

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC. GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES



Sheraton Westport – St. Louis, MO

**February 26, 2011**

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**April 29-30, 2011**  
at  
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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

**FRIDAY      April 29, 2011**

<p><b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING</b> Chairperson: Hal Bellamy Phone: (574) 825-5536 Time/Room: 4:00 p.m. **Please Check Signs</p>	<p><b>REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Kevin Milton Phone: (812) 490-1078 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. **Please Check Signs</p>
<p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Bernyce Molenda Phone: (817) 370-1875 Time/Room: 6:00 p.m. **Please Check Signs</p>	<p><b>REGIONAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Jack Wilson Phone: (815) 885-2700 Time/Room: 6:30 p.m. **Please Check Signs</p>
<p><b>CHARITY COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Patrick Dolan Phone: (517) 651-2029 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. **Please Check Signs</p>	<p><b>REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Larry Morrison Phone: (970) 434-5120 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. **Please Check Signs</p>
<p><b>CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Deb Murphy Phone: ( Time/Room: 6:30 p.m. **Please Check Signs</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM</b> Chairperson: Ron Ruston Phone: (405) 348-3545 Time/Room: 8:00 p.m. SKYLIGHT</p>

**SATURDAY      April 30, 2011**

<p><b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING</b> Chairperson: Hal Bellamy Phone: (574) 825-5536 Time/Room: 8:00 a.m. **Please Check Signs</p>	<p><b>BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING</b> Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Room: East Ballroom</p>
<p><b>**Chairpersons are requested to let their committees know in advance of any changes</b></p>	<p><b>SATURDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM</b> Time/Room: 8:00 p.m. SKYLIGHT</p>

**The airport shuttle for early flights on Sunday leaves the hotel at 4:45 a.m.**

Meeting Dates for 2011

Feb 25-26, 2011  
April 29-30, 2011  
June 18-24, 2011  
September 9-10, 2011  
November 11-12, 2011

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## **National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc.**

February 26, 2011

Sheraton West Port – Plaza Tower, St. Louis, MO

### **Governors' Meeting Minutes**

#### **Hal Bellamy – President**

Hal called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Bernyce Molenda, representing military veterans, led us in the pledge of allegiance. Members that have passed away since the last meeting were announced, followed by a moment of silence.

Jewell Hatchett (Tex Schwab's mom & the sail kitty lady)	Desert Corvette Association	Roadrunner Region
Richard Greene	Keystone State Corvette Club	East Region
Tony Puksich	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Midwest Region
Glen Klima	Windy City Corvette Club	Midwest Region

National and Regional officers were introduced. Hal requested a motion to pay travel for the proxies. George Gallant made the motion. Allen Morris seconded. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Hal reported on the National Corvette Museum. The 2011 budgets are passed. Every employee got a 3% raise. On the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of March, the NCM will have a celebration called the "Wounded Warriors" program. They are flying people in from Walter Reed Hospital in Washington to see the NCM and tour the plant. They will be taken to visit Ft. Campbell before returning to the hospital. More information is on the NCM website. The naming rights for the track project are still in limbo. There are no prospects at this point for that. They have to decide by September whether to scale back the plan. The employees will be on a performance bonus program. As president of NCCC, Hal is on the board of directors for the museum. They sent him a ten page conflict of interest document to sign.

#### **Officer Reports:**

##### **Jack Wilson – VP of Competition**

All but one region was represented at the meeting last night. Jack read the top 15 for 2010.

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CLUB NAME</b>	<b>CLUB NUMBER</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1	WINDY CITY CORVETTES INC.	MW-351	33616
2	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	WR-095	24371
3	NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	MW-167	19321
4	OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	SW-131	17778
5	COWTOWN VETTES	SW-055	16080
6	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	SE-073	9457
7	CORVETTE CLUB OF IOWA	WR-022	8468
8	BUCKEYE CORVETTES	EO-010	8430
9	NORTH FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	FL-058	7562
10	MICHIGAN AUTOCROSS GROUP	MI-362	6973
11	BADGER STATE VETTES	MW-246	6861
12	CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	MI-006	6825
13	ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB	MW-470	6615
14	FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	IN-115	5891
15	TIN HALL TOYS	SW-392	5747

PLACE	NAME—LADIES	POINTS	PLACE	NAME—MEN	POINTS
1	THOMAS, JOAN	4263	1	JIM THOMAS	4072
2	MORRISON, CINDY	2743	2	DOCHERTY, BILL	3733
3	GILLESPIE, JAN	2704	3	MCARDLE, AL	3404
4	DOCHERTY, BEVERLY	2597	4	CURTIS, HOWARD	2804
5	REITZ, CHRISTINE	2497	5	WILSON, JACK	2598
6	SAMUELSON, CAROLYN	2458	6	KESSELRING, LARRY	2493
7	HEINEMANN, JOAN	2192	7	REITZ, TOM	2406
8	MOLEND, BERNYCE	2163	8	MORRISON, BOB	2396
9	WILSON, JANET	2152	9	HEINEMANN, DAVE	2315
10	PARKS, BETTY	2047	10	GUTYAN, MIKE	2313
11	FAIRLAMB, LINDA	1955	11	SAMUELSON, DALE	2159
12	GUTYAN, KRISSEY	1785	12	GOTT, GEOFF	2112
13	GAU, KATHY	1661	13	PARKS, DON	1955
14	GOEBEL, LINDA	1482	14	MOLEND, TED	1940
15	ANTHONY, CATHY	1437	15	GANN, CHRIS	1632

