

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC. GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES



Sheraton Westport – St. Louis, MO

November 8, 2014

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

February 28, 2015
at
Sheraton Westport Plaza
314-878-1500 or 888-627-7064

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Chairperson: Dave Heinemann Time/Room: 4:00 p.m. **Please Check Signs.	REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Chairperson: Jim Walton Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. **Please Check Signs
FINANCE COMMITTEE Chairperson: Betty Parks Time/Room: 6:00 p.m. **Please Check Signs	REGIONAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE Chairperson: Dale Samuelson Time/Room: 6:30 p.m. **Please Check Signs
CHARITY COMMITTEE Chairperson: Patrick Dolan Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. **Please Check Signs	REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Chairperson: Steve Johnson Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. **Please Check Signs
CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE Chairperson: Jack Wilson Time/Room: 6:30 p.m. **Please Check Signs	HOSPITALITY ROOM Chairperson: Jeannie Ruston Time/Room: 8:00 p.m. **To be announced

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Chairperson: Dave Heinemann Time/Room: 8:00 a.m. – **Please Check Signs	BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING Time: 12:30 p.m.- **Please Check Signs
**Chairpersons are requested to let their committees know in advance of any changes	HOSPITALITY ROOM N/A

Meeting Dates for 2015

Feb 27-28, 2015	Sheraton Westport Plaza	St. Louis, MO
April 24-25, 2015	Sheraton Westport Plaza	St. Louis, MO
August 22-27, 2015	Annual Meeting (During Convention week)	
September 11-12, 2015	Sheraton Westport Plaza	St. Louis, MO
November 13-14, 2015	Sheraton Westport Plaza	St. Louis, MO



National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc.

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Governors' Meeting Minutes

Hal called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. Hal stated that he was proud to have served as NCCC President for the last 4 years. Hal introduced J.W. Weddington, a marine veteran, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Hal reminded everyone of the merchandise available at the back of the room. There are also reports from the appointed officers on the table. Hal read the list of members that have passed away since the last meeting, followed by a moment of silence. Those members announced were:

Larry Warrell – Tin Hall Toys	Bill Siebel – Kalamazoo Corvette Club
Luanne Montoya – Las Vegas Corvette Club	Paul Barrett – Corvettes West
Alecia Gallardo (Miller) – Thunder Vette Set	Fay Godfrey – New Mexico Corvette Association
Cheri Fowler – Tucson Corvette Club	Bahiyah Shakir – Chicago Crossroads Corvette Club

Hal introduced the executive board. Regional Officers made self-introductions. Several regions also introduced new officers for 2015.

Hal asked for a motion to pay the proxy officers. The motion was made by Allen Morris with a second by Walt Jenkins. The motion was passed.

Hal asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September Board of Governors' meeting. The motion was made by Jim Bartuska with a second by Chuck Stephens. The motion was passed by a vote of the governors. Hal then asked for a motion to approve minutes from the Annual Meeting held in September. That motion was made by Allen Morris with a second by Gary Kelly. The motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Hal Bellamy - President

Hal stated that he would have a short report since he was a short timer. He talked about the proposal from the NCM to have NCCC take sponsorship role on the Motor Sports Park. The proposal was for naming rights for the garage and other items at the tune of \$30,000 a year for five years. Hal has talked with several members about this and there does not seem to be a lot of support for doing this at this time. He will report at the next NCM Board meeting that we are not going to participate at this level. Hal stated that they may come back and ask at what level we would like to participate. Hal reported that GM is not going to restore the cars that fell into the sink hole. The new NCCC tables are in the Museum Café. NCCC has a permanent position on the NCM board. The next president will fill this role. We will continue to work to have the National Corvette Museum recognize the contribution we make to their programs.

Dale Samuelson – VP of Competition

Dale reported the Competition Committee met last night with 14 RCD's and proxies present. The committee reviewed the event status for 2014. There have been just over 1,400 events completed and posted. Dale reported the top 5 places for men, women and clubs. For the men, in 5th place is Tom Reitz, in 4th place is Dave Heinemann, Steve Cronberg is in 3rd place, Bruce Wentzel is in 2nd place and in 1st place is Howard Curtis. For the women, in 5th place is Carolyn Samuelson, in 4th place is Linda Goebel, Betty Parks is in 3rd place, Chris Reitz is in 2nd place and Mary Wentzel is in 1st place with 1880 points. For the clubs, CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN is in 5th place, BADGER STATE VETTES holds 4th place, OKLAHOMA CORVETTE CLUB is in 3rd place, WINDY CITY VETTES is in 2nd place with CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB in 1st place. Further details can be found on the NCCC website.

