

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes
9/11/09
Sheraton Westport Conference Center
St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting Open Session began at 6:30 p.m. CST. VPC Jack Wilson plus 15 RCDs representing all 15 Regions including CA Johnny Haskell, EO Chuck Stephens, NE Rich Kirkland (proxy), ER Brian Gallagher, FL Manny Montgomery, IN Mike Godfrey, MI Ray Meesseman, MW Paul Haack, RR Paul Hamersly, SE Don Parks, SW Joe Reese, WR Jerry Koraleski, WC Joe Orrico, WO Jim Asbury, and RM Rik Noring Jr.

Introductions & Welcome:

RCD introductions were made and a welcome was extended to Rich Kirkland (proxy) for NE to check out what is necessary to take over the NE RCD position, and also to the gallery of members present to witness the meeting.

A moment of silence and recognition was given this anniversary for those individuals who perished in the 9/11 tragedy.

VPC Comments:

High Speed and Novice cards were available.

It was announce the NCCC is now at 17, 880 members.

The 2009 convention is estimated to end in the black by approximately \$10K.

Sylvia Holdridge has a new email address pinkvett@gmail.com

Jack thanked all of the committee who has supported him over the past two years. He believes that the objectives have been met that were committed to for the 2008/2009 term. He appreciated the extra effort that several RCDs took on their own to go above and beyond to support the Competition Committee and the Competition Program. Those being Don Parks for the reformatting the Drag Record Listing, Joe Reese with Ron Ruston developing an electronic drag indexing table, Paul Haack for his on-going points program system support, Paul Hamersly for updating the Tech Form & developing the Corvette Wheel and Tire Sizes Chart, and Jerry Koraleski, Brian Gallagher, & Paul Hamersly for their initiatives in developing a High Speed Driving School Recommend Guideline.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

A motion to approve the 5/1/09 STL Competition mtg. minutes with the correction at bottom of page 1 under item number 1. to change “drive” in the first sentence to “driver”, was made by Paul Hamersly and seconded by Paul Haack. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Joe Orrico to approve the 8/8/09 Convention Competition mtg. minutes and was seconded by Mike Godfrey. Motion passed.

2009 Sanctioned Event Status Review:

There were 1284 sanctioned events in 2008.

There have been 1246 sanctioned events submitted YTD in 2009. Forty-four (44) have been cancelled leaving 1202. 875 (73%) have been held YTD and 639 (73%) of those have been posted.

The YTD National Point Standings and Sanction Log were posted on 9/3/09.

2009 High Speed Events & Driving Schools Approved:

ER reported 14 High Speed events to be held at Summit Point Raceway, in Winchester, VA., on 10/3 & 4 are CANCELLED.

Also the ER Annual Teen Driving School held for educating our teens on vehicle handling and safety techniques is also CANCELLED.

Drag Records:

The Record Drag Listing was updated on 9/3/09 with all the Convention Records.

The Drag Record Listing has been changed to a landscape format with Men on the left side and Ladies on the right side of the report. New record holders will be ***bold italics***. **Bold black Time** indicates actual record time set on date listed. **Bold Black box** around the index time indicates it was reset since the last report.

Jerry Koraleski reported the teardown equipment is going to be checked out on Monday 9/14/09 to make sure everything is working okay and/or repair/replace parts if necessary by Ron Bockerman and Jim Benedict.

The last 2009 Record Drag Event Schedule will be at:

- WR – 9/19/09, Kearney Raceway, Kearney, NE.

Clarification(s):

One clarification was submitted:

SE - Page 2-24, Sec. 2.7.1.8 Item 2: Can an injection swap from an '85-'89 corvette be put in a '84 corvette if changes are done using all factory original wiring, ECM, air box, etc. therefore, allowing 1984 corvettes to competitively compete with other corvettes in the same class? **Answer:** The current rulebook does not allow this change. 9 Agree, **it is not allowed.** 3 No, it can be done. 3 Abstained. **Also**, it was noted for this to be allowed requires a Rulebook Change Request submitted for the 2011 Rulebook.

Old Business:

Jerry Koraleski wanted to re-discuss our August mtg. decision to put the 2010 Grand Sport into the "M" class as a question was raised from his region. The question was, if our decision was based on comparing various specifications of years of vehicles in other classes like the "K", "M", etc. The rulebook states in 2.6.2, "The proper Class will depend on the age (body style) of the Corvette and the engine being used." Therefore, it appears that is all that can be considered. In addition, a recent high speed experience showed the Grand Sport did not perform well against the other "M" cars in its class.

After re-discussion of the Competition Committees decision a vote was taken to decide to either leave the 2010 Grand Sport in the "M" class or move it to the "K" class.

Decision was: 11 to leave it in "M", 3 to change it to "K", 1 Abstained.

New Business:

It was discussed to consider having a representative (not a sitting RCD) as part of the Convention Steering Committee as an interface regarding the various aspects, expectations, and compliances of the Competition Program during future Conventions. Various ideas were discussed, and we will discuss and decide at the November STL mtg.

Paul Hamersly has developed and updated a Corvette Wheel and Tire Size Chart for the various years and models. Jack suggested this be put on the NCCC Website as a guide vs. directly in the rulebook. Updates can then be made as appropriate and easier for the membership to use without having to wait for a new rulebook. All agreed this would be a good idea. Jack would identify our intentions at the Sat. Gov's mtg. and if the Rulebook is voted in, we can refer to it and add it on the NCCC Website within the Competition section. Paul Hamersly will provide another update with a couple of suggestions and changes from the committee discussion.

Jack suggested we all look at the safety requirements for speed events (reference Pg.2.2, Sec. 2.2.2.1, 2.2.2.3H, I, R, S, V, and AA). It is referenced in the rulebook under this section on Course Setup, that the items in the sections identified above "should" be done. With a couple of incidents, which we were lucky no serious injury occurred, we should reconsider changing "should" to "MUST". Committee discussion recognized the situations that have or could occur. Further discussion is tabled until the Nov. STL mtg.

Following the break, the Committee went into Closed Session for Round Table Discussions:

Note: Due to the general notes included into the minutes from the Competition Committee Meeting, does not intend or represent any agreed upon changes to the Competition Manual (Rulebook). Discussion items are described general in nature for membership awareness only.

Roundtable Discussion:

Due to the time needed to discuss and prepare for the 2010 Rulebook recommendations to the Govs on Sat., discussion was minimal regarding the street tire class, Economy Runs, Caravans, & Governor's guide.

2010 Rulebook Discussion Items:

The last items on the discussion matrix held over from the August Convention Competition Committee mtg. were discussed and voted on.

The committee reviewed the list of recommendations that would be presented and handed out at Saturdays Gov's mtg.

There were no Appeals to discuss.

Mtg. adjourned at 11:40 P.M.

**Jack C. Wilson
Vice-Pres. Competition**