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***Future Midwest Region Meeting***

February 24, 2018  
May 5, 2018  
September 8, 2018  
November 10, 2018

Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel  
900 Westport Plaza Dr., Saint Louis, MO  
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# MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

## ST. LOUIS, MO.

Midwest Region minutes of November 11, 2017 meeting in St. Louis, MO.  
Those Governors in attendance were:

Yes (Y)

|             |        |                                 |                  |
|-------------|--------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-004 | Chicago Corvette Club           | Jon Kurtz        |
| <u>    </u> | MW-051 | Suburban Corvette Club          | Jay Randall      |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-054 | Midwest Corvettes               | Mark Hermann     |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-075 | Wisconsin Corvette Club         | Ed Cassel        |
| <u>    </u> | MW-077 | Glass Favorites                 | Mike Link        |
| <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               | Curt Callies     |
| <u>    </u> | MW-122 | River City Corvettes            | Charles Britten  |
| <u>    </u> | MW-135 | Northern Rays Ltd.              | Vern Fagerberg   |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-155 | Great River Corvette Club       | Bill Esicar      |
| <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        | Bruce Blunt      |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-277 | Sunburst Corvette Club          | Lee Douglas      |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-278 | Central Illinois Corvette Club  | John Hibbeler    |
| <u>    </u> | MW-315 | Corvettes of Minnesota          | Don Gettinger    |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-351 | Windy City Corvettes            | Ray Bair (P)     |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-378 | Corvette Cruisers of Ill        | Andrew Monson    |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-380 | Little Egypt Corvette Club      | Tom Kasten       |
| <u>    </u> | MW-391 | Mid Illinois Corvette Club      | Sandy Arnold     |
| <u>    </u> | MW-464 | Rolling Prairie Corvettes       | Julie Finke      |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-465 | Mad City Vettes                 | Joan Thomas      |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-470 | Route 66 Corvette Club          | Tom Reitz        |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-522 | St. Louis Corvette Club         | Jeffrey Craig    |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-575 | Chicago Cross Roads CC          | James Weddington |
| <u>    </u> | MW-598 | Brew City Corvette Club         | Tom Muex         |
| <u>Y</u>    | MW-999 | Member at Large                 | Shanon Davis     |

**MWR OFFICERS**

|          |                          |                |
|----------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <u>Y</u> | MW Regional Executive    | Larry Pagliaro |
| <u>Y</u> | MWR Competition Director | Bill Docherty  |
| <u>Y</u> | MWR Membership Director  | Shannon Davis  |
| <u>Y</u> | MWR Treasurer            | Nancy Bailey   |
| <u>Y</u> | MWR Secretary            | Jeanne Cassel  |
| <u>Y</u> | MWR Webmaster            | Joan Thomas    |

**Guests in Attendance**

|                   |              |              |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Joan Heinemann    | Gary Kelly   | Pat Kelly    |
| Ruth Kasten       | Jo Hoak      | Bill Hoak    |
| Susan Pagliaro    | Carol Kurtz  | Janet Wilson |
| Carolyn Samuelson | Debby Wagner | Barry Wagner |

Larry Pagliaro called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM. For Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we took a moment to thank all present who served in the military for their service. Larry asked for cell phones to be muted. All present were introduced.

Larry requested approval of the distributed MWR Meeting Agenda.

Motion by Jeff Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Kasten/Jon Kurtz to approve today's agenda. Motion carried.

#### **Teller Committee Report – Jeanne Cassel –**

Larry Pagliaro explained the voting process. Each club has a vote. We have on-line voting to facilitate elections and for polling member clubs. Larry expressed how impressed and grateful he is with the voting compliance of the MWR clubs and Governors.

Jeanne reported that the Teller Committee consisting of RE Larry Pagliaro, Governor Joan Thomas, NCCC Member Gary Kelly and Secretary Jeanne Cassel met at 4:30 PM on November 10, 2017, opened the voting file and tallied the results. The MWR had 89% compliance as **25 out of 28 clubs cast ballots**.