There has been two Record Drag events since the September meeting in the Southwest Region and the West Region. There were 5 records set: in Mod B, Jerry Benedict with an adjusted time of 9.70; in 1H, Brett Ruston with time of 12.91; in 1K, Marvin Phillips with a time of 12.03; in 1M, Travis Lockhead with a time of 11.73. For Ladies in 1H, Mary Anne Kolb with a time 13.00.

There was one clarification at the meeting. The clarification regarded earning points at two separate events in one day. The answer was no. The details of the clarification can be found on the NCCC website.

There were discussions on the proposed 2015 Rulebook and possible push-bask items. There were no changes made as Dale promised at the last governors' meeting.

There are two outgoing RCD's for the Southwest and East Ohio Region and Dale thanked them for their service and dedication to NCCC.

Jean Morrison – Treasurer

Jean reported that the taxes for 2013 have been completed. We paid the IRS \$2,488. We are very close to being in the black on the 2014 budget. The finance committee reviewed the standing rule proposal for waiving renewal fees for deployed military personnel. The committee supported that change. Jean thanked the governors for allowing her to serve as Treasurer the past two years.

Andy Alleshouse – VP of Membership (Proxy)

Andy reported there are 18,730 members as of 11/07/14. This includes some clubs who have already completed the renewals for this year. We have 263 clubs at this time. We know that we will have a few clubs leaving the organization this coming year. We've been working on ideas to retain clubs and to retain membership. If you have any ideas please share them with your RMD's and your RE's. We will be discussing this at our next meeting. There are four RMD's that are leaving us this year, Andy recognized them and bid them a farewell.

Jim Walton – Parliamentarian

Jim reported that there were 15 RE's present at the meeting last night. Most of the hard work for the year is done and this gives us time to sit back and think about where we are going and what we want to achieve. One of those things is that wants and needs of NCCC membership are basically changing. It is up to NCCC to identify and understand what those issues are. As we look at most of the clubs, they are composed of Baby Boomers who have the money and are buying the new cars. These folks are our targets. We need to make sure we address their needs. They have a new baby and they want recognition and they want to show it off. We need to give them opportunities to enjoy that car and to garner the recognition they want. Most of the clubs are social clubs. The RE's discussed what some of the things we could do within NCCC to recognize clubs and members for participation in social activities. The RE's generated several ideas. Jim recognized that this is a major shift for the organization which has been so centered on racing and competition. If you have any ideas please contact Jim or your RE. The RE's also had some good discussions regarding the rulebook. They are looking at changing the By-Laws and Standing Rules that would allow breaking the vote of the rulebook to allow for voting on items in groups or as single items. They are not trying to take anything away from the RCD's. Joan presented the RE's with statistics on the number of governors who have voted in the last several elections. These numbers showed a decreasing number of governors participating in the election process. In this last election there was only 68% that voted. Jim found this information to be quite disturbing. The challenge to the RE's was to go back to their clubs and find out why they didn't vote; especially when you have a club with a track record of responding to the process. Is it because of difficulty with the system, did they just not get notice, or did they just not care? The voting system is very simple so we need to identify what is going on with the process. Finally the RE's heard recommendations on the rules governing the newsletter contest to make it easier on the judges and appealing to the clubs to participate in the contest.

Hal stated that we needed approval for a new member on the teller committee. Donna Snyder was not able to be here due to health. Hal appointed Glenda McMahon to fill the position. Walt Jenkins made the motion to approve the appointment and Arnie Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jack Wilson – Business Manager