Congratulations to all of the top 15. It looks like we will have another busy year with all the sanctions coming in from the different regions. We've already had two events in the Roadrunner Region.

Three high speed driving schools were approved: April 15<sup>th</sup> in the Southwest at Hallet Racetrack in Tulsa OK, on April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> in the East Region at Pocono Raceway in Pocono PA, and on May 30<sup>th</sup> again at Pocono.

Record Drags right now is only at Convention on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. West Region and Southwest are working on dates for events this year. Those should be published shortly.

There were four Rulebook clarifications:

1. Sec. 2.2.2.2.A, on Page 2-2 under Course Setup.

Competitors who assist in course setup are specifically barred from driving any vehicle, including setup trucks or cars, through any portion of the actual course. This rule is mandatory to ensure that no one has an unfair orientation advantage and that all competitors have an equal opportunity to learn the course through walking, official parade laps, etc. There needs to be a time limit or explanation as to what this means, exactly.

There are 4 questions that were addressed:

- If, I were to use the exact same course setup in two autocrosses that were a month apart, does that constitute a violation? **Answer:** No.
- What about the seven autocrosses on the same day and the course doesn't change? **Answer:** No.
- What if the only people that set up the course are the people that are competing? **Answer:** Once the course is set up, they can not drive on any portion of the actual course, except on the perimeter as identified in the Rulebook.
- Who should run the course to verify that it meets the safety and other considerations for setting up an autocross in that case? **Answer:** Only a non-entrant.

2. Page 7-11, Section 7.9. Classification Sheet, Item 3, Alteration of Paint and Item 2, Non-original Body Components. There are two sections to that:

- Item 7.9.3, Alteration of Paint, of the Concours Classification Sheet doesn't address the use of decals to alter painted areas. Should there be a points addition or not and if so how much? Decals could be considered under item 7.9.3.A. with each part of the Corvette that has a decal or part of a decal attached

adding 1 point or they could be considered under item 7.9.3.C the same as painted scallops, flames, etc. In other words, what we're addressing is decals that are applied graphics. It's a design that can go on the hood, over the fenders and may go onto the doors. So, do you count each section as independent or call it all one? **Answer:** Decals which we put under the term of "Applied Graphics" are covered under Sec. 7.9.3.B Stripping (paint & tape). We will address with more specific language for the 2012 Rulebook to clarify further.

- Item 7.9.2 addresses Etched Glass in 7.9.2.I but doesn't address the usage of decals on the glass. Should there be a points addition or not and if so how much? Small decals designating organization affiliation should be given a point value, but perhaps large decals across the top of a windshield should be assigned points. **Answer:** Applied graphics to glass are not addressed in the Rulebook and points cannot be deducted.
3. Page 7-11, Section 7.9 Classification Sheet, Item 3, Alteration of Paint.  
Alteration of Paint, of the Concours Classification Sheet doesn't address the use of a clear vinyl protective coating to protect painted areas that are vulnerable to stone chips and other road damage. Should there be a points deduction or not, and if so how much? **Answer:** Applied protection paint coating/coverings are not addressed in the Rulebook and points cannot be deducted.
4. Page 2-27, Section 2.7.1.8, Item #59, states:  
1953-82 – Any carburetor or mechanical Rochester fuel injected unit that will fit on a stock manifold. It says in bold letters: **Spacer between manifold & carburetor not allowed. Class C limited to 600 CFM with Holley carburetor. Class D limited to Rochester Quadrajets only.**
- This item is marked "Y" as it applies to Group 2. Since "Y" means "Allowed but not required", does this mean for Group 2C, "Any carburetor is allowed, but not required", so therefore, one could use an 800 Holley? **Answer:** No. It already specifically states that class C is limited to 600 CFM with the Holley carburetor.
  - Does this mean for Group 2D, "Any carburetor is allowed, but not required" so one could use a Holley? **Answer:** No. Because it specifically states class D is limited to Rochester Quadrajets only, not Holley carburetors.

They have 16 formal Rulebook change requests. They got about halfway through. The RCDs will take those back to the regions to discuss and they will vote on those formally at the April meeting. The deadline for Rulebook change requests must be submitted to the RCDs by April 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered for the 2012 Rulebook.

There was a combination protest/appeal last night. The protest was upheld, which nullified the appeal. The parties have been notified of the decision, so that issue has been closed.