**Results are:** RE Larry Pagliaro; RCD Ray Bair; RMD Shannon Davis; Treasurer Nancy Bailey; and Secretary Jeanne Cassel. Congratulations to all.

**MWR Secretary – Jeanne Cassel** - All in attendance were asked to sign the Attendance Roster.

Minutes from the **September 9, 2017 MWR Governors Meeting** were emailed to officers and governors on **September 28, 2017**. There was a correction in Mary Ann Bugbee's name. The minutes were then published on the MWR website on **Sept 29<sup>th</sup> by Webmaster Joan Thomas**. There is a subsequent correction on page 4, under the RE report, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet, 2017 MWR Awards Committee indicates the chair is open; Arnie and Nancy Bailey had graciously volunteered to chair this committee. Motion requested to approve the September 9, 2017 MWR Governors Meeting minutes as published and now corrected.

Motion by Tom Reitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Weddington, motion carried.

**MWR Treasurer – Nancy Bailey** – Financial pages are attached to the meeting minutes.

**Report on Treasury** – Reports were distributed and reviewed. All are complete as of Nov 9, 2017.

MWR Fundraiser Autocross Finance Report Sept 30 & Oct 1, 2017. All bills appear to be accounted for.

I/E Summary Report Sept 7, 2017 through Nov 9, 2017 - Items include fundraiser receipts and expenses and the previously approved \$300 donation to Beths Place, a woman's shelter. A Thank You from the shelter was read. The same page, YTD Summary Report Jan 1, 2017 through Nov 9, 2017, we anticipated some EOY expenses of officer mileage, and probably some miscellaneous expense. All looks good.

The 2017 MWR Annual Financial Plan shows the NCM MSP One Acre Income from East Tennessee. We have less expenses than budget for; and receipts are also little less. The fundraisers help pay for awards.

The MWR Balance, Expense & Income reports EOY 2007 through Nov 9, 2017 and the MWR Checking Account -Year to Year graph were reviewed. Note that expense last year included the NCM MSP Acre. These reports show the pattern of what has happened over the last years.

**2018 Annual Financial Plan Review** - The 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the 2018 MWR Annual Financial Plan was presented. There are several open and unknown items such as the IRS 2018 reimbursement allowance. Budget items, including awards were discussed. Motion: After discussion, and based on historic information and financial expectations, Arnie Bailey moved and Bruce Blunt 2<sup>nd</sup> that up to \$5,000 be budgeted for awards, all approved.

**Discussion: Financial support for the Region Party, need for Head Tax:** MWR Party preliminary plan was presented by Larry Pagliaro. Proposed date is March 10, 2018. All else, William Tell Holiday Inn location, menu, and prices are the same as 2017. Motion: Tom Reitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Craig 2<sup>nd</sup> that the MWR budget \$25 per region attendee, and maintain \$35 participant cost. All approved. Larry Pagliaro will finalize arrangements. Governors are encouraged to ask their clubs for Event Gift Certificates for door prizes.

Head Tax – The annual discussion for the vote commenced. Bill Docherty explained that the per/club-event per/participant Head Tax typically ranging from 50¢ to \$1 or \$2 was used to cover MWR expenses, but it cut into club profits. Now MWR uses fundraiser events and so far it is eliminating the need for the Head Tax. Based on Financial expectations, Motion to continue with no Head Tax was made by Tom Reitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arnie Bailey; approved by all. Please encourage fundraiser participation!

Event workers – Arnie Bailey commented on the good workers some clubs bring to events. Ideas on ways to recognize or honor workers included extending rewards to the top 20 at the awards party, and paying for the worker's whole meal but then would 'racers' want their meal free. At some events we have hired people to work events. Discussion included how to structure a reward such as considering a top 20 or xx points earned. Gary Kelly suggested keep it simple, use the top 20; ties can be handled. Suggested Governors take the idea to the clubs. This consideration would be for the 2018 season. Larry Pagliaro suggested working on options for the February Meeting for budget consideration

**Need for a Financial Audit Committee** – It is fiscally responsible to do the checks and balances exercise to ensure the accuracy of our financial process. This requires an independent auditor. Treasurer Nancy Bailey gives the auditor the books for review. Tom Kasten offered to do the audit again this year. Thank You Tom

### **MWR-RMD Report – Shannon Davis**

**RMD Meeting Report:** Shannon Davis

**Renewal status and any Governor Changes** - Some printing issues with the membership cards have been identified and reported at the RMD meeting. Shannon said he also received some negative comments. Members should be able to take a pic with their phone if they can't print the cards. Some issues concern clubs that have sponsors who give benefits such as free oil changes, etc., they need a "membership card".

