

May 1, 2021  
Indiana Region  
Minutes, St. Louis, MO

**PRESENT – Region Officers**

Kay Clawson – Region Executive, Fort Wayne Corvette Club  
Mike Godfrey – Region Competition Director, Michiana  
Corvette Club Tammy DeWitt – Region Membership Director,  
Indiana Corvette Enthusiasts

**ABSENT – Region Officers**

Bill Lapham – Region Webmaster, Corvette Indy  
Deb Caldwell- Region Treasurer, Fort Wayne  
Corvette Club VickiGarrett- Region  
Secretary, Indiana Corvette Enthusiasts

**GOVERNORS:**

Jim Bartuska (MCC), Howard Curtis (EVS), Nick Heffelmire (ACA), Sherri Berghoff(FWCC), Jerrold Croy (CI), Elizabeth Graves (HCC), Butch DeWitt(ICE), Lawrence Mock (LCC), Dave Horton (Star City), Chris Milton (Tri-State)

**ABSENT:**

Dick Runyan (CCI) James Blackwell (Glass Menagerie CC), Terry Broviak (ICC), Circle City CC Governor (none appointed yet to take Rich Robison's place), Terri Hawkins (SCICC), Joan Thuer (Original CCCC), Ralph Clark (Northwest IN CC)

**GUESTS:**

Helen Mock (LCC), Cheryl Heffelmire (ACA), Paul Clawson (FWCC),

The meeting was called to

order at 8:09AM. Roll Call

and introductions were

made.

**REGION COMPETITION REPORT – MIKE GODFREY**

Region award presented to Helen and Larry Mock- 2nd place chance rallies. Several Rule changes were discussed. All Rule Changes will be sent to Governors in the Fall for finalization. Rule changes that may take effect next year 1. Time trial events-previously best time used as 1 event per session, new rule would be 2 best times used as 2 events per session 2. Sanctioned events that are entered into competition database as "R" region event will track region points in the database but will not receive national points. 3. C7 Grandsport will have a new MM class of their own. 4. Effective immediately, If you remove factory installed air bags you will be required to install a racing harness. 5. Verbiage will be added to allow regions to hosts events and track points during a national emergency and national points are suspended. 6. Effective immediately, class for corvette chassis only (Vette-cart) , with no body parts, will be allowed compete in X class and be awarded 3 points.

Anderson has an event date change; Rally July 17th and Low speed event July 18th Midwest Region Tire Rack event July 24th and 25th  
Midwest Region will host event at Rantoul the same weekend as super September

Region awards- it was the consensus that award recipients would be allowed going forward to choose a jacket, sweatshirt or shirt since it was well received this year. National stepped up and still provided rebates for region awards.

Putnam Park- discussion on if we should consider future event at Putnam. Discussion over whether going to just low speed hurt our attendance. Mike reported that no, it did not hurt us from an attendance standpoint-break even is

66-67 entries. Time trials of SCCA and NASA drove up costs for use of tracks because they draw from a larger group of cars. First time we used the track it costs us \$4,000, now the cost is around \$19,800. Kay asked if we plan to go to a time trial format, Mike reported that we do not have the equipment (transponders) for events. Butch reported that the cost for about 20 transponders is about \$15,000. Anderson would support future event at Putnam, Elkhart would support future event at Putnam- there will be further discussion at the next region meeting in August to determine if we want to consider an event there next season.

Butch DeWitt-discussed concerns about time trials and how those are run with the number of racers on the track. Mike Godfrey contributed that time trials don't make sense for those who are trying to race for national points.

Another reined rule book change is to change the maximum number of events from 7 to 5 events per day. This rule is being pushed by the Florida clubs because they can only get 5 events for car shows. Tammy DeWitt reported that there was a club of 347 members in Naples that pulled their NCCC membership because of this rule and will come back if the change is made. This rule has passed and the only way to not have it take effect next year is to vote down the entire red-line rule book corrections when they come out for a vote in the fall. Indiana Region can handle 7 events a day and we draw points runners because of that, but there are other regions that have trouble getting 7 events in a day. Howard Curtis asked if there was any value if all of us would petition the committee? Mike said that it could possibly be brought up in the fall prior to approval by the Executive Board. Mike said if he has a couple of other RCDs that would support further discussion that he may be able to get it opened back up. Mike said he believes that the guy running the meeting and Dale Samuelson supports this change. Other people in other regions would need to encourage their RCDs to discuss again. Butch DeWitt relayed that this is being presented to discourage people from going outside of their region to run events for the national championship. "I think we are taking a step back as an organization by not promoting more of a national (participation)." Butch stated.

Mike needs extra sanctions for some events-Star City, Tri-State and Circle City may have some available.  
Motion made to approve RCD report: Seconded by Motion carried.

#### **REGION WEBMASTER – BILL BAIRD (ABSENT )**

Kay Clawson reported that Bill is doing a good job and usually has things posted or changes made within 24hrs.

#### **REGION SECRETARY'S REPORT – October 2020 minutes**

Motion to accept Secretary's Report as published: Butch DeWitt (ICE) Seconded: Jim Bartuska (MCC) Motion carried.

