris Reitz reported that meeting minutes from the April 26, 2014 MWR Governor's Meeting were emailed out to the MWR Officers on 5/14/14 and to the MWR Governors on 6/2/14.

Motion made by Tom Reitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Heinemann and approved by all to approve the meeting minutes from the April 26, 2014 MWR Governors Meeting.

**MWR Treasurer, Nancy Bailey:**

Review of the Summary Report Mtg to Mtg and YTD. We are currently down about \$4500.00 although we have not yet had our region fundraiser. We are still slightly reducing our treasury as planned. 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment to the NCM is due early next year. Dave Heinemann asked has the fundraiser income exceeded the head tax income from prior years. Nancy was not sure and would investigate and report at the November meeting.

Next we reviewed MWR Balance, Expense & Income Report. Nancy questioned if this particular report was required each meeting, as is written in the SOP's. Larry Pagliaro asked that we continue to have it at each meeting.

Next we reviewed the 2014 MWR Annual Financial Plan. Dave Heinemann and Bill Docherty added two electrical circuits for food and timing to be able to have their own circuits at Rantoul for the fundraiser. All proceeds of food sales by Corvette Club of Illinois will be going to their chosen charity Beth's House Women's Shelter. Gary Kelly brought up the fact that if clubs serve food and charge for it, there is no insurance coverage. Tom Reitz reminded everyone that two years ago we decided that we were purposely trying to decrease our treasury. Larry Pagliaro mentioned that we had originally set \$12K as our goal balance. Think about anticipated expense for 2015 and report these to Larry Pagliaro and/or Nancy Bailey.

Motion made by Gary Kelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hoak approved by all to approve the Treasurer's Reports as reviewed.

**Regional Membership Director (RMD), Diana Haack:**

Discussion at the RMD meeting about sending an article to Blue Bars electronically to [bluebars@corvettesnccc.org](mailto:bluebars@corvettesnccc.org).

The beginning of the year will be a good time for everyone to verify that the information in the database is correct for all members. This will help eliminate the additional expense of return Blue Bars items.

Pat Kelly is trying to work on eliminating the amount of disconnect between FCOA Members and Youth Members. If you have any ideas on how to retain these young people, please discuss with Pat.

Renewal entry into the database can be started now for the 2015 Membership Year. Diana will email the dates that the website will be shut down for renewals, as that was not determined at the RMD meeting last night due to Steve's absence. Bill Hoak asked what the date for joining and being included for the following membership year? Diana reported that date is September 1<sup>st</sup>. Dave Heinemann asked what date renewals will be due to the RMD. Diana reported November 10<sup>th</sup> as the last date renewals can be submitted. Dave

### **Regional Membership Director (RMD), Diana Haack (continued):**

Heinemann asked what the trend of membership was for this year. Bill Esicar mentioned that people he talked with at the NCM had no idea what NCCC is. We discussed how NCCC is being promoted. NCCC MWR has 30 total clubs, 2348 members, 36 MALs and 480 FCOA members. Suburban CC is largest club in region with 178 members. If you have questions for the RMD please call Diana on her cell. Larry Pagliaro asked for a report on Enthusiast Member sign ups within the region. Diana reported that there are two. These were both from Badger State and Gary Kelly reported one bought a corvette and is now a primary member. *As an after meeting follow-up, Joan Thomas added that Sandi Thomas (MW-999-0896L) is an MAL Enthusiast as well as her Companion John Hoeksema (MW-999-0898).*