Remember: Dec 1 - Renewals must be in. Dec 8 data base closes. Renewals after Dec 15 are late – no exceptions. Jan 7 through 13<sup>th</sup>, all is down for maintenance and moving to the new domain.

Membership application is on the Governors web site. Follow the **2018 Renewal Instructions** on the "Members Only" section of NCCC website. For help or password contact Shannon, or Amelia Workman, VP Membership ([aworkman5@gmail.com](mailto:aworkman5@gmail.com)) Governors can enter new or renewing club members. MAL renew through NCCC, [membership@corvettesNCCC.org](mailto:membership@corvettesNCCC.org)

For transfers between clubs – 1<sup>st</sup>, look up the primary member to find the old NCCC #, and then follow the instructions. Auto-renew, Lifetime and Charter might need to be modified to force an update – just change the zip code, click "Update ...", then change it back again, and update.

Membership card link is sent directly to the member's email as members are renewed in the program. If only the primary receives the message that means there wasn't an email address for the spouse.

**The NCCC Membership Database User Guide – a National Council of Corvette Clubs Digital Soft Copy Membership Card Archive & Printing Guide** is a members-only how-2 manual for printing cards.

\*\* Update – if a plastic ID card is needed, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to NCCC VP Membership. Thank You Governors for great job getting e-mail address corrected.

SPAM has become an issue for NCCC. If members want NCCC communications to stop, use unsubscribe or delete as we, NCCC, gets blacklisted if enough are put into spam. 1% of our e-mails are SPAM'd; while not bad we should discourage SPAM. The MWR had only 4 who SPAM'd.

MWR has two new governors – Sunburst Mike Stevens and Mid-West Ross Scott. Their info needs to go to [Officers@mwregion.com](mailto:Officers@mwregion.com).

Convention Registration on the NCCC web site will open 8:00 AM CST Feb 3, 2018

MWR Membership is 2,543 members strong in 28 clubs with 52 MALs.

Largest region club is Suburban Corvette Club of Minnesota with 209 members.  
FOCA has 2,099 members. Windy City Corvettes at 140 has the most FOCA members in the MWR.

### **MWR-RCD Report – Bill Docherty**

**RCD Meeting Report:** Bill explained a Competition Database points issue. The results information was entered into the data base and the TAB key was used – the Excel way to tab. However, tab doesn't work in the database. The TAB split the points. The member saw and reported it. It is better to use the Excel Results Summary. All is fixed.

The C7 Grand Sport classification is now 'N' for low speed and 'M' for high speed events. The logic behind the split classification is that horsepower is a factor in the one event but not the other.

Some regions are pushing for an 'annual tech' at the first event. Intent is to save time. It is an option. Ed Cassel mentioned we currently are somewhat doing it; and Bill said that when someone runs every week, they know the car and the class. Someone who rarely runs may have made some changes, or might not come to the first event – no time saved. End of day, a safety tech is always needed.

