

Indiana Region Governors Report

Feb 22, 2020

February 21 & 22, 2020 was the NCCC Governor's meeting in St Louis, Mo. The following will be highlights from the Indiana Regional Meeting. The complete Indiana Region minutes will be posted on the Indiana Region Website and the National Minutes will be posted on the National Website within the next 45 days.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Butch DeWitt (acting Regional Executive) in place of Kay Clawson who was not present because of family matters.

Attendance / Introductions was taken:

Butch DeWitt, President of ICE and acting RE Proxy in place of Kay Clawson and Proxy for Rick Hammond, Governor of ICE.

Tammy DeWitt, Indiana Region Membership Director, and member of ICE

Richard Robison, Governor of Circle City Corvette Club and member of ICE

Nick Heffelmire, Governor of Anderson Corvette Associates

Bob Hensley, Governor of Corvette Indy

Dave Horton, Governor of Star City Corvette Club

Mike Godfrey, Indiana Region Competition Director and Proxy Governor for Jim Bartuska Michiana Corvette Club

Dan Figgins, Governor of Ft. Wayne Corvette Club

William Denning (Spell ?) Governor Lafayette Corvette Club

Chris Milton, Governor of Try State Corvette Club

Deb Caldwell, Region Treasurer

Elizabeth (Becky) Graves, Governor of Hoosier Corvette Club

Guests in attendance:

Cheryl Heffelmire with Anderson Corvette Associates, Cindy Hensley with Corvette Indy, and Karen Figgins with Ft. Wayne Corvette Club.

First order of business: Vicky Garrett, Region Secretary was off due to illness Tammy DeWitt and Richard Robison will work to take minutes at this meeting.

Webmaster, Bill Lapham: Bill has asked to be replaced but has agreed to stay another year to help with the transition of the Webmaster's job to Sharen Gilbert (Ft. Wayne CC). Neither were present and no report was given.

Secretary, Vicki Garrett: Vicki was off due to illness, but the previous meeting minutes were approved by Becky Graves and seconded by Mike Godfrey.

Treasurer, Deb Caldwell: The complete financial disclosure is available for review by any Indiana Region member in good standing.

Putnam Park high speed event in May 2020 has been secured with a \$4,000.00 down payment.

Note: There was a \$20.00 carry over from last year without a permanent designation. There was a vote taken by the Governors and it was agreed to transfer the \$20.00 to the scholarship fund. The Treasurer's Report was approved and seconded by Dan Figgins and Becky Graves.

Mike Godfrey: Mike brought in a rebate check from NCCC National Council for \$804.00. This money is given by the NCCC to the Regions each year for competition awards based on the Region's points and standing in the NCCC.

More from Mike Godfrey: Tammy DeWitt had asked on a clarification on the dividing line between Indiana Region and West Ohio Region. The answer is anything West of Interstate 75 is the Indiana Region and anything East of Interstate 75 is the West Ohio Region. Any Club with members on both the East and West side of I75 can decide which Region they would like to be a member of.

Regional Membership Director, Tammy DeWitt:

* Future Corvette Owners of America (FCOA) have new membership forms with the app. On the reverse side. The NCCC is now allowing you to sign all your relatives in addition to you your children, grandchildren etc. Any child that is interested under the age of 16 you would like to sponsor. The cost is only \$10.00 1-time fee until they turn 16, and the kids get a package about being a Corvette (FCOA) member.

* Membership in the NCCC as of 2/21/20 is 17,097 members. There were six clubs that did not renew or were denied renewal. (There was one IN club that was denied renewal by GM because of their logo having a religious affiliation.)

* NCCC Cards were mailed out yesterday (2/21/20). Only members receiving new cards are those that were entered on Jan. 8, 2020, the date the updates were asked to be completed. Note: if you would like to have your first and middle name on your card. The first and middle name must be written in the first box. If you put the middle name in the second box, it will not show up on your card. – Anyone that would like to have their middle name or initial shown on the Membership Card, it must be written in the first name box. –

* New password to get into the NCCC Web. Site "Members Only" link is: Username – hasn't changed and the new password is available just email Tammy DeWitt. **NOTE IT IS NOT TO BE GIVEN OUT FOR GENERAL PUBLICATION, SO PLEASE DO NOT POST ON YOUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK OR INTERNET.**

* Database: if you are using Google Chrome you will find it is an unfriendly environment for the NCCC Database. You must switch over to "Firefox" or another web browser.

