



# MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

St Louis Missouri – September 9, 2023

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### Future Midwest Region Meeting

November 11, 2023  
 February 24, 2024 (to be voted on)  
 May 4, 2024 (to be voted on)  
 September 14, 2024 (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)

_____	MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Jon Kurtz
_____	MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	Ken Franklin
Y	MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	John Severs
Y	MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Ed Cassel
_____	MW-077	Glass Favorites Corvettes	Mike Link
_____	MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huijbretgse
Y	MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	Tom McKinley
_____	MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Curt Callies
_____	MW-122	River City Corvettes	Tom Stibbe
Y	MW-135	Northern Rays Ltd.	Dan Wagner
Y	MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Steve Grabenstetter (proxy)
Y	MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Dale Samuelson
Y	MW-246	Badger State Vettes, Ltd	Craig Wiendl
_____	MW-277	Sunburst Corvette Club	Mike Stevens
Y	MW-278	Central Illinois Corvette Club	John Hibbeler
_____	MW-315	Corvettes of Minnesota	Don Gettinger
Y	MW-351	Windy City Corvette Club	Dave Heinemann Sr
Y	MW-378	Corvette Cruisers of Ill	Karen Grove
Y	MW-391	Mid Illinois Corvette Club	Jim Redmond
_____	MW-464	Rolling Prairie Corvettes	Rod Finke
Y	MW-465	Mad City Vettes	Joan Thomas
Y	MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
Y	MW-522	St. Louis Corvette Club	Larry Walker
Y	MW-575	Chicago Cross Roads Corvette Club	JW Weddington
_____	MW-598	Brew City Corvette Club	Tom Muex
_____	MW-613	Central Minnesota Corvette Assoc	Lynn Steenblock
Y	MW-621	Stray Vettes of Illinois	Sandy Arnold
Y	MW-999	Members-At-Large - Governor	Sandy Arnold
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## MWR OFFICERS

Y	MW Regional Executive	Linda Fairlamb
Y	MWR Competition Director	Jeff Craig
Y	MWR Membership Director	Sandy Arnold
Y	MWR Treasurer	Russ Tharp
Y	MWR Secretary	Jeanne Cassel
Y	MWR Webmaster	Joan Thomas
_____	MWR Facebook Dude	Matt Waters

## Guests in Attendance

Helen Parke	Chicago Cross Roads	Diane Wagner	Northern Rays
Chris Reitz	Rt 66 Corvette Club	Joan Heinemann	Windy City
Carolyn Samuelson	Northern Illinois Corvette Club		

# Midwest Region Governors Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2023

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**Call meeting to order** – **Linda Fairlamb** called the September 9, 2023, MWR Governors meeting to order at 8:31 AM. Approval of the meeting agenda by **James Weddington**, seconded by John Severs 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 has changed again back to the way it used to be with Governors needing to sign in at the afternoon meeting on the sheet passed around at that meeting.

