

August 16, 2020
Indiana Region Minutes, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Peru IN

PRESENT – Region Officers

Kay Clawson – Region Executive, Indiana Corvette Enthusiasts
Mike Godfrey – Region Competition Director, Michiana Corvette Club
Deb Caldwell – Region Treasurer, Ft Wayne Corvette Club
Bill Lapham – Region Webmaster, Corvette Indy
Vicki Garrett – Region Secretary, Indiana Corvette Enthusiasts

ABSENT – Region Officers

Tammy DeWitt – Region Membership Director, Indiana Corvette Enthusiasts (proxy – Butch DeWitt in attendance)

GOVERNORS:

Mike Godfrey (proxy – MCC), Dick Runyan (CCI). Howard Curtis (EVS), Nick Heffelmire (ACA), Terry Broviak (ICC), Dan Figgins (FWCC), Dave Horton (Star City CC), Bob Hensley (CI), Elizabeth Graves (HCC)

ABSENT:

James Blackwell (Glass Menagerie CC), Bill Dimmick (LCC), Chris Milton (Tri-State CC), Joan Thuer (Original CCCC), Ralph Clark (Northwest IN CC), Rick Hamman (ICE)

GUESTS:

Phil Mace (Star City CC), Sherri Berghoff (FWCC), Cheryl Heffelmire (ACA), Sue Runyan (FWCC), Butch DeWitt (ICE), David Godfrey (MCC)

The meeting was called to order at 3:26 PM. ICE events finished earlier than expected; however, we did wait approximately 20 minutes for Governors to arrive.

Roll Call and introductions were made.

REGION SECRETARY’S REPORT (COMPILED BY RICH ROBISON AND TAMMY DEWITT IN VICKI GARRETT’S ABSENCE)

Previous meeting minutes were accepted as published.

Motion to accept Secretary’s Report: Elizabeth Graves Seconded: Dave Horton. Motion carried.

REGION TREASURER’S REPORT – DEB CALDWELL

See Report.

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report: Mike Godfrey Seconded: Elizabeth Graves. Motion carried.

REGION COMPETITION REPORT – MIKE GODFREY

Patches from NCCC for 2019 #1 Club received from the National Competition Director on Saturday. He will give to Butch to distribute. Mike stated we have been very fortunate to continue to have access to the Grissom track. Howard also stated that we were fortunate we are not charged what other groups are charged. We all need to be cognizant and obey all rules while on the track. ICE has been fortunate to have the sanctions provided from other clubs who were not planning to use this year. Reminder – the reimbursement fee to the Region for participants is \$2.00 each.

REGION MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – BUTCH DEWITT (PROXY FOR TAMMY DEWITT)

Club officers changes need to be submitted ASAP after elections. Anything anyone wants to be put in BlueBars needs to be submitted within the next few days as deadline to BB Editor is 8/30. Membership dues are coming up. Please be prepared. Be sure NCCC has your members current address, phone, and email address. Give changes to Tammy.

REGION WEBMASTER – BILL LAPHAM

Bill Lapham announced there had been no interest from anyone to fill his position; therefore, he has agreed to remain as Webmaster for the coming year. If someone does step forward to fill the position, he will stay on to train the person.

REGION EXECUTIVE – KAY CLAWSON

Kay reiterated we were fortunate to have Grissom Track. Loss from the June event from Putnam Park mentioned. Since all 2020 Convention shirts have been paid for, anything that comes in from this point forward is profit to be applied to Putnam loss. Butch said sales have been “brisk”. Special orders can still be made if the color you want is sold out or you want a different style. Reminder: the Great Pumpkin events are Region events and all hands needed on deck to help on the course. Several drivers were needed to work corners this weekend as well as workers from other Regions. There are enough members in the Region we should not have to rely on the drivers or out of region workers to help. Question was raised again about the Region fee of \$2 – had that been approved? Yes, last year. Port-a-Potties have been scheduled for all the upcoming events at Grissom. Discussion held regarding the placement of the one in left field no one could get to. They can be moved (very carefully). Reminder to bring extra TP as the women’s ran out even with one being brought on Sunday morning from the Knight’s Inn.

OLD BUSINESS

Putnam Park – owner graciously made the offer to accept the \$4000 down payment instead of requiring the full \$14K+ to cancel. Kay said we could have hired a lawyer to appeal that but the cost would have outweighed the benefit (\$4000) and it could have extended out for a few years. The Region could not afford that.

