



National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc.

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COMPETITION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: February 24, 2012

St. Louis, MO.

**Sheraton Westport Conference Center
Conference Room C**

MEETING MINUTES

Note: Decisions, actions, or other key discussion items are indicated in the minutes with *underlined italics*.

Open Session

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting was called to order by VP of Competition Paul Haack at 6:30 PM.
- A roll call and introductions of RCDs in attendance was taken.
- The following 13 RCDs or their proxies were in attendance:

Name	Region	In Attendance	Proxy In Attendance
Johnny Haskell	CA	N	None
Chuck Stevens	EO	Y	
Brian Gallagher	ER/NE	N	Andy Alleshouse
Denny Murphy	FL	Y	
Mike Godfrey	IN	Y	
Dave Johnson	MI	Y	
Bill Docherty	MW	Y	
Walt Jenkins	RM	N	Wayne Umland
Paul Hamersly	RR	Y	
Don Parks	SE	Y	
Craig Kamradt	SW	Y	
Joe Orrico	WC/NW	Y	
Jim Asbury	WO	Y	
Jerry Koraleski	WR	Y	

- A welcome was extended to 2 new RCDs on the committee; Denny Murphy (Florida Region), and Bill Docherty (Midwest Region). The rest of the RCDs were thanked for returning in 2012 and for volunteering their time to NCCC.
- A welcome was also extended to the guests and visitors in attendance.

2. 11/11/11 Competition Committee Meeting Minutes Approval

- A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Paul Hamersly.
- Seconded by Joe Orrico.
- No additional discussion, vote to approve was taken.
- *Motion carried, minutes approved.*

3. VP Competition Comments

- General comments, review of agenda:
 - Additional copies of the agenda are available.
 - Reminder that this meeting is being recorded for purposes of documenting the meeting minutes.
 - Meeting will be in open session until approx 8:30, followed by the hospitality break, and then we will return in closed session for the remainder of the evening. Minutes will include both sessions.
 - I plan to stick as close as possible to the agenda. Thorough discussion is important, but I may limit the discussion to stay on time if we start to venture too far off topic.
 - Requested that cell phone ringers be turned off or put on vibrate out of consideration for others. If it is necessary to take a call during the meeting, please step outside.
 - Please no sidebar discussions out of courtesy to the rest of the meeting participants.
 - HS and Novice Cards are available, take as many as needed.
- Focus on safety: Please encourage people to bring up safety concerns to the event chairperson or RCD. Nobody should hesitate to bring up concerns. We have the responsibility to take these seriously. Just because something hasn't been an issue in the past, doesn't mean it can't happen in the future.
- Please encourage event chairs to emphasize thorough tech inspections, especially of the safety items. It doesn't matter if it is a speed event, or checking turn signals and wipers on a rallye. Please take it seriously. This is an opportunity to prevent issues before they occur.
- If an issue arises, promptly report it to me and to Hal Tumbleson, the NCCC business manager, and ensure that an accident or incident report is promptly completed and sent to both of us as well. A question was raised about who to contact in the event Hal Tumbleson is not available, Paul Haack will advise.
- Some proposals for 2014 Convention bids are being discussed but nothing officially submitted yet.
- A test for the new on-line electronic balloting process using the NCCC membership database was completed. The system performed very well. A final test will be performed prior to full use.
- Discussion was held about whether to continue to include the full set of competition committee meeting minutes in the Blue Bars. RCDs provided feedback and discussed pros/cons. Paul Haack expressed his opinion was that the full set of the minutes are not needed in the Blue Bars since they are posted on the NCCC website already. Sylvia Hoaldrige will take our input along with the input of others, and make the final decision.
- Sylvia also requested RCDs to solicit technical articles from their regions to include in future Blue Bars.
- The new marketing rep from Mid America Motorworks will be in the hospitality room this evening.
- Please check out the updates made to the history section of the NCCC website, many interesting updates have been made recently.

4. 2012 Sanctioned Log Review

- First 2012 Sanction Log was published on 2/22/2012. Includes 648 Sanctioned Events scheduled so far. Many clubs are taking advantage of the new rule allowing 10 sanctions per club.