### **Larry Morrison – VP of Membership**

As of February 23rd, we have 15,816 members. This is comparable to where we were this time last year.

Twelve RMDs and one proxy were present at their committee meeting. Renewals went very well with the new data system. Distribution had everything out by the first of February. Some minor tweaks were discussed, but nothing major. It is easy to use and we aren't killing trees anymore because there are no hard copies anymore.

Some RMDs are depositing club checks directly in the NCCC account from their home town Wells Fargo. This is much safer than sending them through the mail.

We still need the white copies of the application form for new members. Send the white copy with the check to your RMD. The RMD needs to send them to Sylvia because of our periodical rate. They [USPS] are still tracking that.

Larry delegated the responsibility of making the hotel proposals to Hal Tumbleson. He has representatives from both hotels to make presentations today.

Larry thanked the Governors for jumping into the new system and helping us make it work.

## **Hal**

Hal sent out the meeting agenda to all the Governors about a week ago. He asked if that was something they wanted to see and everyone said yes.

## **Cindy Urenda – Secretary**

The ballots for the meeting site will be mailed out by Ron Ruston about March 12<sup>th</sup>. They need to be postmarked back to Cindy by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cindy asked for someone to make a motion to accept late proxies. When a region forgets to bring them, the rules allow for them to be mailed within 7 days of the meeting to be counted for attendance only if approved by the Board of Governors. Joe Scafero made the motion. Arnie Bailey seconded. No discussion, no one opposed, motion carried.

There was one correction to the November minutes. Bernyce's Drag Record from October 17<sup>th</sup> in Noble, OK was incorrectly reported as 1LJ on page 7. It is actually 1LK. Manny Montgomery made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Allen Morris seconded. No discussion, no one opposed, motion carried.

## **Bernyce Molenda – Treasurer**

Bernyce has been asked to change the prorated budget from two months to the entire year. It will be changed on the next report you get. There was a question on the high cost of E-board meals. This is not a logical amount, so she will investigate and will e-mail everyone so we know what's going on with that.

Bernyce read two motions:

*That Cooperative Advertising Inc. be paid \$6,995 to cover tabletop advertising at the National Corvette Museum restaurant. Signed by Larry Morrison, Governor and Donna Snyder, Governor.*

Discussion: This was tabled at the last meeting because it was not a line item on the budget. There will be two 4x6 ads on each of the 19 tables for 2 years. Chuck Heretta asked if we are able to track how many members we get from these ads. Joan Thomas explained that when we advertise, we make a special homepage that tracks if they click on it, but there is no way to know if we got a member from that. Larry Morrison added that the MAL application on the website asks how they heard of us, and every once in a while he gets one that says museum or wherever. Only about 25% answer the question.

A vote was taken by hand count. The motion carried.

*Advance Heartland Park \$5,000 to secure the track for the 2012 Convention in Topeka. Signed by Larry Morrison, Governor and Donna Snyder, Governor.*

Discussion: Dave Heinemann said this motion is not appropriate because we approved the Convention, and because of that we've approved the budget they need to operate. Larry withdrew the motion. A vote was taken to withdraw the motion. The motion carried by an aye vote.

## **Hal Tumbleson – Business Manager**

We are a little bit cramped for space this time due to construction in the hotel. Everything will be complete by our meeting the last weekend of April. The hotel provided us with a very nice reception last night. The hotel now gives us free internet access in our rooms. You have to accept the \$9.95 charge but it will be taken off the bill for NCCC members. This is good through 2012. If you are having trouble either securing a room or getting the right rate, contact Hal to help you.

Hal thanked Joan for all her help posting all the information he has been sending her over the last couple of months. At the November meeting we said we were considering competitive bids for our insurance program from Brown & Brown and from K&K. We did allow K&K to come back and meet Brown & Brown's bid, but they could not. We used to have \$1 million in liability coverage and the clubs had to pay extra for additional coverage when it was needed. Last year we had 480 certificates requested for events. 50 of those had to have increased coverage for a total cost to the clubs of \$19,588. We now have \$5 million in liability for all events. The accident and health

benefit went from \$10,000 & \$15,000 to \$15,000 & \$25,000. We also added Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance. K&K wanted \$175 per club, but all the clubs had to join. It would have been a total cost of \$48,475. Brown & Brown is covering appointed and elected officers at the National, Regional and Club level for about \$2,300. We've also added a crime policy that covers all levels so if a club member takes off with a club's money, you are covered up to \$500,000 with a \$500 deductible. The \$1000 deductible on track vehicles that we had with K&K does not exist with Brown & Brown. There is no deductible for track vehicle damage. Hal thanked his committee for all the time looking at proposals, talking, and e-mailing: Past President Richard Yanko, current President Hal Bellamy, VP of Competition Jack Wilson and former Business Manager George Gallant, worked with Hal to go out and get what they think is a very, very good insurance policy to cover NCCC. There are no outstanding claims left with K&K.

