

Indiana Region Minutes
May 5, 2017
St. Louis, MO

Present: Region Officers:

Butch DeWitt – RE
Howard Curtis – RCD
Tammy DeWitt – RMD
Kay Clawson – Treasurer
Bill Lapham – Webmaster

Governors:

Mike Godfrey – Michiana CC (Proxy)
Dick Runyan – Corvette Club of Indiana
Howard Curtis – Elkhart Vette Set
Jim Krebs – Anderson Corvette Association
Alan K. Smith – Indianapolis Corvette Club
Dan Figgins – Ft. Wayne Corvette Club
Richard Robison – Circle City Corvette Club
Butch DeWitt – Corvette Indy
Joan Thuer – Original Circle City Corvette Club
Michael Bell – Hoosier Corvette Club

Guests:

Paul Clawson – Ft. Wayne CC
Sue Runyan – Ft. Wayne CC
Jim Walton – BTCC

Absent: Governors from the following clubs:

Glass Menagerie, Delco Electronics, Lafayette CC, Tri-State CC, Star City CC, South Central CC, Northwest Indiana CC, Corvette Lovers Vette Club,
Region Secretary, Rita Robison

Officers Reports:

Secretary – The Region Secretary was absent due to illness. There was no action taken to either accept or make corrections to the previous meeting's minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Kay Clawson – See Attached Treasurer's Report for complete information.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Region Membership Director – Tammy DeWitt –

Emails sent to members bouncing back, continues to be a problem. A comment line has been added in the DB for each member, and Walt is using that space to note if a member's email has come back. He will make the comment, and then remove the email address. Would rather it looks like there is not an email address, then continue to have it returned. When you find and correct the member's email address, you can then make a note in the space saying it has been fixed. You can leave Walt's comment or remove it, your choice. It is to your advantage to have all your member's email addresses correct, because beginning with 2018, the renewal

membership cards will be sent via email. Things means if the email address is wrong, the information will be sent to you, the governor, and it will then become your responsibility to get the card to the member.

Please get these addresses corrected within a couple of weeks because emails are being sent out at least once a month, and when he gets the next batch, is getting the same ones coming back. Hoping by removing those it will solve that problem.

What will happen when membership does the renewals is, they are going to get an email sent to their phone / computer, etc., with a picture of their card. They get the card, and they can do two things with it. They can save that email in their phone, and when they go somewhere where they need their card, pull it up on their phone and show it, or they can print it out, laminate it, and carry in their wallet. There will be no more hard cards coming from NCCC starting with the 2018 renewals. Will be the same design as current cards, only where the sticker that was put on the back, it will be on the front showing that they are a member in good standing.

Program is set up same as if they were sending the cards to the printer, only now it will be emailed. There will also be a sticker on the front showing if the member has a high speed license. That is why the governors were recently collecting that information. Will get all of that on one little card.

The other thing that they worked on was a new governor's email guide. It was mailed out via a link. If you want to print them, it is rather costly, but very helpful. There are screen shots of how to do things which makes it easier.

After discussion about these changes, and the fact that the Indiana Region Governors were not happy with them, it was decided the issue would be brought to the floor at the National meeting that afternoon.

New members still get a hard card, but after that will get the email that they can print. As soon as the governor enters that a member has renewed, and hits the paid button, that member will immediately get an email confirming their renewal, and a link to the copy of their card.

A change was made to the program that would automatically add the extra four digits after the dash in the zip code field. No need to worry about that any longer.

Email addresses and snail mail address continue to be an on-going issue with mailings coming back. We (Indiana Region) did not get any back this time. Less than 200 this time Nationally which is a big improvement, considering NCCC has over 18,000 members.

The new life membership cards did not make it to the meeting. The replacement cards are available however. The ones will the new life members will be mailed within the week.

2018 renewal process is still not official, but that is how they want to do it, so the input and questions that we raised last night will be considered. Betty would like for you to start putting your club number somewhere on your check when you send it in. This would be your IN-XXX number. This is very helpful when she is doing the checks and balances, or if the check comes back, provides better tracking for her.

FCOA is losing 89 members who are turning 16. Hoosier CC has 27 FCOA members. FCOA is still getting returns because of bad address. Please check your members to be sure you have the correct address for them. If you have members not getting their packets, it is because she will not send them out if they previously came back. Also, lots of FCOA applicants are using the old one with the \$5 cost, it has been \$10 for a long time. Current app is on the FCOA page on the website. It is also possible for the FCOA sponsor can go online, file it out, and send it in with the \$10.

