



MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

St Louis Missouri – November 11, 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)

<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Jon Kurtz
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	Ken Franklin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	John Severs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Ed Cassel
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-077	Glass Favorites Corvettes	Mike Link
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huibretse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	Tom McKinley
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Curt Callies
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Steve Grabenstetter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Dale Samuelson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-246	Badger State Vettes, Ltd	Craig Wiendl
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-277	Sunburst Corvette Club	Mike Stevens
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-278	Central Illinois Corvette Club	John Hibbeler
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-315	Corvettes of Minnesota	Don Gettinger
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-522	St. Louis Corvette Club	Larry Walker
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<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-598	Brew City Corvette Club	Tom Muex
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-613	Central Minnesota Corvette Assoc	Lynn Steenblock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-621	Stray Vettes of Illinois	Sandy Arnold
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-999	Members-At-Large - Governor	Sandy Arnold

MWR OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW Regional Executive	Linda Fairlamb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Competition Director	Jeff Craig
<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

Tim Wood	Mad City Vettes	Diane Wagner	Northern Rays
Chris Reitz	Rt 66 Corvette Club	Joan Heinemann	Windy City
Carolyn Samuelson	Northern Illinois Corvette	Pat Stevens	Sunburst

Midwest Region Governors Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2023

Please mute all cell phones

Call meeting to order – Linda Fairlamb called the November 11, 2023, MWR Governors meeting to order at 8:31 AM. Approval of the meeting agenda by J W Weddington seconded by Tom McKinley 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 were asked to indicate next to their name if they plan or don't plan to attend the NCCC meeting.

Linda Fairlamb explained the NCCC Governor Sign-in process for attendance at the NCCC meeting has changed. Governors need to sign in at the afternoon meeting on the sheet passed around at that meeting.

Officer Reports

MWR Secretary – Jeanne Cassel

- Teller Committee report – election results. Pleased to announce our 2024 MWR officers by unanimous ballot are:
- Linda Fairlamb, Regional Executive,
- Bill Docherty, Regional Competition Director
- Sandy Arnold, Region Membership Director
- Diane Wagner, Region Treasurer
- Jeanne Cassel, Secretary

Ninety percent of the governors voted. All were thanked for their support and compliance with the voting process.

- Approval of September 9, 2023, Region Meeting Minutes was requested. The corrected minutes were e-mailed on October 17, 2023, to all officers and governors. **Motion to approve the Minutes as sent was made by Dave Heinemann, seconded by Tom McKinley, and was approved by all.**

- Report from Convention Steering Committee meeting – Jeanne Cassel
- Allen Morris, NCCC Business Manager opened the meeting at 7:15 PM.
 - 2024 Joplin Missouri is on track. Hosted by 4 State Vettes. Plan for a Jan 15th registration. Schedule is complete, tours are booked, bands a, entertainment, and events are being finalized. This convention's goal was cost effective fun – not a lot of convention meals but plenty of local good eats, and almost everything within 6-7 miles of the host hotels. Vendor needs and space handled. Check the website for the latest information.
 - 2025 – Wisconsin Dells Supported by the Midwest Region, Mad City Vettes with Joan Thomas and Tim Wood taking the lead. Wisconsin Dells, the host location, is a nature wonderland where the Wisconsin River flows through glacier-carved sandstone formations. Travel and explore in riverboats or 'ducks' or sightsee along riverwalks or in horse-drawn carriage rides. Theme parks, attractions, and places to wander and stop and enjoy. Competition locations being considered include Elkhart Lake Road America and Rock Falls Raceway. Contact Joan or Tim to find out where you can help.
 - 2026 – Preliminary Bid for Syracuse, New York presented by Chuck Heretta. This is moving along. The plan is for a 7-day convention with high and low speed, drag and rally events along with loads of tours and a side trip to Niagara Falls. All tracks within ½ hour from Convention host hotel.
 - Sponsorship, how it is categorized and allocated across Membership, Bluebars, NCCC and Convention was explained, and questions answered. Contact Michele Cantelmo if you know of possible sponsors or vendors.

MWR Treasurer – Russ Tharp (~~Attached Financials include changes made to the plan presented at the meeting.~~) (Contact your Governors to view Financial Documents.)