*LEGACY INSURANCE Representatives – Guests Brian Gries and Jim Walton visited. Waivers were the first topic. Brian explained that, "Waivers are a mechanism used to protect individuals, clubs and the insurance company. Waivers do keep the insurance cost down and this helps clubs". The need for waivers for drive-outs, parades, house parties, and the common understanding that a waiver is needed only when a COI (Certificate of Insurance) is required were mentioned. Other discussion included, "What should a club do if their registration person has an emergency and cannot be there so the club didn't have the waivers at the event start"? Back-up registration was recommended. And when, how and why would the insurance cover a club's timing lights? Availability of electronic signing on waivers was asked; Brian said most clubs are not interested. The region thanked Brian for the prompt turnaround on COIs. Brian said he'd be in the lobby for more questions. (NOTE: EVERYONE WAS ASKED TO REVIEW THE FAQ'S TO REVALIDATE THESE COMMENTS AS WE CONTINUE TO HEAR INCONSISTENCIES). Larry mentioned that the last instructions he had said waivers are only for Competition events, not drive outs and social activities.*

Two rule book changes – both approved at the November RCD meeting. Documents appended.

- The rulebook and all forms needed for competition season will be available on the NCCC website for viewing and download. This aligned the language to reflect current practice. See 1.2 Attachment
- The September Michigan event protest – track cancelled at the last minute due to weather, host club had insufficient time to contact the VP. At the Nov. RCD meeting the notification and rescheduling time frame was extended for events cancelled by natural causes or disaster. See 1.4.12 Attachment

Cup tire clarification – A prior decision was that even if the grooves still have sufficient tread, when the outside tread wears out the car moves to Group 1. At the Nov. RCD meeting this was revisited. The prior ruling was rescinded. The car remains in 1S until the grooves are below 2/32nds, same as with any street tire.

Michelin– there may be a tire change on the C7 for the Pilot Super Sport - a cup tire summer run-flat. Question on Rule Book, is modification needed to allow both a ¼ and an 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile event to run same day. The recall of the Kidde Fire Extinguishers was discussed. The plastic handles and/or the button push be inaccurate. Check the Kidde web site under "Product Safety Recall" to check models.

Other open conversation included the consideration on on-line registration; and the release of the 2019 Corvette ZR1 at the Nov 12, 2017 Dubai Motor Show.

**Break** – A reminder was made to all to sign the Attendance Roster.

**MWR Competition items** – Preliminary 2017 Competition result categories were briefly reviewed. The championship results will be finalized by Dec 1, 2017.

This is Bill's last meeting as our RCD. Ray Bair will take over and Bill work with him through the transition. The fundraiser was a success. 70 drivers and competitors helped work the event. Dave Goebel, East Tennessee, thanked MWR for support given and for donating track time. Any time MWR wants to team with ETCC it will be welcome. It's a great relationship.

**2018 MWR Competition Schedule Challenges** - Dates shift every year. It is a challenge.

**MWR 2018 Sanctioning Meeting – Bill Docherty** – 11/11/2018 MW Sanction Schedule is appended  
The preliminary 2018 MW Sanction Planning Schedule dated 10/27/2017 was reviewed. Governors worked together to help each club meet their schedule needs. The updated and finalized schedule includes Crossed Flags donation of 10 sanctions for the October Fundraiser. Sanctions are still needed for the 15 event Memorial Day Fundraiser. Donating unused sanctions helps us avoid the Head Tax.

### **MWR-RE Report – Larry Pagliaro**

Larry Pagliaro reported that 4 members had passed since our last meeting. Sheila Fagerberg, Northern Rays Ltd; Carl Ballenger, St Louis Corvette Club, Greg Franken, Mad City and Hector Durant, Chicago Cross-Roads. Larry gives the names to Blue Bars for publication. Governors should update the data base.

### **2018 Proxy Process starts the 1<sup>st</sup> of January –**

Larry distributed Proxy forms, and explained that should a Governor be unable to attend a NCCC Governor's Meeting, the signed proxy enables the RE to cast their club's vote for them as the club directs, or if no direction given, to vote the way the majority of present governors so determine. Larry then asked all present governors to complete and return the forms to him. See NCCC By-Laws (November 2016), see Pgs.7 & 8 ARTICLE VII, Officers, SECTION 1., Regional Officers, C. Duties, 1) Regional Executive for more info.

### **Report from RE Meeting:**

Sponsorship – Deb Lindsey will continue in the Director position. Eckler will return and is increasing support, but no calendars due to insufficient return on investment.