* Deceased members: Club Governors should send deceased members name to the Regional Membership Director who will give it to the NCCC President & Blue Bars editor for their processing. Then the Governor should go to the database and checking them as a deceased member. At that point the deceased member spouse must be changed to "Primary Member" only if they are a NCCC Member. We lost 2 long time region Governors last year; Terry "Checker" Garrett and Alan Smith...RIP.

* Sponsorship has received in excess of \$34,000. 00 this year, of which \$25,000.00 has been given to the NCCC Convention.

Regional Competition Director, Mike Godfrey:

* During the last half to two thirds of last year the previous Vice President of Competition did not or was not able to accomplish the duties of his office, therefore, in today's National Meeting the Governors will vote to make the proper changes that had not been acted upon. First change is the rule book change about a +/- one-inch wheel size (both width and diameter).

There was a question asked by Richard Robison about the rule changes that we will vote on today. Is there a record in the minutes from a previous Governor's Meeting where these changes had already been voted? The answer is "no" the changes were only made in committee and never taken before the Governors to vote on. – "what was on the internet at that time was voted on and that information was not correct so we will now vote on the corrected information"-

Another rule that will change has to do with a "concourse car show". If you have three concourse car shows on the same day you must have three sets of judges. One set of judges for each car show. Along with that you are only allowed a maximum of three car shows per day, not seven as has been done in the past by some clubs.

Rally Route Instructions: Answers to questions, clues and similar items Originally read "should" be 100 yards beyond any turn the rule change is changing the word "should" to the word "must".

Autocross workers and officials; "No one under 16 years of age can work a safety station and minors must have a proper minor waver form fill out and signed. Any minor working must have an adult with them.

* Registration forms: You should not issue a registration form with the statement "Pre- Registration Only". If you do, then allow someone to register the day of the event you open the possibility of a protest.

* Possible rule book change: The change would be to consider Thanksgiving Weekend a three- day weekend so you could have a three-day event (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). Fourth of July came up if it happened on a Friday or Monday, but not much was said and "they don't want to mess with that one".

* Discussion on the "M" class: The Grand Sports would like to have there own class but any decision will not be effective until next year. (that class represents the stock C7, the C7 Grand Sport, the C6 Grand and Sport, and the C6 Z06.) -The driver can make the difference...

Dan Figgins brought up the question of brand-new cars being shown in a concourse car show. He had addressed that question and was told that the C8 Corvettes might be shown in a "I" class. For Concourse events now all Corvettes from 2014 through 2020 are the same class. Mike suggested to Dan to submit for a rule book change. For the Convention the C8 Corvettes will be with the Group H class.

* National Council gives out patches for the Region Champions and the patches will be finished in May 2020. Mike thinks any one with 200 or more National Points will get a patch.

* High Speed Driving Schools that have been approved by National Council: These schools will qualify NCCC members for their High-Speed License. The schools approved are: Pocono on May 2, 2020, Brainerd Raceway on June 22, 2020 and September 14, 2020.

* There will, also, be three record drags scheduled: May 17, 2020 Little River, Texas – September 20, 2020 Little River, Texas – October 18, 2020 some place in Oklahoma. Mike believes they are all quarter mile events. Mike is considering going to the May event to work with the people in charge of the event and possibly do some recruiting.

* Region Events: Mike needs sanctions for the upcoming events. With Club approval CCCC will contribute 6 of their 10 sanctions for a speed event. Dave Horton (Star City CC) asked about sanctions and donated their 10 sanctions to be used as needed. Mike will check with other clubs that don't use their sanctions about getting approval.

* Putnam Park is scheduled for a High-Speed Event in 2020.

Butch DeWitt: Talking about annual tech of cars for speed events. There has been some discussion about the NCCC performing an annual tech. This could open the possibility of lawsuits against the NCCC with someone car breaking and causing an accident with NCCC approved inspection. / Mike talking about the tech sheet that

the competitor signs is like signing a waiver that the car meets the class but there is no assurance the car will not break during the event.

* Nick Heffelmire had a question about Region Points. At the end of last season Howard told Nick he did not want to combine workers points with competition points, but nothing had been done during the year on that subject. Mike's reply: We give workers addition points for working which helps them to earn enough points (200 points) to receive a jacket. There was a time we separated workers points from competition points and a few workers that received the most points received a plaque. That was changed to reward more of the workers that worked the events. At that time their Indiana Region points for working went from 2 to 5 points which helped them achieve the 200 points that is needed to receive a jacket. The answer is "YES" the competition points and workers points will be combined for the Indiana Region Points System.