### **Regional Competition Director (RCD), Bill Docherty:**

#### **11. 2015 Rulebook**

- The Competition Committee (before and after the break) reviewed each area of changes that had been proposed in 2013. The majority of RCD's approved the following:
- Moved Safety language to General Information.
- Allow competitors to ride with novices (or someone who has competed in eight or less events).
- Allow 12 year olds to ride as passengers at low speed events (with appropriate approval and waiver).
- Change flyer requirements to allow for written location description in lieu of maps. Add insurance coverage statement.
- Allow rack and pinion steering for Group 3.
- No change to current requirements for high speed certifications.
- Keep Group I as it now exists.
- Various grammatical changes to align with Competition database.
- Group 1 and 1S allowed to update/backdate wheels within class and plus/minus 1 inch width and +1 diameter.
- Allow aftermarket items in Group 1 and 1S such as cold air intakes, aftermarket shift kits, aftermarket shifters, and crossover pipe.
- Allow coil over springs in Group III.
- Consolidate classes F/G in Group 1, 1S, and 2.
- Consolidate classes J/K in Group 1, 1S, and 2. For competition, Groups combine for competition, points, and awards only.

#### **RCD meeting notes:**

1. Review of rulebook changes - summary above.
2. Discussion on allowing events on weekends bracketing Convention, if Convention starts on Tuesday or later, or ends on or before Thursday.
3. The Motorsports Park is looking for sponsors to fund the park, with naming rights given for park structures or roads. NCCC was asked if it would like to participate, but would be very expensive.

Dale Samuelson said he would post a marked up detailed copy on the national website of the proposed rule changes. There will still be a Class F and G and a Class J and K, similar to C/D class currently in the rule book. These will be considered the same class for low and high speed events, but as separate classes for drag racing. This is a package vote. Dave Heinemann mentioned his concern about the 12-year olds being passengers and helmet safety due to the size of their head. This was cleared with the insurance company. Dave Heinemann also mentioned that the rulebook change regarding tire sizes takes away from the legitimacy of the street class. Each club can still make their own rules regarding passengers and age as long as it is not less than 12.

## **Regional Competition Director (RCD), Bill Docherty (continued):**

### **MWR Fundraiser Status:**

Porta potties, wash station and golf carts have been ordered. Certificate of Insurance has been ordered but not yet received. Bill Docherty requested a check from Nancy Bailey for \$420.00 for the golf carts. Porta potties, wash stations and airport rental will be invoiced. Bill Docherty asked for team leads and has received good participation. We still need a corner worker lead. Dave H asked if we want to set up a Saturday night get together at Stage Coach or at the Mexican Restaurant. Consensus was El Toro. September 26<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for pre-registration.

Bill is currently preparing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Competition Points Audit and hopes to have it completed this week.

2015 MWR Planning Schedule preliminary review (see attached).

**NCM One-Acre:** No input has been received from the committee. Sounds like 2015 is booked up already. So our event will likely have to be in 2016 or later. We will only be given credit for what has already been paid for towards track time. The general consensus of the committee at this point is leaning toward an HPDE. Dave Heinemann mentioned that we could do a joint event with East Tennessee as a fund raiser on Memorial Day Weekend in 2016 if individual members are willing to use their individual acreage towards a region event. We have to move on this soon or all weekend dates will be booked and we won't get in. Arnie Bailey mentioned that we have to have participation from other regions as well as our own to make it a feasible event. Bill Esicar mentioned that your acre money can be used at other locations (i.e., Joliet Autobahn). Discussion was that this was likely just entry for an HPDE at that location. Larry Pagliaro asked what are the next steps by the November MWR Governors Meeting. Governors would like to see the committee investigate the combo event with East Tennessee on the premise that Windy City would get that weekend back after completion of holding events on Memorial Day Weekend at the NCM. There is some concern in losing Rantoul. Would the region be willing to pay the \$400 to Rantoul to keep Memorial Day Weekend locked in?

National points for convention are now added in on the database. Drag updates will be on the website on Monday. Rulebook change will be posted on website on Monday.

Back up for RCD duties. Bill would recommend training someone as back up for entering events on the database and is seeking a volunteer. Larry recommends sending an email out to give governors some idea as to what the responsibilities are. Bill suggest a class room type setting for any interested governors to learn the RCD responsibilities. This training meeting will be scheduled for 4PM Friday prior to November Governors Meeting. Room TBD.

Sanction Meeting will be held during our November Governors meeting.