SANCTION BREAKDOWN BY EVENT AND REGION

As of 2/22/2012

	EO	FL	MI	MW	RM	RR	S E	S W	W C	Total
Low Speed Autocross	66	44	41	148	11	7	56	14	6	393
PC Concours	75	1	8	8	3	4		2	8	109
Rallye	16		28	37	5	2	3	1	11	103
High Speed Autocross							4	20		24
Concours	2			4		1			1	8
Funkhana			1					1	4	6
Record Drags								2		2
Economy Run	1									1
Bracket Drags						1				1
Matching Time						1				1

Total	16 0	45	78	197	19	16	63	40	30	648
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5. Points Standings

- 2011 Season is complete, 1319 Events Held.
- Final points standings have been published, congratulations to our 2011 national champions: Rene Cardenas and Carolyn McElmore from the michigan region, and the national champion club, Cornhusker Corvette Club from the west region. These will be announced at the Governor’s meeting.
- 2012 Points standings including the first 6 Roadrunner region events were published and posted to the NCCC website on 2/22/2012.

6. 2012 Record Drag Index Update Schedule

- Per Section 3.15, if drag records are not broken, drag record indexes will be updated at 2 years out, at 3 years out, and then again at 5 years out.
- 22 Index Updates are scheduled in 2012 (assuming record is not broken):
 - 4/30, 1N, 1LN, 2N, 2LN, 3N, 3LN
 - 5/23: 1G, 1H, 2H
 - 5/29: 1LG
 - 6/17: 1LE
 - 8/2012: DPC
 - 10/8: 1C
 - 10/16: 1LH, 1J, 1K, 1LK, 2B, 2K, 2M, 2LJ, 3E

7. 2012 Record Drag Events

- The following 2 Record Drag Events are currently scheduled:
 - 5/27/2012: SW Region at Thunder Valley Raceway Park, Noble, OK
 - 10/21/2012: SW Region at Thunder Valley Raceway Park, Noble, OK

8. 2012 NCCC High Speed Driving Schools

- Prior to the meeting, course outlines and requests for approval of 2 High Speed Driving Schools were submitted to the Competition Committee.
 - 4/6/2012: SW Region at Hallett
 - 5/24-26/2012: East Region at Pocono
- Verified the RCD votes that were received prior to the meeting, additional approvals were also received during the meeting.
- Majority of the RCDs voted to approve both schools.
- Successful completion of either school will fulfill the requirements for NCCC High Speed Certification.

9. 2012 Convention Competition Event Status

- Jerry Koraleski provided the following update on the 2012 Convention Competition events:
- Current number of Entrants registered:
 - High Speed: 70
 - Low Speed: 87
 - Bracket Drags: 40
 - Record Drags: 26
 - Matching Times: 20
 - Track Day: 29
- No entry limits.
- OK to drop trailers at Heartland Park. Very short distance from all hotels.
- HS and LS practice sessions were conducted last summer with no issues.

- LS Course layout is ready.
- Developing the worker schedule.
- No issues at this particular time.

Old Business

10. Updated Event Results Forms

- Updated 2012 event results forms are available and posted on the NCCC website. Several updates and enhancements have been made to the forms including dividing the last name and first name into separate fields, and the ability to enter worker travel points due to the 2012 rulebook change.
- Paul Hamersly used the new forms for the first roadrunner region events without any issues and found the enhancements useful.
- Use of the new 2012 forms is required to be compatible with the National points program. The new forms allow additional error checking capability in the National points program for validating NCCC names and numbers.

New Business

11. National Sanctioned Competition Event Calendar

- A national sanctioned competition event calendar has been created by the VP of Competition that includes all of the sanctioned competition events in all regions on a single calendar. This was created to make it easier for national competitors to locate events that are scheduled across the country.
- A link to the calendar has been added to the competition section of the NCCC website for easy access.
- Calendar will show the type and number of events, hosting region, and city/location. Each calendar entry refers to the corresponding regional website to obtain full details such as the flyer. The calendar is not intended to replace or supercede the information and flyers that are posted on the regional websites, but rather to make it easier to see what events are scheduled across the country.
- As RCDs send sanction requests to the VP of Competition, they will be added to the calendar. Only sanction requests received by the VP of Competition are included on the calendar.
- Feedback received so far by the RCDs has been positive.