### **Allen Morris for Kevin Milton – Parliamentarian**

Hal explained that Kevin is very ill and with the consent of Kevin and our immediate past President, Allen was chosen to lead the RE meeting. He thanked Allen for accepting the challenge and asked him to give the report.

Kathy Brisbois did a splendid job serving as secretary for the meeting. Allen suggested she run for National Office.

The REs told Hal Bellamy that they would like to start the Governors' meeting at 12:00 instead of 1:00. There was some talk about dropping region reports from Blue Bars, but after discussion with Sylvia, Regional Officers *will* be submitting their reports by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Ruston talked with them about the possibility of electronic voting as opposed to mailed ballots. Jeannie Ruston noted the REs questions that will be passed on to Ron and Walt Jenkins. Other proposed By-law changes were discussed and tabled, as was the wording of some Standing Rules.

### **Doug McMahan – Public Relations**

Doug said that when he ran for this office, he promised to put more effort into it than just shipping out displays. The first thing he's done is to update on the "Why NCCC" document, to provide you with a tool to solicit members and clubs by showing a lot of the benefits of membership. He has just finished a 4-page document and given it to Joan to post on the Website. He thanked Jim from Brown & Brown for the detail in the document. It will be an evergreen document, but you can print it off to take with you to promote NCCC.

He's also been working on some of the magazine ads. We're looking for ways to promote NCCC at no cost. We can trade banners or ads. He's working for you, so get a hold of him.

The displays have been worked on and cleaned up and have started going out. If you use them, take care of them and try to package them up right to send back, and we'll have those without a lot of cost to keep them updated.

### **Ron Ruston – Sgt. at Arms**

Thanked the hotel for last night. We have the same discounts at the local restaurants that we had last year: The Trainwreck has 15% off on food, West Port Pizza is 15% off, Pujols is 10% off and Casa Gallardo is 20% off with a coupon from the hotel. At the others, you just have to show your NCCC card.

He talked to Walt about a year ago about the electronic voting and they will try to put something together. If we can do renewals for 17,000 people, we ought to be able to figure out how to count 276 votes.

Ron has some breakfast tickets for tomorrow morning. He also said that one good thing about sponsoring the hospitality room is that if you're a regional sponsor, you can tell him what kind of beer to buy.

### **Sylvia Hoaldrige - Publications**

Hal thanked Sylvia for acting as a parliamentary advisor at the RE meeting last night.

The winter issue of Blue Bars should have been received in the last 3 weeks. If not, contact her at [bluebars@corvettesnccc.org](mailto:bluebars@corvettesnccc.org). She is trying to keep track of any distribution and mailing problems that occur with each issue of Blue Bars. Lifetime members and Charter members received their winter issue before they received the 2010 Convention issue. That was because of a glitch in the way she generated the printer's mailing list from the

membership database. Walt corrected the problem very quickly, and she had more copies printed and mailed to all Lifetime and Charter members. It cost \$3,560 out of Sylvia's budget. Another problem that occurred may have been caused by a high speed sorter machine at the post office. It cut the cover front and/or back off and it was the only thing received by the Lifetime or Charter member. Governors should let their members know to contact them or Sylvia if they have a problem. She will do everything in her power to rectify the problem.

We now have periodical rate approval. She can't tell us yet what the cost savings will be. It will show up on the invoice from the printer, so she should know in the next couple of weeks what it was for the winter issue.

The deadline for the spring issue is March 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be mailed out in late April. Reports should be for the period late April to mid-August. The summer issue will also be the Convention issue because last year there was such a long gap between Convention and when the Convention issue came out. She wants it to be fresh. The deadline for articles for that one is July 15<sup>th</sup>. All results from Convention must be submitted by then. It will be mailed out in late August. The period for reports is mid-August to early November. The last issue of the year is the fall issue. The deadline for that one is September 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be mailed out in early November and the period for reporting is early November to January 2012. It is being mailed out in early November because of problems last year with it taking 3 to 3 ½ weeks to arrive during the Christmas rush. The dates will be on the Website and in the Blue Bars.

Reports from all Regional and National Officers are always welcome, along with club articles and member spotlights. Right now she has 6 or 7 club articles that will appear in the upcoming spring issue. If any members have questions about submitting an article, please have them call her. Sylvia reminded everyone to keep in mind that copyright laws must be adhered to. Occasionally she has to sacrifice space for an article to make room for a sponsors' ad. That is what happened to a couple of articles she had planned to put in the last issue.

It takes Sylvia 2-3 weeks to put everything together after the deadline for articles. That is when she will pull the names for the printer from the database, so make sure your new members have been entered if you want them to get their Blue Bars.

## **Hal**

Hal reminded everyone that NCCC merchandise, charity stuff and 2011 Convention merchandise is available in the back of the room.

## **Patrick Dolan – Charity**

If you check our Webpage, you will find a new logo from NKF. Thanks to Joan for keeping everything up to date.