* Butch DeWitt brought up the discussion of changing the start time for the afternoon meeting from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm. The Indiana Region would like to stay with the 12:30 start time.

Old Business:

* 2020 Convention / Butch DeWitt: Convention meeting last week in Indianapolis.

- a. We have about 325 people signed up at this time which is about the same as last years convention.
- b. Couple of setbacks. When we lost Blue Line C.C. we lost our chairpersons for security & awards. Howard Curtis has stepped up to take over awards responsibility. And we have a couple of leads on security. We also lost Alan Smith Chair of Corvette Mall.
- c. The question came up about "making a profit" at the Convention. Bottom line if we break even, we will be happy.
- d. When you register on-line **do not push enter until you have finished the entire process.** **Read the Hints Page first prior to starting the registering process.** If after you have registered and something happens causing you to go back and change your schedule. Don't go back into the registration screen. Call Betty Park to change your schedule.
- e. Day passes will be come available next week. There will be different type of day passes based on your level of involvement.
- f. Worker Day Passes (Mike Godfrey) Question about what workers passes include. If they work a day the meal is included for that day, they get the free meal. If the meal is not included that day they will have to pay for the meal. The Hospitality Room is free for them just like all other participants. If you are working a speed event you will get a box lunch. Each day will be color coded.
- g. Dan Figgins: Question about Monday with all the activities that are scheduled. Who is the Rally Master? John Lamper and James Harless. Some of the start times may have to be staggered and Butch will try to get Rich, Mike, Dan and John together to coordinate the overlapped Event.
- h. Dave Horton (Star City CC) Questions about people that would like to volunteer. How is that handled. Email Tammy DeWitt the list and she will try to match them up with events that need help. Butch and Tammy will send Dave a list of openings that need helpers / workers. Tammy will send out the request to all the Governors.

i. Mike Godfrey: You can not enter a competition event on a day pass. You must sign up the entire week. Note from Mike: The reason of competitors signing up for the week rather than the day pass for the day of the speed event is the speed event are not self-supporting.

j. Becky Graves "Chairperson for local donations". Becky would like anyone that is contributing donations, please give them directly to her and she can make sure they are going in the correct group. Check with her first prior to approaching a business or organization so we don't have many people knocking on the same doors.

That finished the discussion on the Convention.

* Radios for Autocross activities: Indiana Corvette Enthusiasts (ICE) donated twelve (12) Motorola radios that Mike is in the process of programming so they can communicate with the existing radios, but the question is the distance of communication.

* Michiana Corvette Club (Mike Godfrey) donated \$500.00 to the Scholarship fund for this year and another \$500.00 will be added by the end of this year. Total of \$1,000.00.

New Business

* Scholarship Fund: Butch asked for Clubs to do a 50/50 drawing at their events to help with the scholarship fund. As a general rule we offer \$500.00 per scholarship but in the past, there have been some \$250.00 scholarships given.

* FCOA is doing a tire raffle. Cost per ticket is \$20.00 and it is for a set of Michelin tires. The drawing will be at the May 2, 2020 meeting.

* Putnam Park: The contract and down payment has been sent in. This is a High-Speed Event and all participants must have a high-speed license. Butch is offering to work with people that would like to leave their cars / trailers for the time from May and July High Speed Events.

* Butch DeWitt Grissom Track Contracts: Last year we were asked to have all our contracts / insurance sent to them at the same time. Mike Godfrey: thinks that Kay Clawson has taken care to the obligations with Grissom for this year. Each Club that will use Grissom owes the Indiana Region for the expenses.

* Last order of business: Kay Clawson had two gift certificates left over from the Indiana Region Banquet given by Eckler's Corvette Parts. Everyone received a blue ticket and two winners were drawn. The first winner is: Tammy DeWitt and the second is Mike Godfrey.

Respectively submitted:

Richard Robison, Governor CCCC

Tammy DeWitt, IN RMD

Convention Help....

We need volunteers that can be flexible to work anywhere needed each day.

Corvette mall selling Convention merchandise Sun-Thu

Tech Sun & Mon

Funkhana workers (indoors at hotel) Mon & Tue

Corner workers (box lunch provided) **IF YOU HAVE CORNER WORKER EXPERIENCE, WE NEED YOU!!!**

Tuesday low speed at Lucas Oil Speedway

Wednesday high speed at Putnam Park Road Course

IF you have a day(s) you are free to help send me an email with your name, date(s) and any preferences.

THANKS!

Tammy DeWitt

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