



MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

St Louis Missouri - September 11, 2021

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Future Midwest Region Meeting

November 13, 2021
February 26, 2022
May 7, 2022
September 10, 2022

Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel
900 Westport Plaza Dr., Saint Louis, MO
Phone: 314-878-1500
Reservations: 314-212-2134
Group-"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	James Bodin
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	Al Fiscus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Ed Cassel
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-077	Glass Favorites	Mike Link
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huibretgse
<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	Charles Britten
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Bill Esicar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Jack Wilson
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-351	Windy City Corvette Club	Dave Heinemann Sr
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-465	Mad City Vettes	Joan Thomas
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-575	Chicago Cross Roads CC	James Weddington
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-598	Brew City Corvette Club	Tom Muex
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-613	Central Minnesota Corvette An	Lynn Steenblock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-999	Members-At-Large - Governor	Sandy Arnold

MWR OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW Regional Executive	Larry Pagliaro
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Competition Director	Jeff Craig (proxy)
<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

Janet Wilson – NICC	Pat Stevens – Sunburst
Carolyn Samuelson – NICC	Joan Heinemann – Windy City
Shannon Davis – Rt 66	Diane Wagner – NRL
Linda Fairlamb -- NRL	

- Approval of this meeting agenda was requested, and all approved with a show of hands.
- Attendees – Introductions of those attending. All Governors and guests attending were asked to sign the roster and if proxy for their club to so indicate it on the roster.
- All were asked to mute their phones and speakers.

MRW – Secretary & Treasurer Reports

MWR Secretary – Jeanne Cassel

The minutes of the April 17, 2021, Virtual Conference Meeting of the Governors of the Midwest Region were e-mailed to all officers and governors on April 26, 2021. Motion by Dave Heinemann, seconded by Joan Thomas to approve these minutes as sent was approved by all.

CONVENTION 2022 update: All is coming together for Atlantic City NJ 2022. The Rally will be through wine country. Tours are firming up. Drag racing options are being discussed. 2023 is still open. There was a tentative offer / suggestion discussed but nothing is solid. More information will be available at the National Meeting.

MWR Treasurer – Russ Tharp *A three-page financial report is included with the minutes. (Contact your Governor)*

Report on the Treasury – We made money. The Memorial Day Fundraiser brought in \$6,045. Expenses totaled \$2,093.79

I/E Report, I/E Trend chart were reviewed. Anticipated expenses based on past events was discussed and guestimates were made. The cost of the 2022 Region Party and the Competition awards were discussed. Budgeted amounts for both will be established at the November Region Governors meeting. Three clubs are in the running for Region Champions, and each should be prepared to present Region Party cost proposals from the facility where they would hold the Region Party to include “all in” dinner cost per person, room rates as well as amenities of the facility (i.e.; Hospitality room, included breakfast, etc.). The Governors will then decide if the region can subsidize meal costs. The Governors will also set a firm budget amount for 2021 region Competition awards at the November region Governors meeting. If this club declines to host the event, the #2 club is given the opportunity to host the event. Estimate about 100 – 125 attendees. We will also need to decide if an off set is to be offered. Last year the region paid \$25 toward each attendee’s dinner.

New income/expense considerations in prep for 2021 Financial Plan? – Nothing is over-budget. If September Fundraiser is successful, we will be in good shape.

MWR-RMD and St. Jude Ambassador Report – Sandy Arnold

Report from RMD meeting -- The MWR Region continues as the largest region with 28 clubs, 2,423 members, including MAL’s and Lifetime members. There are 51 MAL’s & 26 Lifetime members. Corvette Club of Illinois is our largest club with 175 members. Tom McKinley is their Governor. We exceeded our projected new members income by nearly \$19,000.

Renewals will start on October 16th. Please update any new information in your database prior to October 14th when the database closes. All are due to me November 15, 2021. I will send renewal packets in the next couple of weeks. Please use the NCCC Applications, make CHECKS PAYABLE TO NCCC, complete INFORMATION Sheet and Control Sheets and send with your renewals.

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

MWR-RCD Report – Jeff Craig (proxy)

Report from RCD meeting – The meeting started at 6:40 and adjourned at 8:15 and was followed by a protest hearing.