The scholarship deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the deadline to be *received*, not postmarked.

The 2011 raffle car is going to be a white Grand Sport, Heritage package, 3LT package, very similar to the one we had last year. Interior will probably be gray.

Our annual in-house mailing from the previous year's raffle tickets is put together and will go out as soon as Patrick gets back and buys the postage stamps.

He recognized Windy City Corvette Club for their involvement every year in the "First Look for Charity" event in the Chicago area. This year they were at the benefactor level and donated \$37,500 to the Illinois Spina Bifida.

The charitable donations and volunteer hours sheet that comes in your membership packet needs to be turned in to be tracked and totaled every year. Those figures are used by Charity and Sponsorship and others in this organization to show that we are multi-faceted and it does make a big difference to sponsors. Please do send those in, let us know who you are and how many hours or dollars.

North Texas Vettes gave a check today to be a 100% club. 100% means you buy one \$10 ticket for everyone in the club and you will be recognized at Convention by the National Kidney Foundation with a plaque.

The Corvette Club of Iowa gave \$100 today towards a scholarship.

Patrick reviewed the Charity Treasurer's report and Grants account. All the scholarships have been paid out. They will take help from any club or organization that wants to help with the Hardships and Scholarships.

If you need tickets or have any questions, call him.

Windy City Corvettes presented a check to Patrick for the 100% club. Oklahoma City also presented \$1,000 toward the 100% club.

### **Debbie Lindsey – Sponsorship**

We have good participation from our sponsors for Convention. Michelin will be doing the driving experience a little bit differently this year. It will be a little bit longer and will be at the Autobahn on Wednesday & Thursday. It may be an on-line sign up.

Michelin – Driving Experience  
Mid America – BBQ and help sponsoring FCOA & Scholarship funds  
Khumo – High Speed  
Bridgestone/Firestone – Tech and Low Speed  
Zip – Rally and Web site contest  
Paragon – Registration materials  
Southern Car Parts.com – General Sponsor  
Goodyear – Sponsoring the Champions Dinner

Chevrolet is bringing a display on Saturday & Sunday. It is a big one they travel across the country with.

Debbie thanked everyone who participated in the Michelin survey to help them figure out how they can be more involved with us. One thing that people were interested in was involvement at local dealerships and club functions. Larry Morrison has provided a list of the 25 largest clubs and Michelin will be contacting them. Debbie is also working with them to set up a program similar to the BFG Challenge, that will award a set of tires to the winners in each area who were running on Michelins.

GM has granted us permission to use Corvette logos and emblems on our merchandise, but we cannot sell the items for profit. It is only for use by the clubs. We are NOT permitted to use the “Jake” logo. It is only to be used for Corvette Racing.

Our new credit card offer allows you to put a picture of your Corvette on the card. NCCC gets \$50 for every new card accepted and used. We also get a rebate on a percentage of sales. Card holders earn rewards. All the information is on our Website. Let Debbie know if you have any questions.

There are some new discounts for members on the Website.

The Colorado Springs Corvette Club won the grand prize Golden Rule Eagle One award for the western region. They donated over 1,000 baskets of food to needy families at Christmastime. The story is on the Website and will be in Blue Bars.

NCCC has the opportunity this year to help with the Corvette Corral for the ALMS races at the Baltimore Grand Prix. George Gallant is heading that up for the East Region.

### **Deb Murphy – Steering Committee**

We have a tentative bid for the 2013 Convention from Bowling Green, KY. Dick Yanko made a bid for probably the end of June, depending on when the plant will be open. It would be a 5-day event (M-F) with limited competition.

2012 is moving along and is right on target with car tracks, committees and logos. Dave will do a presentation later today on 2011.

### **Joan Thomas – Webmaster**

Joan recognized the regional webmasters that were present and read the names of those not present. She said they all do a fantastic job. She also had the club webmasters who were present to stand and be recognized. The club website contest is open. Only 4 clubs have entered so far. She has the judges in place for this year, but it's not too early to sign up for next year.

In 1978, at the age of 23, Alan Tardy from the Pioneer Valley Corvette Club out of Massachusetts, ran across the country in 43 days with just a backpack, raising money for Spina Bifida. This was how we got involved with Spina Bifida. He was the first winner of the Roger Clancy Humanitarian award. He is still running and raising money for charities all over the country, and he will be our speaker at the Friday night banquet. The story about the 1978 run and NCCC is on his website [www.runningwithaltardy.com](http://www.runningwithaltardy.com).

### **Pat Kelly – FCOA**

We have increased over February 2010. The dues increase appears to have had no impact on new member applications. Pat pulled out 52 FCOA members since the first of the year that turned 16. She congratulated Corvettes of Naples, the third NCCC club to exceed 100 FCOA members. Member number 4600 is from the Cornhuskers Corvette Club. His was one of eight applications submitted by Nancy Bronner for her grandchildren. Pat got a lot of packets back with bad addresses from the mass mailing that went out in November & December. The RMDs will know who those are. Some were returned with the envelopes shredded. If your members know of FCOA kids who did not get their mailing, have them get ahold of her. The packets do not all go out at the same time. She no longer gets enough of everything for everyone, so packets are put together and sent out based on what she has that is age appropriate.