## **Officer Reports**

### **MWR Secretary – Jeanne Cassel**

- Approval of May 6, 2023, Region Meeting Minutes was requested. The minutes were e-mailed on June 4, 2023, to all officers and governors. **Motion to approve the Minutes as sent was made by Dave Heinemann, seconded by Dale Samuelson, and was approved by all.**
- Report from Convention Steering Committee meeting – Allen Morris, NCCC Business Manager opened the meeting at 7:12 PM.
  - Chris Reitz, Convention Treasurer started the 2023 Convention recap. The financials are almost finalized. A few invoices and check clearance and possible refunds to be discussed are all that is outstanding.
  - Refund Requests - The committee voted to disallow one refund request as it was all weather related. While the rally did offer a refund, the option was provided to all that as an alternative their names would be put in a hat and the winners drawn from all participants – changing the rally to a pure chance rally. No one followed up with Dale Samuelson to advise they did not want this, so all names went into the hat. The other seven requests were for medical reasons, all known or medically documented, and these requests were approved.
  - The 2023 Convention made an unanticipated profit. Objective of the Conventions is to not lose monies but to break even. Pricing is set based on historic attendance and anticipated costs. Due to anticipated interest in the 2023 location and timing with the Corvette 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, projected attendance was increased to 450 participants, but no one expected the attendance to reach almost 750 participants. Added was the Treasurer's ability to sell more tour seats, filling the tours and buses. The hotel's allowing the use of Club and region donated wine (from the Wine Tasting) to be used in the Hospitality Room saved on the bar bill. And savings were made when Clubs like ICE paid for the Ice Cream for the social.
  - End results – about \$20,000 will be donated to St Jude as the 2023 convention was not region or club hosted. Dale Samuelson, Betty Parks, Chris Reitz, and a whole group of volunteers worked together to host the 2023 Convention.
  - 2024 Convention May 2024 in Joplin MO will be hosted by 4 State Vettes. Jim Walton, Jeff and Mary Lou Bruggemann and John Hird and Deb were present, and everything is on track. They did ask the committee if they thought there might be interest in a Skeet Shooting Event. In a show of hands about one half of Governors present thought it is an option.
  - The plan is to not have night social events every night. Ideas on where and how to get door prizes were discussed.
  - Room rates for the 3-hosting hotels range from \$105 per night to \$119 per night double occupancy and this includes taxes.
  - Competitive events planned include Low Speed with a Matching Time Trial; Bracket, Matching and Non-Record Drag Racing, Rally, and Judged Concours and People's Choice Car Show. No High Speed.
  - Some 2024 Convention information is on the NCCC website, such as preliminary schedule.
  - Allen Morris checked and confirmed the "weather forecast for May13 through 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 is favorable."

### **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 Annual Financial Plan** including *NCCC-Midwest Region 2023 Budget vs Actual* and Notes and the Checkbook Register along with the **MW Income-Expense** with the *Budget Period Summary and YTD Summary* forwarded to the Governors for discussion at this meeting were reviewed.
- May and August Fundraiser results – **Linda Fairlamb**. Phenomenal status. The \$5,800 for May exceeded the budgeted \$3,500 and improved our financial position. We had more participants and an increase in out-of-area participants and some donations such as Windy City forgoing one day's pylon fees and the 50/50 drawing helped greatly. August's results of \$3,700 exceeded the budget by \$600. This along with the 50/50 raffle added to the bottom line.
  - New income/expense considerations in prep for 2024 Financial Plan? Linda asked if anyone had any new income or expense items that should be considered for the 2024 Budget. The only comment was to include the 50/50 Proceeds as income.

## MWR RMD – Sandy Arnold

- RMD from RMD meeting
  - 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 31 clubs, and 2,298 members, the Midwest Region has 27 clubs and 2,485 members. Route 66 Corvette Club is the largest club in the Midwest Region with 191 members. Tom Reitz is their Governor. The club meets in St. Peter's, MO.
  - The National Council of Corvette Clubs has 19,196 members and 241 clubs, with a couple of new clubs forming and will be joining the NCCC. Membership has increased from 18,083 at the May 2023 meeting to 19,196 at this meeting.
- 2024 Renewals
  - 2024 Renewal Dates to Remember:
  - October 1-3 the database will be disabled for ADDING OR SUBMITTING MEMBERS. "Update" to member information is enabled. October 4th the database will be set to 2024 RENEWALS mode. Club rosters will appear in **YELLOW**.
  - 2024 Club renewal instructions will be sent to Governors by the end of September.
  - Governors will process club members showing them as PAID or DEACTIVATED. Update member's information as needed.
  - ONLY SUBMIT THE RENEWAL ROSTER WHEN CLUB RENEWALS ARE COMPLETED. New members AND Late Renewing members can be added during the renewal timeframe.
  - Update a NCCC Information Sheet and send it to me via U.S. postal mail along with your renewals.
  - **Completed Renewals are due to me by November 15, 2023!**
- GOVERNOR DATABASE COMPLETE AND UPDATE CLUB INFORMATION. I will send all the Governors instructions to complete this form located on the database.
- Current clubs' difficulties with processing
  - spouse info entered incorrectly or not linked to primary member.
  - complete street and town addresses often incomplete, or 4-digit zip not included.
  - Member Look-Up needs to be used before EVERY entry.
  - DUPLICATE ENTRIES for late renewals/new members.
- 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. 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!
- There were 12 applicants who completed their NCCC scholarship application, and each received a \$1,500 scholarship from the NCCC.
- Scholarship applications for 2024 will be posted on the NCCC website on November 1, 2023, and must be completed and returned by April 10, 2024. The date change is due to the convention being held in May 2024.
- Remember that only NCCC members are covered by NCCC insurance.