- Some clubs are not following the Rule Book. Compliance responsibility starts with the event chairs and the club Governor, then the RCD. Current issue was an incorrect flyer for a concours. It was advertised as Judged, but the event was PC. The hosting club lost the event points.
- The Events Calendar is current based on all submitted information. All will be ready for first of 2022 events.
- You can use the system to print off waivers and results etc.
- The Red-line Rule Book is on the website. Check it out.
- Voting will be at the November Meeting.
- Little River 1/8th mile drag strip event is cancelled
- Convention 2021 Drag Races had issues. Drag Race issues are not uncommon at convention as most only work and/or run a drag race at convention – we have a lack of experience. Bill Docherty proposed an NCCC Convention Official be in-charge for Drag events. There are a lot of procedures to know and rules to follow, including but not limited to record-setting, impound protocol, tear down procedures and the needed equipment.

Jack Wilson – NCCC has equipment and there is a list. All equipment needs to be sent to the event and it needs to be in good condition. Sometimes things are missing or no longer in good condition. Many times, the event people don't know how to use the equipment. A lively discussion with a myriad of topics ensued. If you have a brand-new C-8 do you want to drop the engine out. For a record run tear down, they check the rules of the car's class; the event team handles the tear-down, but the owner has to put all back together again. Ed Cassel brought up creating a provisional record. People like their names in Blue Bars with car class and elapse time, etc. – so would provisional times be published without the tear down? There is a need to update indexes in general and for the 1/8 mile. Drivers can refuse the tear down and loses the record but does the run hold? For non-sanctioned events do rule book safety guideline rules apply. Jack Wilson – use NHRA rules on operations; preliminary rules get set up and then we determine what we need for NCCC. There is a need to run together and to dovetail each group's needs. NCCC Committee needs to meet on this and tell Bill this needs to be done. Jeff will set the topic on the RCD meeting, and Jack Wilson, Dave Heinemann and Jeff Craig will speak with Bill Docherty and will share outcome.

- Economy Runs – how they work and should they be removed from the book was another topic of debate. Dave Heinemann shared some of the old techniques for running Economy Runs.

MWR Competition items

- Memorial Day Region Fund Raiser report – covered under Treasurer's report – There was a profit.
- 2022 MWR Competition Schedule Worksheet review – All calendar dates were moved forward to keep grandfathered times. Schedule was reviewed. We can readjust at the November meeting if needed.
- The proposal to switch from 7 events a day to 5 events a day was debated. We don't have enough weekends for clubs to use all sanctions. We may have to expand event season. **(Jack Wilson presented his MWR Event Analysis Document – [\(see full doc attached to minutes\)](#)**. We may need to find new locations for Fundraisers. Also consider coordinating events with other regions to avoid/eliminate cannibalizing each other's event participation.
- September Region Fund Raiser event status – 35 are pre-registered. This event helps support the region, the banquet, etc. We will need help, corner workers, registration, tech, etc. Joan Thomas reminded us that it is easy to sign up online, just don't hit return. You can forget to put car year in. Reviewed the process/requirement to both sign up and send your check to be pre-registered. Use of pay pal and associated cost was reviewed.

MWR-RE Report – Larry Pagliaro

Any member Passing's to report? A Moment of Remembrance for those who have passed since our last meeting.

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| • Gilbert Quick – Corvette Club of Illinois | • Chris Milewski – Wisconsin Corvette Club, MWR RCD |
| • Jeffery Zarth – Mad City Vettes | • John Butschli – Wisconsin Corvette Club |
| • Eleanor Fauber – Mid-Illinois Corvette Club | • Michel Kirby – St Louis Corvette Club |
| • Catherine Rees – Mid-Illinois Corvette Club | • Mike Barton – Land of Lincoln |

Report from RE meeting –

- There will be a reading of the Bylaw Changes.
- Renewal Due dates were reiterated – to Sandy Arnold by Nov 15th.
- RMDs collectively come up with the date needed to register renewals to give sufficient time to get info into the system.
- The NCCC ballot system was reviewed. Non-governor RE's don't see the ballot so sometimes don't know if the ballot is correct. A Bylaw originally written in 2020 but not submitted is being revitalized to allow the RE's to review NCCC ballots before being presented to the Governors.
- Exit Strategy –Deb Murphy drafted an exit strategy should an organization, say NCCC, decide it could not remain viable. For example, no one willing to be an officer. There are many options. Regions can operate as separate entities. NCCC is a 501c7 social organization, the Charity is a 501c3.
- Shannon has prepared a new FCOA Letter. When a FCOA member reaches 16 years of age they receive a letter, and their sponsor received a letter. This is fostering enthusiasm and a Thank you when a FCOA member reached 16 years and joined the Kalamazoo club.
- To alleviate any concerns that FCOA information is shared Shannon assured all that he does not share any of the information with anyone. All information is kept secure and not sold, shared, or disseminated,
- \$30,000 was in grants and scholarships. The scholarship award was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500 with help from NCCC. Not a lot of grants have been requested.
- Not as much was spent by National due to reduced travel and meeting cancellations due to COVID.