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FCOA. Pat is working on some things for Blue Bars that include second generation FCOA kids, former FCOA members that are now NCCC members. Let her know of any in your club. Second generation members are FCOA members whose parents were FCOA members.

### **Larry Higgins – Distribution**

Distribution was able to get all the renewals out by the first of February thanks to everyone getting all the packet inserts to him timely. They sent out 10,362 packets. Everything is caught up and sent out until he gets some new ones.

### **Old Business**

#### **Dave Heinemann & Betty Parks – Convention 2011**

Dave thanked Walt Jenkins for putting up with him, and Joan Thomas for posting so much stuff on the Website, Larry, his co-chair, for keeping him in line with his structure and organization, Hal Bellamy for nurturing him through this program since 2008 when he convinced him to be director. And Betty Parks keeps him in line on the budget.

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, Betty said she got up to check for registrations at midnight [Registration opened on 2/1/11]. Just after midnight they started coming in. She processed 229 people from midnight until 4:30 a.m. It slowed down, so she went to bed, but there were more waiting when she got back in there at 8:30. So far there are 440 people registered. We have 8 youth. There are 287 signed up for the banquet. 122 people have signed up for the high speed out of 200 maximum participants. There are 168 in the low speed out of 200 max. There are 63 in the lapping event out of 100 max. There are 76 in the brackets out of 100, and 53 in record drags out of 100. Concours has 33 out of 60, people's choice has 56 (unlimited number of entrants), rally has 80 out of 150, funkhana has 60 out of 200.

Test and tune was a limit of 50. You are not eligible for the test & tune if you are entering either drag event. It is intended for people who have never been on the drag strip and want to experience the thrill of taking their car down the track.

The valve cover race has 107 entrants.

The best deal for going to downtown Chicago is the bus tour. It's \$20 to go down and back. So far there are 39 going on Tuesday, 82 on Wednesday and 32 on Thursday.

1633 room nights have been reserved.

Dave said there has been a little difficulty with the drag strip. NASCAR moved their event, which bumped 5 events. Our drag day is now Tuesday. The Tuesday Autobahn event is now on Thursday. The drag strip is only a half mile

away, so cars and trailers can be left at the Autobahn. Dave is trying to make arrangements for us to leave vehicles at the strip on Monday night.

There is an official Illinois license plate available for Convention. The state will not allow you to display it if you are not a resident of Illinois until after July 31<sup>st</sup>. Information is on the Windy City website.

DriveTech Racing School is offering a program on Friday & Saturday at the end of Convention at Chicagoland Speedway. They will have full-blown NASCAR cars. You can ride or drive. They have different programs to choose from (individually, bumper to bumper...). They are offering a 50% discount to all Convention participants on Friday, or 20% on Saturday. There is no cost/contract/commitment for NCCC. He will be at the Corvette Mall the first Saturday & Sunday of Convention with one of their cars. You will be able to pay then and pick your time.

Dave and Larry wrapped up by doing a very entertaining skit about where to find information and how to register for Convention. There is lots of information about everything that is going on for competitors and non-competitors on our website.

If you need to make any changes after you register, contact Betty. Do not go back into the on-line registration to make changes.

## **New Business**

### **Meeting Site Presentations**

Hal Tumbleson introduced the general manager of the Sheraton Westport in St. Louis, MO who filled in for Nancy Masterson, the sales manager who has managed our account for 11 years. The entire hotel is being renovated and we have access to free internet in our rooms. In the guest rooms, a jack pack on the side of our console will allow us to plug in our lap top or our own movies and view them on the 37" TV screen, and the beds are comfortable. There are 4,000 free parking spaces. A wide variety of restaurants are in the Westport Plaza. Complimentary shuttle service runs every 30 minutes to the airport, which is only 7 miles away. The conference center works well for us with its numerous meeting rooms. There is over 40,000 square feet of space. Tax is 14.625%

Barry Rector and Jim Walton from the Indiana Region spoke on behalf of the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel in Indianapolis, IN. The Wyndham West works with a lot of other car clubs and understands the car culture. They are offering a rate of \$95 for all three years. Main meeting rooms and break-out rooms are all together. It is very close to the new airport and offers free shuttle service 24/7 on the half hour. They will give us a 10% discount on food & beverage at their restaurant & bar. There is nothing else within walking distance, but you can ride the free shuttle to the airport which has 17 food vendors in the concourse area for fast food or sit-down dinners. They have rehabbed all their rooms and the major public areas. Dates are pretty close to when we normally meet. There is plenty of free parking and they are putting in a 24 hour Starbucks. The Indiana Region would offer some activities to make it fun for us to come into town. Tax is 17%.

