NCCC Competition Committee Minutes
11/12/10
Sheraton Westport Conference Center
St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting Open Session began at 6:30 p.m. CST. Present were VPC Jack Wilson plus 11 RCDs and two proxy representing 14 of the 15 Regions, which were EO Chuck Stephens, ER/NE Brian Gallagher, FL Manny Montgomery, IN Mike Godfrey, MW Paul Haack, RR Paul Hamersly, SE Don Parks, SW Joe Reese, WR Jerry Koraleski, WC Joe Orrico, and WO Jim Asbury. The two proxies were Walt Jenkins for RM and Sharon Meesseman for MI.

**Introductions**:

RCD introductions were made and a welcome was extended to Walt & Sharon as proxy RCDs. There was also a gallery of members present to witness the meeting.

**VPC Comments:**

Sylvia Hoaldridge was in attendance, and asked all RCDs to stay after the Sat. Govs meeting for a 2011 group picture. Sylvia also said the deadline for the Winter Issue of Blue Bars which covers 1/1-3/31/2011 is **due 11/30/10.**

High Speed and Novice cards where made available to the RCDs.

Jack asked for a confirmation as who would be new or returning as RCD in 2011. Everyone indicated they would be returning, except for two regions elected new RCDs. They are Walt Jenkins will be replacing Rik Noring for RM and Craig Kamradt will be replacing Joe Reese for SW. Both Walt and Craig were in attendance. Jack welcomed them and thanked both Rik and Joe for their support to both their Regions and the Competition Committee.

The Govs mtg. on Sat. will be round tables as the hotel is set up for a large dinner following our National Govs Mtg.

The 2010 Grand Sport Corvette that was given away at the Florida Convention was not taken by the winner. It was up for sale to the highest bidder. It was sold to Jerry Lindsey.

The members for the Teller Committee to count the ballots will meet Sat. morning at 10:00 A.M. in Board Room 1.

Debbie Lindsey has asked **each of the RCDs to provide** her with up to three (3) events in your region that has 75 or more entrants **ASAP.** These can be either sanctioned or non-sanctioned events. Michelin Tire has asked Debbie for this information so they can arrange a Michelin Rep and/or Dealer to attend that event(s).

**Meeting Minutes Approval:**

Joe Orrico made a motion to accept the 9/10/10 STL Competition Minutes. Paul Hamersly seconded. Motion carried.

**2010 Sanctioned Event Status Review:**

The 2010 Point Standings have been published 11/3/10 with 1017 events posted. The Top 15 Ladies, Men, and Clubs will be read at the Govs' mtg.

Jack asked each RCD to review their regions portion of the sanction log and make sure they have sent in everything they thought they did. Jack has posted all results and correction received.

**2010 High Speed Driving Schools Approved:**

High Speed driving schools are done for 2010.

**Drag Records:**

There were 11 new records set since the last meeting:

- 1 new record set on 10/9 at Kearney Dragway, Kearney, NE.
- 10 new records set on 10/17/10 at Thunder Valley Raceway Park, Noble, OK.

Record Drag listing was updated 11/10/10 with the 11 new records and two index changes since the last report. Those updates will be read at the Sat. Govs meeting.

**Clarification(s):**

There were no clarifications submitted.

**Convention Steering Competition Representative Report:**

Paul Haack reported the 2011 Midwest Region Convention in Tinley Park, IL is coming along well. On going conference calls with the Convention Director and Chairpersons continue for ensuring all action plans are being executed.

**Old Business:**

Jack had sent the RCDs a copy of all the clarifications by year starting with 2004 through 2010 for review. The reason it does not go back further than 2004 is due to a 2004 clarification that made all clarifications prior to 2004 null and void. Jack also spoke with Joan Thomas, NCCC Webmaster, and Joan has put these clarifications on the NCCC Website under the Competition Program Section, in a Clarification History section by year. The Competition Committee confirmed the clarifications included are the ones discussed at the Sept meeting. It was decided to <u>do the following in addition</u> to what has already been done:

1. Ask Joan to put all the clarifications in the Clarification History section by year and then put the current year Rulebook clarifications under a heading as Current Rulebook Clarifications.

