

NCCC Southwest Region Governors Meeting  
March 25, 2012  
Waco, Texas

Regional Executive Jeannie Ruston called the Southwest Region Governors meeting to order at the Hilton Hotel in Waco, TX at 9:00 AM, March 25, 2012. Jeannie gave a special thanks to Cen-Tex Corvette Club members for planning the Southwest Region Awards Banquet held last night.

Introduction of Region Officers and Governors:

Regional Executive Jeannie Ruston introduced herself, RCD Craig Kamradt, RMD Jon Bradford, Treasurer Paul Wolter, Scholarship Director Mary Anne Kolb, Webmaster Doug McMahan, and Secretary Marlene Pattillo.

Governors and Proxies Present:

Glenda McMahan	CTV	Cheryl Surdick	TV (Proxy)
Marlene Pattillo	SJCC	Jon Bradford	TOCC
Craig Kamradt	CTCC	Tracy Gaudu	LCC
Jesse Ryan	OSCC	Bob Pattillo	CMCT
Ted Molenda	THT	Paul Wolter	CCT
Nelda Mitchell	NTV (proxy)	Don Franklin	TCCC

Not attending were Sun Cities Corvette Club, COAST, Mid Coast CC, Tulsa Vette Set, Corvette Club of OKC, Brazos River CC, East Texas CC.

**REGIONAL REPORTS:**

Secretary - Marlene Pattillo:

Motion was made by Jon Bradford to approve the minutes of the last meeting as posted. Seconded by Ted Molenda, the motion was approved.

Treasurer - Paul Wolter:

Paul gave a review of the final treasurer's report for 2011, as well as the current treasurer's report from January 1, 2012 through March 25. No one had any questions. Motion was made by Bob Pattillo to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Glenda McMahan, the motion was approved.

Bernyce Molenda, National NCCC Treasurer, reported the Southwest Region Audit of books for 2011 had been reconciled.

Jeannie reminded everyone the board of governors had reinstated the \$0.50 fee per sanctioned event last year so that should bring in more money this year.

Scholarship Director - Mary Anne Kolb:

Mary Anne stated this is the 14th year that the SWR has been awarding scholarships and that they have been doing an outstanding job. Over the last 13 years the SWR has awarded 84 scholarships. All monies are donations from the SWR clubs. She mentioned that applicants can download the application from the SWR

website and that the deadline is June 15. Jeannie Ruston reported that a donation would be forthcoming from Oklahoma City Corvette Club.

Webmaster - Doug McMahan:

Doug reported that current flyers and SWR minutes are all posted on the SW Region website. He asked if anyone had any pictures of last night's award banquet to please send them to him so he could post them as well. He also needs to take pictures of the new governors unless they would rather email him one.

Regional Executive - Jeannie Ruston:

Jeannie Ruston reported on the national RE meeting held in St. Louis Friday night, February 24th. Six proposed By-Law changes were presented for review. The Governors will vote them on at the end of the year. Jeannie will send general information on these to the governors a few at a time for them to review before the each RE meeting. She would like the opinions of the governors to better represent them at the national meeting. There were three changes recommended to NCCC Standing Rules.. The following three recommended changes were **defeated** by the Board of Governors vote at the national governor's meeting on Saturday:

- 1 - A \$10.00 fee for each sanction and \$5.00 for each non-sanction payable to NCCC.
- 2 - The Finance Committee should procure a minimum of two bids for transactions exceeding \$1,000.
- 3 - Change verbiage in NCCC Standing Rules, #13 under Financial Matters

The recommendation to change the verbiage (#3 above) in NCCC Standing Rules, Financial Matters, Item #13 from "The budget will be approved or disapproved in whole no later than the **last** Governors Meeting of the calendar year" back to "The budget will be approved or disapproved in whole no later than the **fourth** Governors Meeting of the calendar year".

Recommended changes of #2 & #3 above were reviewed by the Finance Committee but they did not support these changes. However, they were presented to the Board of Governors without endorsement by the Finance Committee.

NCCC Treasurer Bernyce Molenda mentioned she had reviewed the 2009 and 2010 national charity books. Also, NCCC pays the registration fee for board members and their spouses for convention.

Also discussed were insurance claims. Account Manager Autumn Williamson is our contact with Legacy Insurance Network and the information is posted on the NCCC website. Insurer is Philadelphia Insurance. It was noted that Legacy is located in Colorado Springs and that between Bonnie (owner), Bryan and John Gries, they have 60 years experience with special interest groups.

Jeannie asked the governors to encourage their club members to register for the 2012 convention. There are still rooms available and there are different venues. There will be a salute to the military and they still want military pictures of NCCC members, as well as old prom pictures for convention's Senior Prom Night party. Bowling Green is the location for the 2013 convention and there is a proposal of Savannah for 2014.

The Vision Committee, of which Jeannie is a member, has been working really hard and the addition of conference calls have been helpful for them. They are now working on NCCC Convention and the various positions associated with holding Conventions.