Information is on the NCCC website. All the dates will be on the ballots.

### **Appointed Officers and Committees:**

Hal read the list of appointed officers for affirmation or re-affirmation as approved by the Executive Board:

Director of Publications – Sylvia Hoaldrige  
Director of Charities – Patrick Dolan  
Convention Steering Advisor – Deb Murphy  
Director of Sponsorship – Debbie Lindsey  
NCCC Webmaster – Joan Thomas  
Director of FCOA – Pat Kelly  
Distribution Manager – Larry Higgins  
2011 Convention Director – Dave Heinemann  
2011 Convention Treasurer – Betty Parks  
2012 Convention Director – Larry Beebe

Joe Scafero made the motion to reaffirm. Allen Morris seconded. No discussion. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Finance Committee: Bernyce Molenda, Betty Parks, Jean Morrison, Hal Tumbleson, George Gallant, Ron Scott, Manny Montgomery, Allen Morris and Debbie Lindsey.

Motion to accept these made by Patrick Dolan and seconded by Arnie Bailey. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Charity Committee: Patrick Dolan, Jean Morrison, Joan Heinemann, Elaine Heretta, Bill Siebel, Thom Schultz and Sheila Shultz.

Motion to accept by Arnie Bailey; seconded by Sharon Meesseman. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Convention Steering Committee: Deb Murphy, Hal Tumbleson, Betty Parks, Dave Heinemann, Larry Beebe, Bill Docherty, Larry Higgins, Carolyn Montgomery, Larry Pagliero, George Gallant and Joe Scafero.

Motion to appoint made by Alan Smith and seconded by Walt Jenkins. No one opposed. Motion carried.

By-laws Committee: All REs.

Motion to accept by Alan Smith and seconded by Sharon Meesseman. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Nomination Committee: Jerry Limpach, Gail Yanko and Patsy Shearer.

Motion to accept by Alan Smith; seconded by George Gallant. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Teller Committee for the meeting site ballots: At Large is Joe Scafero, Gary Brisbois, Jean Morrison, Carolyn Samuelson; The REs present Glenn Hutchinson, Jeanne Ruston, Jim Harris and Ron Brown; The RMDs propose Bob Bowen, Peggy Stephens, Debbie Schafer and Ellouise Morrison.

Motion to accept these made by Jim Bartuska and seconded by George Gallant. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Newsletter Contest Judges: Margaret Bohannan, Glenn Hutchinson and Kathy Brisbois.

Motion to accept these made by Patrick Dolan and seconded by Jeanne Ruston. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Duntov Committee: Patsy Shearer, Barb Harris, Cliff Harris and Sue Puksich.

Motion to accept these made by Betty Parks and seconded by John Morrow. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Web Site Contest Judges: Ken Bena, Tom Blount and Linda Goebel.

Motion to accept these made by Larry Beebe; seconded by Jim Bartuska. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Vision Committee: (The Vision Committee is not a standing committee. It is appointed by the President and approved by the Board.) Dennis Patrick, John Morrow, Jeanne Ruston, Joe Vasta, Penn Pritchard and Cliff Harris.

Motion to accept these made by George Gallant and seconded by Bernyce Molenda. No one opposed. Motion carried.

### Audit Reports:

Betty Parks reported that George Gallant, Manny Montgomery and she, from the Finance Committee, volunteered to do an audit of the 2009 Charity books. This is the raffle car side of the Charity organization. They looked at all the bank statements, ledgers, and reports to the Board of Governors. Their goal was to ensure that what is in the bank is what has been reported on the floor. Their conclusion was that that is what happened. They did make some recommendations that were enthusiastically received by the Charity Committee. The phone reimbursement and credit card machine have been eliminated. They will use the NCCC credit card machine, instead, and pay their share of the fees. They are also defining what expenses can be reimbursed for working shows.

Betty is also on the committee that is looking at the 2010 NCCC general books before they go to the accountants to do the tax return. George Gallant, Jean Morrison and Margaret Bohannan are also on the committee. They started looking at it yesterday. There are approximately 70 checks written at each of the 4 meetings, and for everything else that goes on. They are tying everything that is in the journal to the bank statements and then looking at what got

reported to the Board of Governors. We have money market accounts because the government only insures up to a certain amount in a bank account. The money has to be moved to different organizations to keep that insurance liability out there. They have looked at all of those and the credit card and scholarship accounts. They will look at the big account that writes all the checks before the next meeting. Bernyce and the E-board will be informed if they find any problems, but so far, everything looks excellent.

Walt Jenkins made a motion to accept the report. Patsy Shearer seconded. No one opposed. Motion carried.

### Brown & Brown Insurance:

Hal Tumbleson introduced Jim Tripolone, Executive Vice President of Brown & Brown Insurance Company. They are our new insurance company. REs and RCDs received packets with a lot of the B&B information, and it can also be found on our Website.