12. Rulebook Changes Summary/Replacement Pages

- A request was received from a competitor to have a single file that includes only the changed pages between the 2011 and 2012 rulebooks. This would make it easier to update existing copies of the prior year's rulebook without having to print out the entire new rulebook.
- Discussion held, agreed that it would be beneficial to provide such a document.
- Paul Haack will develop and distribute.

13. 2012 Insurance Program Update

- Ron Ruston introduced the representatives from Legacy Insurance Group; John, Brian, and Bonnie Gries.
- Discussed the need for prompt incident reporting, within 24 to 72 hours is desired.
- Forms for certificate requests, claim forms, and waivers are available on the NCCC website. It is OK to copy the blank waiver forms.
- Requests for certificates can be submitted over e-mail.
- A more detailed introduction of Legacy will be provided at the governor's meeting.

14. Rulebook Clarifications

- There were 5 rulebook clarifications submitted:
 - a). **Clarification Number:** 2012_1
 - **Rulebook Page:** 3-7
 - **Rulebook Section:** 3.6.1.1
 - **Clarification Requested:** Under Speed Event Page 2-10 (2.6.1.1), Group 1S and Group 1 Men and Ladies, Class M shows 2010 and newer Grand Sport with 376 cid (6.2 liter) LS3. Under Drag Races it does not show a Grand Sport in M. So is a Grand Sport in K Group or M Group for Drags?
 - **Competition Committee Clarification:** *2010 and newer Grand Sport with 376 cid (6.2 liter) LS3 is in "K" for Drags.*
 - b). **Clarification Number:** 2012_2
 - **Rulebook Page:** 2-24
 - **Rulebook Section:** 2.7.1.7
 - **Clarification Requested:** This question concerns the Air Dam on the C6 ZR1. It seems that the design of the splitter leads to it being very easily damaged and the cost to replace is in the neighborhood of \$2000. The question is can the C6 ZR1 Air Dam be replaced by a C6 ZO6 Air Dam without being placed in Group II? There is also another option from Mid America Motorworks, supposed to work the same as the existing but cheaper.
 - **Competition Committee Clarification:** Clarification is divided into two parts according to what was requested.
 - 1). Replacement of the stock C6 ZR1 Air Dam with a C6 ZO6 Air Dam is considered a custom body panel per Section 2.7.1.7 item 8, and is allowed only in Group 2 and higher.*
 - 2). Replacement of the stock C6 ZR1 Air Dam with an aftermarket reproduction part of like construction is allowed in Group 1/1S.*
 - c). **Clarification Number:** 2012_3
 - **Rulebook Page:** 2-22
 - **Rulebook Section:** 2.7.1.5
 - **Clarification Requested:**
 - Question 1: Member questioned putting Carbon Fiber rotors in Group 3 – specifically ZR1 brakes on a Group 3 C4?
 - Question 2: Are two piece rotors legal for Group 1, Group 2, and/or Group 3?
 - **Competition Committee Clarification:** Clarification is divided into two parts according to what was requested.
 - 1). Carbon Fiber Rotors are considered exotic materials per Section 2.7.1.5 item #19, and are allowed in RP and higher. They are not allowed in Group 3.*
 - 2). Section 2.7.1.5 item #1 requires Stock Brake System for Class (Group 1 and 1S), and Section 2.7.1.5 item #2 requires Stock Brake System for Year Group (Group 2), Therefore, two piece rotors (except as original equipment or stock) are only allowed in Group 3 and above.*
 - d). **Clarification Number:** 2012_4
 - **Rulebook Page:** 2-20, 2-21
 - **Rulebook Section:** 2.7.1.4, items 5 and 12
 - **Clarification Requested:** Question deals with a Vette Brakes package heim-link kit he previously put on the Corvette that he says was legal when he last raced his 1991 MN6 in 3E but now the rule book says it is not legal/allowed for group 3. 2.7.1.4 Para 5 Adjustable strut rods, trailing arms (Y for group 3), 2.7.1.4 Para 12 Aftermarket 5-link suspension bolted on without frame modification (grp 3 No)
 - **Competition Committee Clarification:** Clarification is divided into two parts according to what was requested.
 - 1). Per Section 2.7.1.4 item #5, adjustable strut rods or "dog bones" can be replaced with heim joints in Group 2 and higher.*
 - 2). Per Section 2.7.1.4 item #12, aftermarket 5-link suspension is only allowed in RP and higher.*