2020 Convention – Butch said the loss was only for Putnam Park (approximately \$4500) but he will have the final expense report submitted in September. He also mentioned it has been discussed the door prizes accumulated for Convention could be auctioned or raffled off at the end of the year. Not sure they will be opened up to NCCC or just for the Region. Look for an email from Tammy in the near future outlining what she plans to do. NCCC currently has a nice raffle from Convention items they collected plus the tire raffles.

Mike Godfrey said Cleveland wants to use the valve cover track he has been building (once Convention was cancelled, he stopped the build but will finish it soon).

Kay announced she received three scholarship applications and forwarded them to the region scholarship committee that has been volunteering for a number of years. The applicants and associated clubs are: Zach Howard (grandparents members) and Thomas West (parents and grandparents members) from FWCC; and Dallis Nicole Davis (parents and grandparents members) from Michiana. Each will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Region. The scholarship for Dallis will be the Van and Gene Gates Honorary Scholarship. The Region has \$1300+ in scholarship funds but there are events in September and October that should bring in the almost \$700. If that doesn’t materialize, the Region will make up the difference.

NEW BUSINESS

Kay opened the floor to the first round of elections.

Secretary – Dan Figgins nominated Vicki Garrett. Becky Graves seconded

Treasurer – Dave Horton nominated Deb Caldwell. Dick Runyan seconded.

Membership Director – Dave Horton nominated Tammy DeWitt. Dan Figgins seconded.

Region Executive – Vicki Garrett nominated Kay Clawson. Butch DeWitt made a clarification point – only Governors can nominate. Howard Curtis nominated Kay Clawson. Dick Runyan seconded.

Regional Competition Director – Mike Godfrey has one more year in his term of office. No nominations needed.

Howard Curtis made a motion to close the first round of nominations. Becky Graves seconded. Motion carried.

Nominations will be reopened at the September Governors meeting to be held after the events on Sunday 9/20 at Grissom.

Putnam Park for 2021 has been tabled.

Indiana Region Award Banquet – bids will be accepted at the September meeting. No date specified.

Mike Godfrey will check the open dates for Grissom in 2021. Usually the Governors set their dates for sanctions in November at the Governors meeting in St Louis. If NCCC cancels November meeting, we will revisit having another governors meeting in November. (Could be virtual .)

Discussion was held concerning a November Governors meeting if NCCC cancels the meeting in St Louis. Some thought we needed to hold five Regional meetings each year. Some thought only four needed. The ByLaws were checked and the clarification made: Regional meetings are to be held one per quarter. We will have enough and will not need to hold any in November.

ICC (Carol Smith) donated approximately 100 pylons in various conditions. Butch will bring them the next event.

Considerable discussion was held on separating worker and competition points. Some felt that those drivers who also work should receive worker points for the day/weekend. Some were concerned that if their car broke mid-year, could

not be repaired, and worked, they'd lose their competition points if they had not accrued 200 points. Some felt that if they worked the first half the year, and decided to run the second half, they would lose their worker points if 200 were not accrued in total. Howard said he would not make a motion to separate the points based on the number of people commenting. Most felt it wasn't a good idea. No motion put in writing therefore dead.

Howard has always said you can have either or but not both per day per NCCC rules.

Joan Thuer sent info on the 51st Annual Brown County Day (non-sanctioned event) on OCTOBER 4, 2020 – flyer attached. No special rally will take place. (Nick Heffelmire mentioned that ACA may work on a rally to the park that day.) If your individual club drives down in a caravan, or you do separately, please use the St Rd 46 Entrance to the Park. Gather at the parking lot at the pool. SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE REQUIRED AND MASKS ARE NEEDED. Due to COVID-19 and the rules for providing food, there will be NO FOOD PROVIDED this year. Bring your own food, drinks, lawn chairs. Joan said it will be just like it was in the 70's before picnic food was provided. Clubs are also asked to provide door prizes. Please let her know if your club will be able to help with door prizes.

Next meeting: 9/20 at Grissom after the events (could be between 2:30 and 5:00 PM).

Motion to adjourn made by Howard Curtis. Seconded by Dick Runyan. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Vicki L. Garrett,
IN Region Secretary

Attachments

Agenda

Treasurer's Report

51st Annual Brown County event flyer