### **Regional Executive (RE), Larry Pagliaro:**

Discussion on the Standing Rules and Bylaws proposed changes to be read on the floor at the national meeting. Standing Rules will be voted by governors present at the meeting. Bylaws changes will be voted electronically.

Review of the proposed Standing Rule changes and call for how the region is going to vote on the floor. Larry will be informing us of the RE opinions on each of the Bylaws changes.

## **Regional Executive (RE), Larry Pagliaro (continued):**

### **Standing Rules:**

1. Military Benefits – eliminate dues for those military members deployed overseas. Was not submitted to membership or financial committees as of last night.
2. Electronic Distribution of Blue Bars Option – Members shall have the option of receiving Blue Bars electronically. Sylvia reported at the RMD meeting that the sponsors were opposed to this.
3. Reporting Relationships – changes the reporting relationship to define that the Director of Charity shall report to the President; Director of Publications, Webmaster and Director of Sponsorship shall report to Director of Public Relations; Distribution Manager and FCOA Director will report to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Membership; and the Director of Charity shall report to the President. Dave Heinemann's concern that this should be a Bylaws change and not a Standing Rules change as it relates to job descriptions of officers.

Roll call of those governors present on how to vote the region proxies on above.

1. No
2. Yes
3. No

**Bylaws:** (previously sent to governors electronically see attached).

1. Charity and convention expenses – submitted by Arnie Bailey.  
This change brings us in line with the manner in which we are currently operating. The RE's were 12 in favor and 2 against. Governors present suggest voting in favor.
2. Preferring Charges – document a process for bringing charges against an elected official. The only change from what was previously sent out was that the Hearing Committee has the final decision. All RE's were in favor. Governors present suggest voting in favor.
3. National Elected Officers Not Holding Regional Offices – to avoid a conflict of interest between national and regional. RE's voted 13 in favor 1 against. Governors present suggest voting in favor.
4. Cleanup of Bylaws – eliminate the Assistant to Membership Director and Convention Steering Advisor and moves those duties to the Business Manager. RE's all in favor. Governors present all in favor.
5. Term limits for appointed officers – RE's had one abstention, 13 against. Governors present suggest voting against.
6. Procedure for filling vacancies of elected officers – establishes and documents the procedure for filling vacancies. RE's voted 1 abstention, 13 in favor. Governors present suggest voting 9 to 1 in favor.

**Awards Committee** – Diana Haack would like to pass on the awards committee to another volunteer. Joan Heinemann and MaryAnn Bugbee volunteered to take on this task.

Blue Bars deadline is 11/30/14 for contributors.

**NCCC mailbox status:** Reports were provided by Joan Thomas. Bill Docherty is phasing out the [MWR.rcd@comcast.net](mailto:MWR.rcd@comcast.net) address. Nancy Bailey asked what the % of those currently using. Larry Pagliaro said the report indicates about 50%.

**Old Business:**

**Nominating Committee:** Bill Hoak and Tom Reitz reported that the following individuals were nominated for 2015 MWR Offices:

RE – Larry Pagliaro

RCD – Bill Docherty

RMD – Shannon Davis

Secretary – Chris Reitz

Treasurer – Nancy Bailey

Diana Haack explained that she was withdrawing from running due to her health concerns.

Electronic ballot will be on the database the last week of September.

Teller Committee: Larry Pagliaro, Chris Reitz and Dave Heinemann will meet on the Friday prior to the November Governors meeting to tabulate the votes.

Joan Thomas would like a brief bio from each officer nominated.

**New Business:**

The anticipated first place club should start thinking about providing a financial budget for the MWR Awards Banquet and be prepared to present a budget at the MWR November Governors Meeting as part of our 2015 Financial Planning process.

Blackhawk Farms flyer see Bill Hoak.

**Dinner plans:** Moonlight in Alton, IL Meet in lobby 20 minutes after national meeting completion. Local diners meet in lobby 45 minutes after national meeting completion.

Motion made by Bill Hoak 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Reitz and approved by all to adjourn meeting at 11:21AM.