2. Due to potential Rulebook changes involving a past clarification, the following caveat is to be put at the beginning of the Clarification History section: **All questions regarding the current status of a clarification, you must first contact your current RCD to confirm that clarification is still valid.**

Manny Montgomery, reported as the Competition Committee Rep. on the Finance Committee, there was discussion over two bids for future National Govs' Meeting sites from the current St. Louis location and one from Indianapolis, IN. location.

Jack asked if there were any regional inputs over pros and cons over the proposed 2011 Rulebook. Several mentioned various items some liked and disliked which was a mixed bag. A couple of regions said they supported it while a couple of regions said they did not support it. It was determined the vote has a potential of going either way.

There were three items brought forward by the ER, RM, & WR.

- There was concern that Non-High Speed Certified NCCC entrants could enter the new Time Trial events. It was discussed that no one would be allowed to run any NCCC Sanctioned High Speed events unless they met the requirements of the NCCC Rulebook. A NCCC member may be able to enter another organizations Time Trial event but would still be required by their rules to be approved by that organizations instructor and rules that they were High Speed approved. The key is we all have to be diligent in watching out for the safety of our members at high speed events.
- There was a point suggested that NCCC Technical Inspections be conducted prior to the organization putting on the Time Trial events to ensure NCCC Rulebook Technical Inspection was done. It was determined this would follow much like currently running at a High Speed track or NHRA type organization. We do our tech inspection, and they do theirs.
- It was pointed out Pg 3.5 sentence above 3.3 “Proper written notice has been mailed. See Section 3.2.7.2 item 11”. There is no item 11. Numbering is off since the 2009 sequence change. Paul Haack said he would look at cleaning that one and found another like it would be fixed for the final 2011 Rulebook is released.

**New Business:**

Jack started the **Lessons Learned** discussion update by discussing a brief overview of concerns with several recent track incidents. President Richard Yanko and Hal Tumbleson, NCCC Business Mgr., was in attendance and participated in the discussion. NCCC is in the process of quoting our current insurance provider K&K along with several other providers to obtain the best overall coverage and price. It is more apparent than in the past, insurance providers will have the ability to audit our events to see how compliant they are to the safety program within our Rulebook. NCCC has had a rise in claims over the last half of 2010 at various events like parades, shows, and autocrosses. We must ensure, when we see or have had an issue identified to us, that action is immediately taken to make the necessary changes to address the concern(s). The cost to NCCC due to rising premiums due to rising claims cannot be tolerated for the good of NCCC overall. All RCDs, Govs, Chairpersons, and NCCC Officers are expected to monitor and address the setup and safety of all events.

Walt Jenkins discussed the new online real-time membership system that went into affect 9/1/10. Walt Jenkins is the key developer behind this. There was a brief discussion and those having questions on the inter workings of the system. Walt said he would send the RCDs their login and passwords to easily access the system. Paul Haack identified the need for quick download ability from the master file into the competition points system as was done previously. It is currently very laborious to cut and paste each

section to accomplish this. Walt said he thought it could now be done and would check it out. Paul and Walt are to work to get this accomplished.

The EO regions brought up a question if they could not count or eliminate Travel Points as identified in the Rulebook within their Regional Points. They would still count toward National Points. There was much discussion behind why there was a necessity to eliminate regional travel points when the Rulebook explicitly identifies what constitutes both Regional and National points. The Competition Committee decided, a Region cannot circumvent any part of the Rulebook for their own purpose.

A question was asked if anyone was aware of any tire manufacture was making competition tires for the new P335/25ZR20 so competitors can enter into the Group 1 class? There are no tire manufacturers at this time. As in the past, when new sizes come out, entrants will have to wait until tire manufactures catch up to the changing market and start making these size tires.

**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:**

Several general discussion items occurred to assist clarification for consistency and decisions within the various regions.

**2012 Rulebook Discussion Items:**

Several items were brought forward. It was decided to hold any further discussion and decision of any items until the Feb. 25, 2011 to see how the 2011 Rulebook vote goes on Sat.

**Protest & Appeals:**

There was one protest to which a randomly selected five RCDs heard, discussed and decided to support the protest. The parties involved would be notified by the VPC per the Rulebook.

**Mtg. adjourned at 10:45 P.M.**

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