Regional Competition Director - Craig Kamradt:

Craig submitted the national rebate check for the SW Region to Treasurer Paul Wolter.

If a member requests a rulebook clarification, they should fill out the required clarification form and send it to Craig. If Craig is asked to fill one out for them, there is the possibility of him submitting a request that was not the member's intent.

The NCCC Competition calendar is on the national NCCC website with a link from the Competition Program. There have been a total of 80 sanctions approved in the SW Region out of a possible 190 or so that are available.

There were some clarifications at the national RCD meeting held February 24th:

1. The 2010 and newer Grand Sport is in Group K, based on engine size.
2. You can use after-market air dams and still remain in the same Group, if they are form-fitting and of the same design as OEM.
3. Carbon Fiber Rotors are allowed in RP, but not Group 3.
4. Penske Shocks have a valve that can be added for adjustment by the driver; so they are not legal for Group 1 or 1S.

Class M includes the 2012 Z06 with optional wheel and tire sizes, as well as the 2013 427 convertible.

Craig mentioned comments were made at the RCD meeting on using an airport for a competition event. You should check with the contact person as there are now some additional FAA requirements with paper work that could take up to 90 days to complete.

There is now an updated event results form that includes worker travel points and it also has a column for first names and another for last names.

Craig reminded everyone that to get a high speed license, you must compete in at least ten low speed autocrosses over a minimum of three weekends. A high speed license is valid for three years. You can also obtain a high speed license from the RCD by providing him with a certificate from a recognized performance driving school.

The accumulation of the SW Region Championship Points will be done by Craig this year and he plans on completing points from an event within 2 weeks of his receipt. Sanction requests are due to Craig 45 days before the event.

In the last RCD meeting, the National Championship points were discussed. It was suggested that the top competitors must run in three different regions in order to qualify for a National Championship. There will be more discussion on this at the May RCD meeting so Craig would like any written suggestions you may have before then. There was also some discussion at the RCD meeting on changing classes again as there are so many classes. Another discussion was about requirements for a high speed license; many RCD's would like to see the requirements increased such as requiring more autocrosses or schools. Paul Haack, VP of Competition, would like everyone to put safety first.

Discussion ensued among the SW Region governors regarding the potential extra requirements for a high speed license. Bob Pattillo asked if there was experience of accidents by newly-certified drivers that supported the need for increased requirements for certification. Nelda Mitchell and Tracy Gaudu talked about accidents, track damage and people being hurt at the track. Discussion indicated that most accidents are by

experienced drivers who push their cars and themselves to go faster, rather than inexperienced drivers. Craig said that it is possible for the SWR to increase requirements even more than national. Dale Acker suggested increasing the number of low speed autocrosses yet give the RCD authority to deny someone a high speed license. More discussion ensued and Jeannie thought we should bring it again to the VP of Competition. Clubs should make sure tech at an event is fairly thorough such as checking tires, brake fluid, seat belts, wheel hubs, etc. Bob Pattillo mentioned that the driver should be confident that his car is safe and that club tech people should not be required to check everything although they should probably pay extra attention where new drivers are concerned since they may not know what all is involved. Steve Surdick told of some Chevrolet dealerships who will tech your car at no charge; the dealership has a chart that they use and GM has a program whereby the dealership gets GM points for doing things like that for their customers.

#### Regional Membership Director - Jon Bradford:

Jon distributed the 2012 SWR governors list with contact information. He reported that the NCCC Application Form is now digitized and asked if the governors had all received his email with the application form attached. Governors were reminded to make sure their club has a signature on file. Space City Corvette Club is in the process of becoming a NCCC club in the Southwest Region.

Although Jon did not attend the RMD meeting in February, he did have some information for the governors. As of February 21, 2012, NCCC has a total of 16,290 members.

It was mentioned that FCOA member information should not be posted on any website due to web "spiders" that could find information on the children. Current dues are still a one-time \$10 fee.

If you have any questions regarding the national membership database, give Jon a call on his cell phone. According to Jon, active transfers are now set up like a normal membership renewal. You must submit a transfer from one club to another club to the RMD. Jon said to put an "X" in the blank for the check number.

The RMD's are again discussing a proposal to reorganize the regions. The new RMD from the Mid West Region has a governor that would like to see NCCC organized into five super regions which would extend the SWR Region from Texas to Florida. The reason presented is that they thought it would help from a competition standpoint, but it would also help NCCC financially.

Jon mentioned that TOCC's 1st Choice would not be at Cresson Motorsports Ranch this year.

#### "Blue Bars" Editor - Sylvia Hoaldrige:

Sylvia spoke about the "Blue Bars" and mentioned that the next issue will all be in color. She needs some cover photos and articles but plan ahead as it could be a year before the article and photos are published. Let Sylvia know when your club plans a special event so she can schedule for it to appear in "Blue Bars". Thanks to Pat Clark who is going through all the material that clubs send in. Submit club newsletters because they read them and take out what they want to publish in "Blue Bars".