## MWR RCD Report – Jeff Craig (~~Attached is the updated 2024 preliminary Sanction Schedule based on changes made at the Governors Meeting~~; see 2023 short & long Sanction Schedules at [mwregion.com/schedule](http://mwregion.com/schedule).) **Contact your Governor**

- Report from RCD meeting – The meeting was quiet, controlled, and quick.
  - Hard copies of waivers are to be retained for 5 years – this change is due to claim experience.
  - Waivers for minors at the events are to be kept until minor becomes an adult. It was asked and unanswered if the age or date-of-birth of minors is listed on the form.
    - Proposed changes highlighted:
    - Funkhana classification moved from Speed event to Rally, eliminating the helmet and fire extinguisher rules if the speed will not exceed 10MPH.
    - C-8, for car show, the engine in the convertible is not judged, like the coupe. The new class for C-8 is Custom C.
- 2024 MWR Competition Schedule Worksheet - Convention dates are earlier in the year necessitating event schedule changes. The rule changing the number of allowed annual events per club is to be voted on and is expected to pass. For this meeting we will follow the current 7-events per day format. (NOTE: The 2024 MWR Competition Schedule Worksheet sent with these minutes incorporates changes requested at the September Governors meeting and changes requested following the meeting – changes are depicted in the "notes column". All requested changes will be discussed and approved at the November sanction meeting.

**MOTION by Tom McKinley and seconded by JW, “Keep the Competition Schedule open and not finalize it until the February Governor Meeting due to possible rule changes. Approved by all.**

- Discuss Competition Rulebook changes to be voted on. See the ‘red line’ version on the NCCC website under Competition > Competition Committee Approved Rule Changes (Redline) and Clarifications. A summary follows:
  - 2022-R10 Increase club sanctions from ten to fourteen per year.
  - 2022-R14a Allow up to three events per session in a Time Trial session.
  - 2023-R1 Change People’s Choice Concours to Car Show and delete paragraphs on awards and class.
  - 2023-R2 Divide Men’s and Ladies standings into Speed and Non-speed standings. Clubs will remain as total point standings. The Top 15 competitors in both speed and non-speed standings will receive awards.
  - 2023-R5 No judging of engines for C8 (Class I) for Concours nor any engines for Best of Show.
  - 2023-R6 Revise Overall Bonus Points so that each FTD must beat at least one other entrant.
  - 2023-R7 Delete the ban on entrants riding as passengers to allow help for new entrants.
  - 2023-R8 Remove helmet requirement for Funkhanas under 10 mph.
  - 2023-R9 Use Rallye matrix for Funkhana scoring and include bonus points for best score.
  - The following changes by clarification will be entered.
    - C-2022-3 Move two existing flyer requirements into the flyer section.
    - C-2023-2 Change HPDE to Time Trial in section 11.
    - C-2023-3 Change Wave-by to Point-by in section 11.
    - C-2023-4 Add Class C to Custom for 2020 and newer. Revise Custom Class B to 1984-2019. No engine judging for Class C.
- Electronic Voting on the Rule Book has been proposed and agreed to. When a change has multi parts or affects different areas all changes will be combined for voting purposes – one vote for all. Separate rules or items will be presented for vote as single items on the ballot. An example is 2022 R8 which affects flyer information regarding what to say regarding what is allowed and not allowed versus 2022 R14 which requires adherence of Time Trial rules to SCCA or NSA club rules.
- Rule 6 may be up for discussion. It proposes that the VP of Competition has the authority to suspend national points – for example during COVID we did not have language to handle or suspend competition. Some think the VP of Competition in conjunction with the RCD’s are in the best position to know the best steps.
- Another somewhat similar change is being proposed by the E-Board giving the E-Board authority to suspend or cancel national meetings, and maybe events. May be in conflict?
- Review 2023 R1, R5, R6, R7, and C2023-3pdf and 4pdf as our RCD is in favor of voting yes for these.