Jack reported that the Convention Steering Committee met last night. They wrapped up the 2014 convention which shows a loss around \$15,000. All the books are being closed out. Nancy Bailey and Betty Parks will be conducting the audit of the 2014 books. There was a discussion of the 2015 convention. They are facing some difficulties. The Pocono Race track had told Dave, Joe, Jack and Larry Beebe that they would pencil the dates for our convention when the site visit was conducted in 2013. A little after that the management of the race track changed and we had to deal with new folks. Their priority is Nascar and Indy. We have been in limbo and Jack has called them to let them know how important to us for this convention. After many phone calls and back and forth, we now have Wednesday, the 26th for our events at Pocono. We have a letter of intent but we still do not have a contract and Jack and Dave will be working on that. There has also been a change in the management for Split Rock Resort. We have been working out the details of the contract for the resort. We do have a signed contract for the resort. We had hoped to have more for you on convention but have been busy working out the contracts for the Pocono track and for the Split Rock Resort. Dave has his committees in place. Dave will talk to you later in this meeting. Larry Beebe, Bernyce Moleda and Jack did a site visit for the 2016 convention being put on by the Cornhusker Corvette Club. Jack stated that this is an excellent facility. It is at the convention center with Embassy Suites and Courtyard by Marriot hotels. You do not have to go outside to get to the convention center. There is plenty of parking and it is a short drive to Mid-America Motorplex where the low and high speed events are being held. It is easy to get to with 4 lanes in and out just off I-80. Gene will be talking about this a little later. The bid for 2017 is open. If you are thinking about get your proposal together and send it along. The committee has been working on updating the Convention Policy and Procedure Manual and they will have some guidelines on the website in the near future. The convention guidelines will be similar to the insurance FAQ's. Jack expressed his appreciation to the committee for all their work on this.

Jack reported that the contract has been signed for hotel for Governors' meetings for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Jack talked insurance and we have had no claims on any of our policies this year. He will be receiving quotes for 2015 very shortly. He received a dib from another agent but their coverage did not compare with what we currently have with Legacy. Jack shared that Brian Greiss is getting married this coming weekend in Key West, Florida. Jack stated that he has just posted some updates on the FAQ's. He has sent them out to the RE's so that they are aware of the update. Many questions are coming from people who do not want to look at the website. Please get in the habit of looking at the website for information.

Doug McMahan – Public Relations

Doug has a new DVD that will be included with the display. He has it running on a couple of tablets here if you are interested in seeing them. We have had some damage to one of the large displays and we will be replacing that for next year with an outdoor banner type display and will come with stakes to help hold it down. Shipping on the new display will be about ½ of what we currently are spending to ship the display. As you go through renewals, please look at the Family Helping Family directory. Let Doug know so we need to keep the directory current and don't want to contact anyone who is no longer a member. Doug stated that the membership numbers have continued to go up every year and this is a good indication of the good PR work everyone is doing. In closing Doug thanked everyone for the support he has received the past four years.

Jeannie Ruston – Sgt. at Arms

Jeannie stated that the 2015 convention hosted the hospitality room last night. Jeannie expressed her appreciation. She reported that she has volunteers for the hospitality room for all of 2015. We are ahead of the game and that is "pretty cool". The first shuttle tomorrow will be at 4:30 a.m., then one every ½ hour after that. There was a little bit of a problem last time and Jeannie has talked to the hotel after that. Jeannie wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Hal stated that the appointed officers' reports are available for the governors. We had guests at the E-Board meeting this morning, namely the officer candidates for 2015. Hal thanked the 2014 convention folks for all their work and for the fun time they provided us.

Dave Walter – 2015 Convention Chairman

Dave talked about the Split Rock Resort and the Interior rooms. There are some rooms that have windows that look out into a hallway. Dave recommended that you specify "No Interior Room" when you make your reservation. Dave also talked about the other lodges on the property. The main hotel will host the convention events including the Concourse. All concourse events will be held inside. Tech will be right outside the building. The rallye will leave the hotel and travel through the Pocono mountains. The rallye will end up at the Lodge which was built back in the 1920's and still maintains an aura of that period. The picnic will also take place near the Lodge. Valve Cover races will be held at the Willowbrook. This location has the most up-to-date building. Security is an on-site service and the facility is gated. There is a \$1 toll to get into the property. You can use the ticket for a charity raffle ticket or for something at the hotel. The hotel has a movie theater, a bowling alley and a huge arcade. There is plenty for children to do but there is no "Children's program" at convention. Dave talked about the facilities at the Pocono track for the High Speed, Low Speed and Michelin's "Arrive and Drive" promotion. Thursday will be the golf day with the convention awards banquet in the evening. They are planning 3 or 4 tours during the week. They recognize that there are a number of people who come to convention who do not participate in the racing events. One of the tours will go to an area casino. They are looking into touring some breweries as well as a tour of a coal mine, a trip to New York and a trip to Philadelphia. This just to give you an idea of the alternatives to the speed events. Dave suggested that everyone check the NCCC website for updates to the schedule and the available events. There was a question about the cottages that had been available at the last convention at this location and Dave replied that they are now time shares and not available to us. There was a question about a resort fee. Dave replied that there is a resort fee and will be included in the price of your room. Dave invited everyone to "Join us in the Poconos".