14. Rulebook Clarifications (continued)

- e). **Clarification Number:** 2012_5
 - o **Rulebook Page:** 2-20
 - o **Rulebook Section:** 2.7.1.4, item 28
 - o **Clarification Requested:** Penske "7500 Series Racing Shocks". Can be adjusted by adding nitrous air valve at top of shock. Custom built to order. Rulebook defines stock type as "Commercially manufactured (aftermarket), direct replacement with little or no performance advantage over "stock." (they do have an advantage over stock). Spec sheet and pictures attached. Are these shocks legal for Group I or IS classes?
 - o **Competition Committee Clarification:** As these shocks are not "stock type" shocks as required per Section 2.7.1.4, item #28, and offer a performance advantage over stock, these shocks are not allowed in Group 1 or 1S.

15. New Classifications:

- New Corvette models and/or optional equipment have been introduced for 2012 that require classification by the competition committee.
 - a). **2013 Model Year "427" Convertible:**
 - o This 2013 production model Convertible includes the following major items affecting NCCC classifications: LS7 7.0 Liter motor, magnetic selective ride control, 19-inch front and 20-inch rear wheels with Michelin PS2 tires, Carbon fiber raised hood and Z06-style fenders. The "CFZ" carbon fiber front splitter and rocker panels are optional.
 - o Discussion and vote was held regarding the classification.
 - o Decision made to include this model in "M" along with the other C6Z06 models (1SM, 1M, 2M), and Group 3K.
 - b). **2012 Z06 with Optional Wheel/Tire sizes:**
 - o In 2012, the larger 19F/20R wheels/tires (ZR1 size) are now available with the standard Z06 Brakes. Previously this wheel/tire combo was only available with the Z07 package which includes the ZR1 Carbon Ceramic Brakes, the Z06 with the Z07 package was placed in "N".
 - o Discussion and vote was held regarding the classification.
 - o Decision made to include this model in "M" along with the other C6Z06 models (1SM, 1M, 2M), and Group 3K.
 - o As a result of this, the 19F/20R larger wheel/tires can be retrofitted on all C6Z06 in 1SM and 1M.

16. Tire Chart update

- With the addition of optional Z06 wheel and tire sizes, the reference tire chart dated 03/01/2010 requires updating.
- Paul Haack will update and distribute.

17. Updated State and FAA Rules for Airport Use

- In the process of scheduling a low speed autocross event at an airport facility in Illinois, Bill Docherty (RCD Midwest Region) was made aware of some new rules that are being rolled out by the FAA in regards to use of airports for non-aviation events.
- Discussion was held to increase awareness of the new rules among the RCDs.
- It is not completely clear how these new rules may impact clubs wishing to use airports for their events, so clubs and event chairpersons are encouraged to reach out to their airport contacts as soon as possible.
- Paul Haack will distribute the summary document of the new rules to the RCDs.

Hospitality Break was taken from 8:30 to 9:15.