#### **REGION TREASURER'S REPORT – Deb Caldwell (ABSENT)**

SEE ATTACHED.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report Butch DeWitt (ICE) Seconded: Elizabeth (Becky) Graves (HCC)

#### **REGION MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – TAMMY DEWITT**

Thanks to outgoing Governors and Welcome incoming Governors

Blue Bars- they send me extra each month so that when you have new members that join after the Blue Bars go out so if you would like, please take some. If Governors aren't going to take some each month then I am going to lessen how many I receive. NCCC Info sheets that I do not have back Fort Wayne, Lafayette, Tri-State and Hoosier. Fort Wayne has sent and Tammy was able to locate in her email. As of last night membership for NCCC was 16,790 members - that is approximately 2,000 less than this same date last year. NCCC FCOA is down about 12% 114 Indiana members led by Corvette Indy with 25 members. They are updating the FCOA website. They are losing a lot of members who do not transition to youth member. Youth member would be anyone 16-21 (25 if in college). The cost is just \$10 a year to keep them as a youth. No youth events at the Convention in Cleveland but will have FCOA events at the next one in New Jersey. There were some issues with the membership cards this year. Sponsors are on the back of the envelopes that had the cards enclosed and some people thought they were junk mail and several members tossed them. Also some received cards that shuffled their NCCC numbers off the cards. Two options, they can go on the website and print a card or you can send Tammy and email and she can request a new card be printed, but it will not be the fancy pre-printed card. Corvette delivery membership free delivery-with COVID they have not scheduled a lot of pick ups. When they pick up their car there is a packet that says they can join NCCC for free for the first year. NCCC received 50 cards back. Tammy receives that information for Indiana and sends to the closest club. Some people don't want to join a club and want to remain MAL (member at large). Database- when you enter a new member you must use Internet explorer or firefox. Internet Explorer is going away, so may only have Firefox as an option. Please try to enter all contact information, email, address and phone number because Blue Bars keep getting returned because of wrong contact information. We need members to reverse if they have hit spam- have your members click unsubscribe instead of hitting that NCCC emails are spam. Family helping family-is great where travelers can have someone to help if they have trouble. Members can sign up on the members only section of the NCCC website, you can also edit what assistance you are willing to provide for traveling NCCC members. You have to list a number as the home number, so you will need to choose a cell phone number in the home phone box and cell phone box.

We still have 2020 convention shirts- discussion over whether we should begin discounting the price. It was agreed to sell them for half price.

Motion approved for sale of shirts at half price: Jim Bartuska made a motion Seconded: Howard Curtis

Nick asked if there was a way for Governors to be notified when a members information is no longer valid. Tammy DeWitt (ICE) said not at this time but they are working on that.

Cheryl asked who does updates to events for the club on the region website. Tammy DeWitt (ICE) stated that Governors should review website and send updates to Bill Baird.

#### REGION EXECUTIVE – KAY CLAWSON

Kay Clawson reported RE meeting had five standing rules that were discussed. Life Members- by-laws state you have to be a member of NCCC first before you can be a life member. One region wants it changed. Not going to change this by-law or the database to make this change.

Article 7 - dues renewal due date needs to be changed. Tammy DeWitt (ICE) commented that there is a delayed reaction because she needs to have it sooner than the due date listed. Governors need to have renewals to Tammy prior to Thanksgiving. Each club needs to decide on a sooner date to make sure we have them submitted timely. No late renewal until December 15th for the fee. Corvette Indy starts there process in September. Article 15 is a three ballot procedure carried over from 2020- increasing visibility of NCCC, the President will decide who will represent the organization and what expenses will be reimbursed. Standing Rule 2 item 9-No change to chart regarding member types

Standing Rule 3 item 2- voted no change

Jim Bartuska (MCC) had a question about the Article 15 about expenses- only people who would be reimbursed for expenses are national and by approval of the President. If we were to set up a booth at the museum for example our time and expenses would be on us.

Kay reported to RE meeting attendees that are region has a full schedule of events this season.

Deb Murphy did come in and reported to group that they are adding a line on the FCOA on the choices to be tracked on the reports that states how much money is available for this program.

Jim Bartuska stated, Michiana is going to donate \$500 again. It is in the approval process and it won't come through until the end of the year.

#### OLD BUSINESS

51 members attended the Regional banquet. The location was well liked and she will try to get the location again.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Scholarships- we discussed already

Tom Russel memorial is July 17th at the Clawson's, auto cross on tractors. There is a Facebook event, eat at 1pm and "auto-cross" after. There will be stipulations, there will be a course set up. Fifteen years ago we had a north and south party and we did a tractor thing that year-the same rules will apply.

Bruce DeWitt (ICE) reported on 2021 Convention Cleveland, still looking for sponsors even though they don't need them. Only thing worrisome about Cleveland because some of the day trips were canceled and some companies went "belly up". Everything else seems to be a go. The high speed event is going to be a time trial. The committee is concerned that when people arrive that they will not understand that the high speed event is going to be a high speed time trial and not a high speed auto-cross. Final close out for 2020 convention that we ended up losing \$303.03; which national council absorbed the loss. Mike Godfrey reported that he is in charge of the valve cover event and it will be double elimination. He is looking for someone who can help get the track to the convention. Currently 19-20 people registered and would like to have 19-20 more. Not going to have the distance race this year. The winners of each class will go into the overall.

New Jersey-Atlantic City- is 2022 convention looks like a good venue.

Howard Curtis reported that there is a 99% chance that Midwest will not host their event in October and Howard Curtis has been asked to put on a 14 event weekend at Tire Rack. Mike Godfrey reported not sure if this is available, he also reported that there is also a Notre Dame football game that weekend and hotels will not be available.

Mike Godfrey reported that Bloomington Gold got moved, they are no longer at the speedway, no longer doing an auto-cross there. think about the possibility of doing an auto-cross in the Indy area on Sunday of Bloomington Gold next year.

Motion to adjourn made by Butch DeWitt Seconded by Chris Milton Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Sherry Berghoff, Governor FWCC

on behalf of Vicki Garrett, IN Region Secretary

Attachments:

Attendance log

Agenda

Treasurer's Reports for May 1, 2021