New Business

Dale brought the proposed rulebook changes off the table for discussion. The changes will be voted as a single package. A redline version has been posted on the NCCC website. Dale stated that these changes received a 2 to 1 approval of the RCD's who have put a lot of time into working out the details of these changes. Dale feels these changes are membership driven and spent time discussing them at various events this year. The items that he has heard some push back are allowing novices to have a passenger or to ride as a passenger; allowing 12 year olds to ride as passengers at low speed events. Dale stated that clubs or regions could restrict these items as they saw fit, they just could not make them more lenient, i.e. allowing an eleven year old passenger. The changes regarding Group 1 and Group 1S were developed to allow new members to be competitive. Often when someone buys a new Corvette one of the first things they do is make minor modifications which then place them in a group where they are not competitive. This is an effort to correct that. The other consideration was wheel availability. Dale asked if there were any questions from the floor. There were none. Jeff Craig made a motion to call to a vote. Denny Luther seconded the motion. The motion passed with 198 in favor, 48 opposed and no abstentions. The rulebook is approved.

Jean brought up the 2015 budget which had been distributed via e-mail. Larry Beebe made a motion to call for the vote with a second by Bernyce Molenda. The motion passed. The vote to approve the budget was unanimous.

Hal reported the results of the election: By-Law change #1 – passed; By-Law change #2 – passed; By-Law change #3 – passed; By-Law change #4-1 – passed; By-Law change #4-2 – failed; By-Law change #5 – passed. The convention bid for 2016 passed. Denny Luther is the Public Relations Director; Betty Parks is the Treasurer; Jim Walton is the Parliamentarian; VP of Membership is Steve Johnson; Dave Heinemann is the President. There was a question from the floor on the results of the failed By-Law change regarding the numbers. Hal replied that the for was 54 in favor and 44 opposed; the vote required a 2/3 majority to pass.

Joe Orico made a motion to destroy the ballots with a second by Arnie Bailey. The motion passed.

Ron Scott asked about the 2014 financial results. It was originally reported to the finance committee that there was a \$25,000 loss but today that number was smaller. The response was the \$25,000 loss included the refunds given without having them first posted on the income side of the ledger. Ron also asked why NCCC paid the resort fee for this convention. Debbie replied that she chose to do that instead of having goodie bags.

Hal stated that the executive board held an executive session meeting, with only elected officers present, to discuss the candidates for the position of Director of Publications. There were four candidates for the position. After some discussion the E-board settled on the one person best suited to do the job. Hal will make the appointment before December 1st. We will have a new Blue Bars editor on staff as of December 1st which is the date that Sylvia set for her retirement. Hal recognized Sylvia for her twelve years of service to NCCC and commended her for the great job that she has done over that period of time. This was met with a round of applause for Sylvia.

Hal reminded those present that there are raffle tickets for sale at the back of the room. There are convention items for sale, 50/50 tickets, NCCC merchandise and FCOA merchandise.

Hal appointed Gene Gau as the 2016 Convention Director. Gene thanked the governors who voted for holding the convention in Omaha. He stated that those that did not vote for this convention are also welcome to come to Omaha. "We do not have resort fees." We are planning a shortened convention, Monday will be tech and registration, with a tribute to the military and our veterans. Tuesday will be the low speed event at Mid-America Motorplex. Tuesday night we will have a dessert bar and a Hollywood dress up night. There will be prizes for the best costumes. Wednesday will be the high speed events with some tours of the zoo and Lauritzen Gardens and the SAC Museum. We have changed the activity for Wednesday night. Instead of a tour of the brewery, we are going to take a trip to Lincoln to visit the private Kuck Car Collection. We will have dinner there. Thursday will be the car show and the rallye. We will also have tours of the zoo and SAC Museum on Thursday for the racers that want to see these attractions. Thursday night will be the charity raffle car give-away and awards banquet. Friday morning will be the convention awards breakfast and that will conclude convention. "Roar into Omaha!"