- 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. The attached financial reports are updated to reflect changes approved at the meeting.
- 2024 Annual Financial Plan Review. In the 2024 plan, the MWR fundraisers forecast less entrants than in 2023 and increased anticipated expenses by 5%. The question was asked, and it was discussed if there might be discounts or if some comped services might be available. The 2024 expenses presented were increased by \$200 (from \$2000 to \$2200) for the Alliant Center fee (MWR Fundraiser). Tim Wood, who was present at the meeting, has received the contract for our 2024 event and knows the actual cost will be \$2200. This is included in this Annual Financial Plan file, with a new tab called "Budget 3rd draft", which reflects that change and is what was voted on and approved.
- Volunteer requested for Financial Audit-review of 2023 activity to be completed by Feb meeting. Russ Tharp and Chris Reitz volunteered and were thanked for volunteering.
- Region Awards Banquet proposal - #1 Club Mad City- **Joan Thomas**. The planned date is April 6, 2024. Anticipate registration due date around March 22. The Marriott Madison West in Middleton Wisconsin (Just west of Madison). The room rate will be \$131 per night with the parking fee waived. Three meal choices for \$50 each, and dietary

restrictions and special meals can be handled. Joan Thomas will be the contact. Watch the Midwest Region website for the flyer.

- Head Tax or Region Dues required? – No head tax or region dues required. Although 2024 is shown projecting a loss, our largest expenditures generally come in less and the Fundraisers generally bring in more revenue than budgeted. In 2023 the Region made some money so there is additional cash to cover any 2024 shortfall.

Motion to approve budget by Craig Wiendl, and seconded by Tom McKinley, approved by all,

MWR RMD – Sandy Arnold

- Membership status:
 - 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 2,115 members, the Midwest Region has 27 clubs and 2,483 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. At the end of this year, we will lose St. Louis Corvette Club. They have been a long time NCCC club. Larry Walker is their governor.
 - The National Council of Corvette Clubs has 19,077 members and 240 clubs. 2024 Renewals – There are 9 clubs that have completed their renewals. If you need help, call me.
- Renewals should be complete and to me by November 15, 2023! If you are having problems, please contact me via email or call.
- The database will close December 15, 2023. I will send a notice when it reopens.
- I will be updating the Governor's listings after renewals.
- If you are changing Governors, or any officers, please send me an updated NCCC Form either by email or U. S. Mail.
- GOVERNOR DATABASE COMPLETE AND "UPDATE CLUB INFORMATION". I will send all the Governors instructions to complete this after the database reopens.
- Current clubs' difficulties with processing include:
 - Member Look-Up needs to be used before EVERY entry.
 - When a member passes, update their Information Page, in place of Primary/Spouse to read "deceased".
 - When adding information, complete address, city, zip, etc.
 - Spouse's info entered incorrectly or not linked to primary member.
 - DUPLICATE ENTRIES for late renewals/new members.
 - Before you add a member, please, always "SEARCH FOR MEMBER". When you find a member with a club number, do not 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 have a question, call, or email me. 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!
- Scholarship applications for 2024 are 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.
- It was discussed that NCCC may raise dues by possibly \$10 per person.
- Remember that only NCCC members are covered by NCCC insurance.

MWR RCD Report – Jeff Craig (See Tentative 2024 Long & Short Sanction Schedules at [mwregion.com/Sanctions Schedule](http://mwregion.com/Sanctions%20Schedule).)

- Report from RCD meeting – Lots discussed including insurance, Blue Bars, and meetings were discussed. The current budget is \$50,000 over budget and discussion included a suggested \$10 per member increase. Creative events such as Renee Cardenes's 2-day rally/color tour was discussed. And the question, "who should make the decision that a medical issue has occurred and/or an ambulance is needed" was posed. Does a NCCC or region Governor have the authority to deny a person's right to drive in a non-high-speed event, such as a rally, due to possible incapacity. Should there be a 'rule' specifying a Host Club's or RCD in attendance or Event Chairperson the ability or responsibility to make that decision? Is an intervention by a medically qualified person involved? If anyone has any ideas pass them on to Jeff Craig.
- 2024 MWR Competition season final standings report

While awards are presented deeper, the following top competition winners were mentioned.