FCOA is hoping that the clubs and governors will go after those FCOA members who are turning 16 this year, and convert them into youth members, and then primary members when they turn 21. Remember, don't have to have a corvette to be a member, can be an enthusiast member till they eventually get a car.

Region Competition Director - Howard Curtis– Discussed qualifications last night, how many people can run the same car in the same class. Currently, the limit is two. decided to change the wording, wording is going to end up that you can do whatever you want. Wording will state that only two NCCC members will be able to drive the same car at the same event, but you can have as many non-NCCC members drive the same car at an event as they want. Other regions want to take the word "race" out because of insurance. However, if timing equipment is involved; it is a race, and it does not make any difference what you call it, you still don't have insurance. The VP of Comp is going to research the meaning and see what can be done.

The RCD needs 9 more sanctions in order to finish the year's events, and asked the governors if their club has un-needed sanctions, to please give them to him to use.

Lots of miscellaneous comments regarding clubs needing additional sanctions from other clubs to put on their event.

Michiana CC - their weekend has been changed to the second weekend in August, still having the 14 events at Tire Rack. Dates are the 12th and 13th of August.

Region Executive - Butch DeWitt– We already talked about FCOA application, make sure to use new form.

By law rule change – regarding number of persons from the same club being on the E-Board. The way it is now, there is only one person from each club allowed to serve on the E-Board at a time. Last year they tried to make that wide open, but was shot down, via a very close vote. This year they are trying to make it that two people from the same club can serve on the E-Board at the same time. Apparently the fear is that if you too many people on the E-Board from the same club, that club could pretty much dictate for the whole group. In the past there have been ways of getting around that by one person switching clubs. And the other side of the coin is, if it so hard to get people to run for the offices, who cares if there is more than one person from the same club. If they are qualified to do the position.

Currently only the elected officers on the E-Board are voting. Previously, appointed officers used to vote. If only elected E-Board members can vote, it may depend on the regime in charge how that goes. Technically the E-Board is only the elected officers.

Consensus as a region, are we or are we not in favor of having no more than two people from the same club being on the E-Board. By-law committee is trying to determine if there is enough support to bring this out of committee or not. Via straw vote, Indiana Region is not in favor of this change.

Regarding the E-Board – Apparently several officers on the E-Board, one is struggling a lot, the other is concerned that if something happened we would struggle mightily. The President wants to make a couple of positions to help these people: they would be appointed, and they would get paid. Our group feels a better way to do is to allow those people to have committee, they could pick their own people to help them. That way they would not be appointed, would not get paid, and the would not need to come to the meetings unless they were here anyway. This would be as opposed to the President saying here is your new helper. The RE's were going to go back to him with that. Our region is not in favor of appointing two more people.

One more thing, Goodyear is wanting to double the amount of money that they pay for sponsorship. (Don't know what they currently pay, so don't know what it being doubled would mean.) However, they want everyone's email so they can send out advertisements to the entire NCCC membership. This had the RE group a bit riled up. What they said was that if the President wants to do this, let him send out his emails with a "hot button" on the bottom of his email. If we want to read that advertisement, you can click on that hot button to read the advertisement. Believes this was totally shut down.

Other is financial, we were projected to bring in so much money, looks like the NCCC will end up \$17,000 in black. Financial info will be gone over in the National Meeting.

Old Business – Putnam Park, touched on this in the Treasurer's Report. Understanding is we are running a bit low on registration. Governor's please, we need workers. Send them to Butch or Howard, or Mike or Kay. Need to cover five corners, two people at each one, so we need 10 workers. Also will need one more person to help with timing, by tracking car numbers.

Dinner will be at the Super 8, will be having new caterer. Tammy's company will be paying for the food, or sponsor it, and that way the region will not be paying for the dinner. Kay Clawson will donate the hospitably drinks.

Grissom – Region is picking up half of the Great Pumpkin event, we will split the cost, as if we are the second club. We will certainly need corner workers. Glass Menagerie has showed a renewed interest. They want to run the rallies, and this is the longest continual running rally in the country.