Hal brought the Standing Rule changes off the table with no objections. The first change affects Rule 9 under financial matters and deals with waiving renewal fees for members who are on active military deployment at the time of renewals. The motion for this change was made by Ron Scott and Ron Ruston. Deb Hamersley reiterated that this was for renewals only. It was clarified that the term deployed means out of the country. J.W. Weddington made the motion to call the question. A second was made by Bernyce Molenda. There were 5 votes opposed and 2 abstentions. The motion passed. On the vote to change the Standing Rule, there were 5 opposed and 2 abstentions. The motion to waive renewal fees for members on active military deployment passed.

The second change was to allow for an electronic version of Blue Bars. This motion was made by Ron Ruston with a second by Glenda McMahon. Joe Vasta stated that there was a question at the last meeting about the implementation of this regarding the costs involved and how it would be published. He asked if issues had been resolved. Sylvia asked to address the governors on this. She stated that she had talked to Kennedy Printing and they would be willing to create a PDF for us. It should cost about \$200 as Sylvia's best guess. The PDF can be sent to the Webmaster to be posted on the website. Sylvia also stated that there was the issue a couple of years ago regarding copyright infringements. With an on-line copy of Blue Bars, the editor will have to be very diligent in verify the source of all materials submitted for publication to avoid any litigation. There was a question regarding the size and the download time to access Blue Bars on-line. Sylvia did not know but stated that it would be "huge". Doug McMahon stated that there are ways to load a PDF and make it a readable only copy which would reduce the time to access the document. It would not need to be downloaded. Joe asked if we needed to continue to research the issue to be sure we understood all the ramifications of this change. Hal stated that maybe we should table it until the next meeting. Dave Heinemann asked for clarification on the \$200 estimate; whether with was a one-time charge or the cost per issue. Sylvia replied that it would be per issue. Dave also asked if this would be sent out via e-mail or just available on the website. He reminded everyone of the issues that we have encountered in sending out e-mails. Dave stated that he would hate to see us pass a motion and then not be able to follow through on it. Joan stated that there are a lot of logistics that need to be worked out to make this work. It is her vision that Kennedy Printing provides a PDF file that is loaded onto the website and notification is placed on the "What's New" tab to notify members when it is available. Joan stated that as her club governor, she would not support this motion because there are just too many questions to be resolved at this time. Joan also stated that if we pass this motion, she is concerned that members will expect it to be implemented with the next issue which just won't be possible. Sylvia stated that she would have Kennedy Printing supply a PDF of the current Blue Bars issue and she and Joan could work on the logistics of making it available on-line and report back their findings at the next governors meeting. Joe Scafero stated that at the last meeting, it was stated that if we table this again, it will die right here. Jim Walton replied that since there was discussion on it at this meeting we could table it again and bring it off the table at our next meeting for further discussion. We cannot pull a motion from the table just to keep it alive but as long as there is legitimate discussion the motion can be tabled and brought up at the next meeting. Jim stated that one of the issues is that the language of the proposed Standing Rule change is vague. It does not specify an implementation date. Jim sees this as a charge to start working toward providing an electronic copy of Blue Bars. If this change passes, you will not immediately have the option to receive the magazine in electronic form. It may take us a couple of issues or maybe even longer to be able to implement the change. We have a concept that will allow us to work through the concerns that have been expressed here. There are several clubs in the Midwest Region alone that have large PDF files of their newsletters. Some of these have 70-80 pages and there isn't a problem accessing them. Doug stated that it is like looking at an on-line catalog where you look at various pages. Jim stated that if we find the cost is greater than we have currently projected then we will have to revisit the topic. Jim recommended that we take a vote to see if there is enough interest to proceed. There is a provision on the membership database to elect to receive an electronic copy. Jim stated that he agreed with Hal that Blue Bars provides validation to NCCC as a viable organization. Ron Ruston stated that he just wants to have the option to receive Blue Bars electronically. Jim stated that we should go ahead and vote on the motion. Joe Vasta stated that he felt that we needed more information before proceeding with the vote. Bernyce Molenda made the motion to call the question with a second by Ron Ruston. The motion to call the question passed unanimously. The vote on the motion to provide an electronic copy of Blue Bars passed with 151 votes in favor. There were 94 opposed and 1 abstaining vote.

Dave Heinemann, President Elect, recognized the Nominating Committee and thanked them for the great job they did. He also thanked the outgoing board members for their service. He stated the “we’re going to have a good time so stick around!”

The 50/50 raffle drawing was held, with George Cramer as the lucking ticket holder. Jeannie handed out the door prizes.

Gary Brisbois made the motion to adjourn; Ron Scott seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Brisbois
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Secretary