MWR items

- Establish Sanction meeting Date and Location – The Pre-Sanction meeting is the September meeting. The finalization of the 2022 region sanction schedule will be held in St Louis in November.

- 2021 MWR Awards Committee: The Docherty's are willing to help – Diane Wagner volunteered to chair this committee.
- NCCC Bylaw change proposal discussion – covered earlier.
- Region Recognition submissions? – Larry asked if anyone had any information to submit for recognition for work and effort done within the region. This would be personal or club things that members or clubs do that are civic or charity focused. Give information on these efforts to Larry for inclusion in his Blue Bars report.
- Blue Bars deadline is the 30th of November

Appointed Officer and Committee Reports

Officer Nominating Committee Report – Shannon Davis, Tom Reitz

- Electronic voting for officer elections process review. Shannon thanked Tom Reitz for all his work through the last few years.
- Current slate for the MWR is:
 - Linda Fairlamb – RE
 - Sandy Arnold – RMD
 - Jeff Craig – RCD
 - Russ Tharp – MWR Treasurer
 - Jeanne Cassel – MWR Secretary

Larry and the Governors thanked Shannon for his work and Tom for the great transition help. In the next couple weeks Larry will set up the Election Ballot. Once opened, Governors MUST VOTE or lose the ballot. Just being in the system results in a 'blank' vote. If anyone wants to do a write in ballot it must be mailed to the MWR Secretary's home and received before she leaves for the meeting.

- All Officer candidate information to Webmaster for posting onto the Region web site.
 - Joan explained the need for the BIO. Even if running unopposed it is nice to have the picture and bio. And it is nice if we get it to Joan as soon as possible.
 - Larry mentioned that at the RE meeting there was discussion to consider removing manual voting at the national level. Envelope/mailing may be eliminated next year.
- Appoint Teller Committee to review on-line election results/count ballots as necessary in November – Committee will meet at 4:30 PM Friday November 12, 2021, in the hotel lobby. The Teller Committee to consist of Larry Pagliaro – MWR RE, Jeanne Cassel – MWR Secretary, Mike Stevens, Dave Heinemann, and Tom McKinley.

MWR Webmaster report – Joan Thomas

- If anyone sees anything on the website that doesn't look right, please let Joan know.
- Still updating with new material, particularly updating with historical material.
- Adding information from Blue Bars articles
- The list of Governors is updated as soon as she gets web addresses.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Other – None

New Business (need a hard stop at 11:30 for lunch)

- Region Awards Party (2021 Comp Season) Expense projection needed for November Regional Governors meeting - **#1 Club** – covered in Treasurer report
- Saturday night dinner has returned. John Hibbeler has arranged for us to go to Caselli's Moonlight Restaurant.
- John is also running a brunch drive out on Sunday. Meet at 11 Am at the Pink Elephant.
- **Motion by Joan Thomas, seconded by Thomas McKinley:**
 - 2.12.7 REQUESTING NUMBERS AT AN EVENT: The following sentence is being added to the current language "The ten dollars (\$10.00) to be sent to the MWR Treasurer by check made payable to NCCC-Midwest Region and made part of the Assigned Number income for the year.
 - Unanimously approved.
- **Remembering Chris Milewski, Sr. 1970-2001 – Joan Thomas** shared the "Story of the Empty Chair ceremony". Dating back to 1875, the ceremony pays tribute to those who did not return from the war. Chris' picture, certificate and a red rose rested at a at the table at our MWR Governors meeting, and at the National Meeting. It was a fitting ceremony for our MWR RCD who fought a valiant battle against cancer.

Motion to adjourn by Joan Thomas, seconded by John Hibbeler, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Cassel,
Midwest Region Secretary