Jim said he handles the high profile accounts and is the “Executive Vice President blah, blah, blah”, but prefers to be thought of as our “insurance consultant”. His territory is Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. He is a “certified gearhead” and a self-taught metal fabricator. He understands the car culture so he and Brown & Brown were very excited to hear that NCCC was entertaining bids. They understand what we do. He actually went to a semester at Wyo Tech and this is his passion. The beginning of his slide presentation included pictures of cars that he built for himself by hand.

Brown & Brown started off as a titling company in Daytona Beach, FL in 1939. In 2010, B&B was named the 7<sup>th</sup> largest brokerage company in the world. They are able to offer us good rates because of the leverage they have due to their size. They wrote the title way back for Daytona International Speedway. Hyatt Brown, the chairman of the company, sits on the board of the International Speedway Corporation (ISC) that owns NASCAR, which owns Daytona. They also insure Talladega. They insure other big companies, like MGM studios in the Florida theme parks. Even though they are a mega-conglomerate, they have personal representatives like him that you can get ahold of in any state.

In looking at our old policy, they saw that we needed room to grow. He thought that the additional charges for each incident of coverage over \$1million was costing us way too much. They did away with that and told Philadelphia to write it for a flat \$5 million which data showed was the upper threshold of what tracks request. If they do ask for more, that can be covered for an additional fee. The \$5 million policy covers bodily injury, member liability, contractual liability, liability for areas of omission...that means misconduct, misappropriation of points, etc. We are covered for legal costs, judgments, court fees, etc. Host liquor liability covers us if someone leaves a meeting or party at a member’s house (not a function like a race) after having a few too many, and runs a stop sign and kills somebody. Legal liability to participants covers members and non-members alike for \$5 million. This policy is not as rigid as what we are used to. Liability and personal injury, if someone is injured and files for gross negligence against the club, we have \$5 million. We have liability of property damage, accident and health...even publications are covered. New for us is the D&O coverage that protects NCCC, the clubs and the Governors if a treasurer or other member decides to steal our money. The cost is marginal at \$2300. (K&K wanted \$175 per club for that coverage.) Crime coverage will cover our money. If someone takes off with the cash from a charitable event, there is a deductible, but we get the money back.

Certificates are going to be really easy. Proof of insurance is just a certificate that shows how much coverage we have and who we have it with. If the venue wants to be named as an additionally insured, there is no additional charge. The form will be on our website. Jim said Joan has been awesome. They have sent her about 35 revisions and they’re up within at least a week. Just go on-line, enter the information, hit print, and send it over or e-mail it to B&B and it will be taken care of. It’s very self-explanatory. They have hired 5 new people who literally sit at their computer and wait for these things to come in. There will be a turn around within 24 hours. If not, call, because that means it’s gotten hung up in e-mail or something.

General waivers must be signed by everyone who competes in a competitive event. Members and non-members have to sign. If a member takes out a wall, they will be covered for the wall and for their own person if they are sued. A non-member in the same wreck, NCCC will cover the wall, but if the individual is sued, they are not covered. It is worth joining NCCC to be covered by the personal liability protection!

Minor waivers must be signed by the parent or guardian at every event. No exceptions. The waiver can be e-mailed for signature. It doesn’t have to be the original document. None of the waivers do, as long as they have the correct verbiage on them, it can be a copy. Rally waivers will not be used.

There were about 4 incidents in 2010 that were not submitted. Moving forward with B&B, even if a person refuses medical treatment, we need to report the incident. Otherwise we create a huge financial impact. Say a member gets into an accident, breaks their leg and takes out a wall. If it is reported within 24 hours, a claims judge will be assigned to the file. They will call you within a day or two. At that time, they will check in with the hospital and the venue and do their due diligence. They will create a picture of how much the claim is going to cost within 72 hours and create a claims reserve (let's say \$50,000 for this example). It's a best guess of what the claim will cost. If it is not reported and the person comes back in six months and says their leg didn't set right and they can't walk. The claims adjuster can say, "Well, I know the wall will cost \$25,000 to fix, but I have no idea how much the leg is going to cost. The guy lost work, and lost this and that..." The best guess of \$50,000 can turn into a million dollar claim. When the underwriters sit down three months before renewal, they will look at that and rate it accordingly. It can really jack up our premium.

Keep waivers for 7 years. No waiver is needed for caravans, meetings, etc. They do need to be public knowledge prior to the activity. It can be in a newsletter, on the calendar or on the website. Waivers MUST be signed for competitive events. Competitive events are those that can be judged or have a winner, or loser or place or not.

Bring a stack of claim forms to all events. Documenting right when it happens and it is fresh in everyone's mind is the best practice. You can print it from our website. Please let Hal know when you submit a claim.

Jim and Hal answered some additional questions that will be included in a FAQ document for Joan to post on our website.

Dale did the 50/50 drawing. Door prizes were distributed.

Allen Morris made the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cindy Urenda*  
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Secretary