According to VP of Competition, you can now read RCD minutes online. These minutes will always include clarifications. Sylvia also mentioned that Patrick Dolan was elected to the NCM Hall of Fame and stressed that NCM members should plan on going to the induction Labor Day weekend, 2012 in order to support NCCC and Patrick.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jeannie mentioned that NCCC members-at-large (MAL's) have no governor to help with things such as scholarships; however, it was noted by Cheryl Surdick that the RMD is the governor for MAL's. Dale Acker had a question about who would write the required governor's recommendation for scholarship applicants of active NCCC MAL's. Per SWR guidelines an applicant is required to submit a letter from his/her club governor and Mary Anne Kolb stressed that the applicant must have participated in several club events.

Doug McMahan discussed the need to maintain the Southwest Region Traveling Help Network since there is now the NCCC nationwide Family Helping Family network. It was decided to keep the regional network for at least another year. The SWR and NCCC help networks are both printable and password protected.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns from several governors mentioned to Jeannie. The password protection of the SWR bylaws that are posted on the SWR website; and posting of SWR governor voting history. A motion was made by Cheryl Surdick to password protect the SWR bylaws that are posted on the SWR website. Seconded by Jon Bradford, motion carried.

There was discussion on posting on the SWR website a history of governors votes on various items, but to not reflect how they voted. It was agreed that would remain on the site.

In the SWR the Treasurer is currently the only person who can sign checks. According to the SWR bylaws, the treasurer may delegate an additional person, approved by the governing board. It was decided that the SWR needs another person who can write checks. Treasurer Paul Wolter stated he had already checked with his bank and was told that all he needed to do to add another person on the bank account was to show them documentation of who can write checks. The documentation must be minutes of the meeting where it was approved and should be on a SWR letterhead. Paul's recommendation is for the RE; it needs to be someone who is at most meetings and at most competition events. It was noted that some clubs have the treasurer, president and governor as authorized signatures. The Treasurer may delegate an Assistant Treasurer and that person must be approved by the SWR Board of Governors. The RE is in charge of the Executive Board. The SWR needs a second signature for emergency-only situations when the Treasurer is unavailable. Paul Wolter made a motion that Jeannie Ruston be authorized to sign checks on the SWR checking account. Seconded by Bob Pattillo, motion carried.

The RE Jeannie Ruston stated the need for a bylaws committee to review the current bylaws and make any recommendations. Bernyce Molenda, Cheryl Surdick and Glenda McMahan were selected. Jeannie asked for a Vote of Confidence and it passed.

Ron Ruston discussed NCCC insurance with Legacy Insurance Network. This is third-party liability insurance. If any personal injury is involved, first the claim should be with your personal medical insurance coverage. Legacy Group is currently developing a brochure detailing the NCCC coverage. Spectators either must sign the waiver or they must leave the premises.

Discussion ensued regarding the SWR event at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit scheduled for April 6-8, 2012. Ron Ruston mentioned they now have 16 entrants for the weekend but need 36 to break even. We can run the event with 25 entrants and not lose any more than the cost of cancelling the weekend where we would lose the deposit, noting also that a Region Fundraiser would be held to make up any loss that may occur. A motion was made by Bob Pattillo to let the Executive board make a decision by April 3 to keep the Hallett event based on not losing more than the agreed amount. Tracy Gaudu seconded the motion and motion passed. One no vote was given. .

There was then discussion on the Driving School and Practice Day at Hallett sponsored by John Sharp of Sharp Automotive Group, Inc. scheduled for April 6, 2012. Ron Ruston stated Autumn Williamson of Legacy recommended John Sharp sign an agreement between the Southwest Region and Sharp Automotive Group stating that in return for Sharp's sponsorship of the driving school & practice day on Friday, the Southwest Region will add Sharp Automotive Group, dba Credit World Auto Sales and John Sharp personally as additional insured. The Southwest Region would also agree to hold John Sharp and Sharp Automotive Group harmless from any loss, cost or expense resulting from any claim relating to this one-day event. Ron Ruston has a contract to make the SWR event at Hallett just a two-day event (without a driving school and play day). Jon Bradford made a motion, seconded by Jesse Ryan, to have the Executive Board (RE, RCD, RMD) reach an agreement with John Sharp on the Driving School/Play Day once Autumn Williamson of Legacy has made a clarification on this contract. The Executive Board signed the two-day contract with Hallett Motor Racing Circuit just in case the board could not come to an agreement with John Sharp on the three-day contract.

Glenda McMahan stated she would like all the SWR governors receive event results even if they don't have a club member entered in those events. It was decided that governors would be sent all event results.

It was noted that SCCC & CCOC 1st Choice event scheduled for August 4 & 5, 2012 has been moved to November 3 & 4, 2012.

The next Regional Governors meeting will be May 19 in Waco hosted by Cen-Tex Corvette Club at 7:00 pm.

The SW Regional Governors meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM

Respectfully submitted  
Marlene Pattillo  
NCCC Southwest Region Secretary