Convention:

There has been continuing discussion with Guy Larson from Bloomington Gold. The track did get back to him, they have come down to \$25 grand for one day, which is high. Could be doable, but \$25,000 is tough. But what migrate that is the Bloomington Gold

Other thing is since we decided to go with 2020, Bloomington Gold does not have a contract for 2020, does not mean they will not be there, but no contract at this time. Putnam is \$19,500 for two days. For convention, we could use Grissom for low-speed. We could also see if the Motor Speedway would let us use one of their other parking lots that would be larger than the one we use for Bloomington Gold.

East lot of the Museum is big, but not a good lot for an autocross. The only thing big enough for an autocross is if we went across street in corporate center. But lots of obstacles. Putnam Park will not give us a better deal because it would be during the week, because it is three years out. Weekdays belong to club members, and they would have to give up those days.

What about IRP, cannot do high speed because course is bad, possibly low speed. IRP's cost to do the drags is reasonable. Lots more discussion about IPR, and it's capabilities. Grissom for low speed is a good option. Do we want to pursue IRP, but this is something that we would have to figure out. Bowling Green thinks they can run 100 cars, and that will give us an idea how many cars we could run if we were to get IMS.

New Business –

Bloomington Gold, going to need workers. Indiana Region has done a good job of providing workers. Date is June 22nd thru 24th. No details on how you will get reimbursed on your entry. Autocross running all three days, can schedule workers, will split into shifts, will need 6 to 8 corner workers per shift. Suggestion we need workers in the pits for crowd of control. Lots of discussion about that also. Rydetech not going to be there this year, so that will cut down on some traffic. More opportunity for people to actually drive, less chance of ride along.

Hoosier CC will have a hospitality suite down by the autocross track, south end, everyone is welcome. Bath room available.

Scholarships - Deadline for scholarship entry was May 1, 2017, and we received five applications. Just shy of being able to pay for three, doing a 50/50 at Putnam, should be able to make the three after that. If any club would like to donate \$500 for a fourth scholarship, would be appreciated.

Regional By-Laws Changes

Miscellaneous clerical changes need to be made, that will make the By-Laws more currently, and easier to read. What RE would like to see, if it is clerical, provide group with copy of the change you would like to see, and we can discuss at a later meeting if we would like to do that change.

For a By-Law that you would like to change, we have some recent change forms available. Please fill one out, and bring it to a future meeting, and we will discuss it at that time. That way they will be presented in an orderly fashion. This will save lots of people saying the same thing about the same issue. If it does make sense, and we like it, we will write it up, and send it out to all of the governor's to be discussed at the September meeting. It may take a year to get this done, but that is okay. If you don't present something to the RE, then he will presume that you like the way things are.

Per Jim Walton, what you have in front of you, if you have no more recent copies, then that is what you need to believe are the current by-laws. We want accurate updated rules going forward. Was mentioned that the secretary should have these.

Current Schedule of Region Events:

June 3–4 Indiana Region at Putnam Park – 14 Low Speed Autocross Greencastle, IN
June 22–24 Bloomington Gold (non-sanctioned Autocross & Car Shows) Indianapolis, IN
July 8 – 9 Hoosier Corvette Club Autocross Indianapolis, IN
July 15–16 Anderson Corvette Association Rallies & Autocross Anderson, IN
July 23 Brickyard 400 (Region Events normally not scheduled) Indianapolis, IN
July 29–30 Fort Wayne CC / Corvette Club of Indiana Autocross Grissom – Peru, IN
August 6 Elkhart / Ft. Wayne 6 Rallies & Picnic Goshen to Ft. Wayne
August 12-13 Michiana Corvette Club 14 Low Speed Autocross Tire Rack – South Bend, IN
August 21–25 NCCC National Convention Bowling Green, KY
September 2–4 Elkhart / Michigan Challenge 21 Low Speed Autocross Tire Rack – South Bend, IN September 8–9 National Governors Meeting St. Louis, MO
September 23–24 Indiana Region Super September 14 Low Speed Autocross Grissom – Peru, IN
October 1 Brown County All Corvette Fun Day Brown County Park
October 14-15 Separate Region Events – Same Location Elkhart Vette Set (Sun) 7 Low Speed MW Region (Sat) 7 Low Speed Tire Rack – South Bend, IN
October 21 – 22 Glass Menagerie CC / IN Region – Great Pumpkin Weekend 5 Low Speed - 2 Rallies on Saturday ~ 7 Low Speed Sunday Grissom – Peru, IN
November 10–11 National Governors Meeting St. Louis, MO

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectively submitted by
Rita Robison, Region Secretary