NCCC is participating in Mid America Funfest, possibly Corvettes of Carlisle, and a 2018 Nebraska Funfest.

Finance Committee – The committee will request the due date for finalizing the NCCC Financials be pushed into the year for the February meeting as they, like the Region, do not have the entire budget impacting information they need, including but not limited to, IRS mileage rates or insurance renewal information.

New Insurance Waivers with more space for signatories should be out and on the NCCC website.

Indiana Region put in for the 2020 Convention

The Corvette Museum members should take note that they can get a \$1,000 discount off the purchase of a new car. After you get the best offer, the dealer should call the museum. It's the real deal. There was some discussion that there may also be a 'supplier' or friend type discount on new Chevy's.

### **Accept applications for MWR Appointed Officers**

One MWR Appointed Officer position, the Webmaster was open with one applicant. Joan Thomas applied. Joan was appointed and will continue as our MWR Webmaster. Congratulations Joan.

**Blue Bars deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>:** Reminder to keep writing articles.

John Hibbeler mentioned Joan Thomas gave him a stash of extra **Blue Bars**. John has compiled a list. He will give some to Elaine Heretta for **Blue Bars** history; but if anyone is interested in any copies, see him.

### **Appointed Officer and Committee Reports**

**Awards Committee status – Arnie and Nancy Bailey** - If anyone has any ideas for awards, please see them. Note that the **Motion to pay for Region Awards** was discussed earlier in the meeting and approved. See **2018 Annual Financial Plan Review** in the **Treasurer Report**.

**MWR Webmaster Report – Joan Thomas** – The MWR website is <http://mwregion.com>

To keep the MWRegion.com website current, please send all e-mail and changes to Joan. She will update. Please forward this information to all club officers.

- Joan handles the Social Calendar, Governors, please get your club information to her.
- The Governors Meeting hotel registration for 2018 is now on the MWR site. The 2019, 2020, and 2021 meeting dates have been added to the website.
- The RMD's Club Information Reporting Form is posted under the Information Menu tab.
- The Charity Form is found on the website. Clubs should complete and submit this form when their club contributes to a charity or has a charity event. NCCC shares the composite gift giving information with sponsors when they ask, "What do clubs do?"
- Proxy Form – Governors present at the meeting should complete the form. Governors not present can find the form on the website. Joan stressed the importance of a club's vote always being counted.
- *The Midwest Region's Guidelines for its Governors* initial draft ([copy attached](#)) was done by Joan and was distributed.
- The MWR website will be updated for 2018.
- For a quick search, look under "What's new" on the MWR site, and under "Changes" on NCCC's site.

**Unfinished / Old Business** - None

**Review the Region's Admin Schedule – Larry Pagliaro** – Agenda distributed, reviewed, and completed. Voting system - Larry explained that the election ballots were destroyed after Teller Committee tally. While the protocol says "don't destroy ballots", the system does not allow for a second or more voting. The system does not store voting history. The MWR gives new governors practice ballots, and sometimes Governors are polled for opinion. These uses are not available if prior ballots remain in the system. However, the completed ballot tally was forwarded to each member of the Teller Committee and is appended to these minutes.

**Governor's Job Description status – Joan Thomas** - First draft distributed.

**Other - All:** None.

### **New Business**

Vettes on the River – a Vets supporting Vets event was discussed. So many cars attended there was a back up with signing waivers. LeClaire IA is a small town – but they will figure it out. They raised \$20,000 for the veteran's organization.

**Region Party Proposal – Larry Pagliaro** – See **Treasurers Report**; under **Discussion: Financial support for the Region Party, need for Head Tax**; for the proposal, motions and approvals.

**Motion to pay RS & RT Mileage for Sept/Nov meetings – Nancy Bailey**

Motion by James Weddington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee Douglas: MWR should include Webmaster mileage reimbursement in the standard mileage reimbursement process; and then to approve the all reimbursements. All approved.

**Other - All:** None

Motion to adjourn by Ed Cassel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Thomas; approved unanimously at 11:20 AM.

**TURN ON CELL PHONES**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Cassel,  
Region Secretary