 - Top 10 Championship winners are:
 - Men from 10th to 1st are Craig Wiendl, Ed Cassel, Tony Cizel, James Williams, Tom McKinley, Dan Wagner, Ronald Frank, Brian Eichhorn, Steve Salefsky and Tim Wood.
 - Women from 10th to 1st are Sabrina Milewski, Chris Reitz, Carolyn Samuelson, Joan Thomas, Joann Cizel, Jeanne Cassel, Sandy Green, Joyce Miller, Diane Wagner, and Linda Fairlamb.
 - Top Worker is Robyn Wood
 - Top Concours Man/Woman are Mike and Deb Alvarado
 - Top Rallye Man/Woman are Mike and Deb Alvarado
- Permanent Number Renewals for next year (Jan 1-31), new requests (Feb 15-Mar 15)
- High Speed license renewals – let Jeff know if any are needed in your club.

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. There was a proposed Standing Rule Change to move Sponsorship money out of the Convention budgets and into the NCCC Treasury. Discussion focused on the goal of sponsors – and how the current dollars are allocated to convention, hardship, scholarship, etc. Sometimes the sponsors dictate their intent or focus of a certain population segment, and some sponsors have logos put on items – it is a marketing tool, and Michelle Cantelmo, the Charity Director will appropriately allocate their donations to meet their focus.
 - Report from Finance meeting. They mentioned/discussed a possible membership dues increase.
- Proxy forms are only needed by NEW Governors.
- Accept applications for MWR Appointed Officers (Webmaster) – Joan Thomas applied, and her application accepted.
- Determine next year's Region Meeting dates and tentative Sanction meeting date Motion to approve.
MOTION by Joan Thomas and seconded by Tom McKinley to approve the schedule aligned with NCCC Governor meeting and have the sanctioning meeting at the November governor's meeting.
- Review the Region Admin Schedule –
 - Changes or updates to the budget made at the November meeting are to be emailed to all Governors Nov 30th to Linda or Russ.
 - Blue Bars articles are due date: Nov 30th.
 - Updated roster of MWR Officers and Governors needed - Sandy to provide to Joan: Dec 15th?
 - Assigned # renewals postmarked Jan1-Jan31: Governors to remind their members, Joan will post form and requests will be mailed to her.
 - Region events entered into NCCC Competition database: Jan 15th.
 - Financial audit begins: Jan 15th to be completed by Feb Governor meeting.
 - New Assigned # requests postmarked Feb15-Mar15: Governors to remind their members.
- Remember to send Linda Fairlamb stories for publication in **Blue Bars**.
- As voted on at the September Governors meeting, if the rule for 14 sanctions passes, additional 2024 sanction planning will be discussed at the February meeting.

Appointed Officer and Committee Reports

MWR Webmaster report – Joan Thomas –

- Remember to update any new or changing Governor information before Jan 1.
- There is a new link on the Midwest Region Website under History for planning Convention 2025. Go to **History** >scroll down to and click on **National Conventions held in the Midwest Region**. Click on the “**Click Here**” to keep yourself updated with Convention 2025 plans as they progress.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Loss of meeting room beginning 2025 update – **Linda Fairlamb**. Future years are still under discussion with the hotel complex, however, MWR cost has not been provided. There is a new Sargent at Arms – from Indiana.
- Other – **All None**

New Business –

- MWR 2024 Sanctioning Meeting-**Jeff Craig** - The most updated tentative 2024 Long & Short Sanction Schedules will be available on the Midwest Region website at mwregion.com/Sanctions Schedule.
 - The schedule was reviewed and will be updated based on the vote for the February meeting.
- 2025 preliminary MWR Convention bid-**Joan Thomas** – The preliminary packet of information as presented to the NCCC Convention Steering Committee and the bid accepted was shared with the Governors. The location to be the Wisconsin Dells are currently under consideration proposed event locations including Road America for High and Low speed events and Rockfalls Raceway for Drag racing.
- Discuss Motion to allow Permanent numbers request through racing season – The standing Rule change request updating the Assigned Speed Event Numbers process [is attached](#). The Change Request was read by Linda Fairlamb at the meeting. **Motion was made by Ed Cassel to approve Standing Rule 2 § 2.12 Assigned Speed Event Numbers as presented, seconded by Tom McKinley, and approved by all present.**
- Other – **All - None**

Motion to adjourn by John Hibbler, seconded by Tom McKinley and approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted.
Jeanne Cassel MW Region Secretary

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