**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. Cleaning up some by laws – and getting clarification on some such as the 51% rule. What is the factor based on, and who is to monitor it.
  - Report from Finance meeting. A Standing Rule Change was proposed: To continue to pay the outgoing national treasurer and Business Manager the hotel and travel rate for one month beyond their term to provide council and to facilitate and assist the transition of duties. There had been some information that Hagerty Insurance representative that event participants could buy a daily membership to enable them to be covered under the event insurance. That rep is no longer affiliated with Hagerty, and no one has any information on this item.
- Confirm the current year Sanctioning meeting date – Motion to approve Nov 11’ 2023, as 2023 sanction meeting made by JW Weddington and seconded by Craig Wiendl and approved by all.
- Discuss #1 Club possibilities: need Banquet plans for November meeting. Joan Thomas – and Mad City Corvette Club have reviewed their place in the points standings are presumptively in initial preparation stage. April 6 is the best date for their club. They like the Sheraton Hotel but are investigating options.
- Appoint 2024 MWR Awards Committee: **volunteers?** Motion to approve. **Motion by Dave Heinemann, seconded by Sandy Arnold to nominate Diane Wagner to chair the Awards Committee again.** Diane graciously accepted the unanimous vote. Thank you, Diane. We know you will do an excellent job.
- Determine 2024 Awards budget.
  - Motion to approve - It was suggested, and **Tom McKinley moved, and Dave Heinemann seconded that we work to stay with the \$5,000 budget. All agreed.**
- Review the Region Admin Schedule – all has been completed.
- Blue Bars cut off is extended to Monday September 11, 2022. Linda Fairlamb has some information from Minnesota. It would be great to have some more.

**Appointed Officer and Committee Reports**

**Officer Nominating Committee report – Tom Reitz.** Tom has candidates. Two vacant positions were RCD and Bill Docherty has volunteered; and Treasurer and Diane Wagner has volunteered. Returning are Linda Fairlamb, RE, Sandy Arnold, RMD, and Jeanne Cassel, Secretary. Thank you, Tom, for your work.

- All Officer candidate information to Webmaster for posting on the Region web site. Joan would like Bio information as soon as possible for the website.



- Electronic voting for officer elections process review – **Linda Fairlamb**. Linda will set up the ballot for the electronic voting. The process was reviewed with a reminder that a vote must be completed for each candidate – select the name and vote, then finish. Linda Fairlamb can see which clubs have voted but not who they voted for.
- Appoint Teller Committee to review on-line election results/count ballots as necessary in November – **Linda Fairlamb**, appointed Secretary Jeanne Cassel to join her in counting the ballots; and will be joined by Craig Wiendl and Jeff Craig at 5 Pm on Friday November 10, 2023, in the St. Louis MO. Westport hotel lobby.

**MWR Webmaster report – Joan Thomas** – We had a short training session showing how to find the ‘changes on the Region Website. Changes to our website are shown in black. Since the “What’s New on the NCCC Website?” is no longer kept up to date on the NCCC website, she posts the new information she finds on the NCCC website that would be helpful for MWR members in **‘brown’** under our **Changes** page to aid in keeping up with NCCC news. Linda Fairlamb suggested ‘bookmarking’ the page to facilitate quickly locating the Changes Page. Joan also showed how to locate the History Tab information. Each club Governor is responsible to check to ensure their own club’s flyer information is posted on the Schedule Page and to insure the link(s) work correctly.

**Unfinished/Old Business**

- Committee proposals for costs exceeding revenues- **Sandy Arnold**. Sandy reported that Mike Stevens and Bill Esicar volunteered. Proposals and suggestions included the 50/50 drawing, and reconsider the amount paid per member for the annual awards banquet with focus on evaluating the benefit of the open bar and a per/person versus a total dollar amount of offset to provide. It was asked who is responsible, the bartender or the organization hosting a venue if someone is inebriated and involved in a litigation incident following consuming alcohol at the awards banquet/party. We can confirm insurance liability with Allen Morris.insurance liability. Ideas and suggestions are welcome.
- Loss of meeting room beginning 2025 update – **Linda Fairlamb**. Butch DeWitt will check with the hotel to see if there is a hotel or meeting room available for 2025 and beyond for the MW Region and at what cost. We can then plan for 2025.
- Other – **All None**

**New Business** -- None

- Other – **All**  
Joan Thomas will accept checks for the September 16-17 **Event**.

**Motion to adjourn by JW Weddington, Dan Wagner seconded, all approved.** The meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted.  
Jeanne Cassel MW Region Secretary

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