Closed Session

18. RCD Roundtable Discussion

- Key points discussed or agreed in the Roundtable:
 - Further discussion is needed regarding classification of 2012 Daytona Prototype (DP) Corvette. Low priority, but should be addressed in case one shows up at a NCCC event. Will add to agenda for May roundtable discussion.
 - C3 brakes can be upgraded to stainless steel pistons in Group 2 and Higher.
 - A C6Z06 with a swap to a C6 automatic transmission would be classified in Group 2M, as an automatic trans is available in Grand Sports which are also in "M".
 - Rallye checkers that are not present on the day of the event (no longer required to attend per 2012 rule change) can sign the waiver the day before, or whenever they complete the route check. Make sure the exact date that the waiver was signed is documented.
 - Continue to send copies of event flyers to the other RCDs even though they are posted on regional sites. As this is a current requirement of the rulebook, we will abide by it until such time as the requirement is changed or removed.
 - Paul Haack had received an e-mail from a member who sells helmets, questioning whether NCCC would consider approving "ECE" rated helmets. RCDs were not aware of this particular safety standard, Paul Haack will follow-up with the member to see if any safety comparison data is available.

19. 2013 Rulebook Discussion

- Paul is accumulating a list of minor typos, and inconsistencies between sections that have been identified to date in the 2012 rulebook. None of these typo items are actual rule changes, but they will be included in the 2013 rulebook change proposal.
- Three 2013 Rulebook Change Requests were discussed.
 - Elimination of requirement for Group 1S to have 8/32" tread depth at new, and only require 2/32" remaining tread depth.
 - Elimination of 35 day rescheduling requirement for events cancelled late in the season due to an act of God, and when there is not enough time left in the season to reschedule the event.
 - Alternative methods to determine the top 15 and national champion competitors.
 - Deferred discussion to the May meeting of one additional change request from RR region that was submitted the day before, to allow the RCDs additional time to review it.
 - RCDs will solicit feedback from their regions as to their region's position regarding each request.
 - Paul Haack will start the standard rulebook change matrix to collect each region's votes. Further discussion and voting on these items will be held at the May meeting.
- Discussion held about the number of classes, sub groups, and points. There is agreement among the RCDs to reduce the total number of classes as there are too many single car classes. Paul Haack to develop a few proposals for further discussion at the May Closed Session.
- Discussion held about developing a Rulebook "Quick Reference Guide", that would be a rulebook supplement containing the major items/topics that are more frequently referenced. Idea was that this would make it easier for competitors to quickly locate information. Concerns were raised over maintaining information and keeping it consistent in multiple locations. An index and table of contents is already available, and individual rulebook chapters are already available. No benefit to this quick reference guide was foreseen. No further action on this topic at this time.
- Discussion held about the pros and cons of the existing requirements for competitors to obtain High Speed Certification. No further action on this topic at this time.

20. Event Results Forms, Points Tracking, Integration with Membership Database

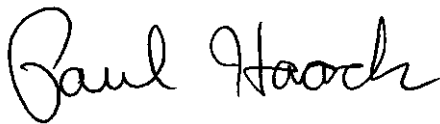
- Current event results reporting and points tracking consists of 2 major elements:
 - “Front End”: the process used by members, event chairs, governors, etc. to enter and report the event results using the NCCC event completion summary form in Excel.
 - “Back End”: the process used by the VP of Competition to post the event results and tabulate the points standings reports in Excel.
- Paul Haack is satisfied with the performance of the “Back End”, results for 14 events can be posted and standings reports can be generated in 10 seconds. The process of posting points and generating standings reports used to take several hours in previous systems. The current system has been in use for 4 years and meets the needs of the VP of Competition very well. Paul Haack is not in favor of making major changes to this system and believes there is no benefit to doing so.
- Feedback from some RCDs is that improvements on the “Front End” are desired to make it easier for members to complete the results, primarily:
 - Automatic population of names when NCCC numbers are entered.
 - Validation of NCCC names and numbers and flagging or incorrect or invalid NCCC numbers.
 - Automatic calculation of FTD points.
 - Automatic completion of Club information on back page as entrant info is added on the front page.
 - East Region has a form that automatically fills in the event information (event type, host club, etc.) when the sanction number is entered. Names are automatically populated when NCCC numbers are entered, and travel points are automatically calculated based on host club locations.
- There are several options available to address the desired “Front End” improvements which need further investigation and discussion. Paul Haack to develop a few proposals for further discussion at the May Closed Session.

21. Protest/Appeal hearing

- None

22. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chuck Stephens.
- Seconded by Joe Orrico.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.



Paul Haack
NCCC Vice President-Competition
3/7/2012