



National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc.

INCORPORATED 1960

COMPETITION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: April 22, 2016

St. Louis, MO.

**Sheraton Westport Conference Center
Conference Room D**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting was called to order by VP of Competition Dale Samuelson at 6:30 PM.
- A roll call and introductions of RCDs in attendance was taken.
- The following 14 RCDs were in attendance:

Name	Region	In Attendance	Proxy In Attendance
Johnny Haskell	CA	Y	
Al Flanhofer	EO	Y	
Brian Gallagher	ER/NE	Y	
Denny Murphy	FL	Y	
David Godfrey	IN	Y	
Dave Waters	MI	Y	
Bill Docherty	MW	Y	
Walt Jenkins	RM	Y	
Paul Hammersly	RR	Y	
Don Parks	SE	Y	
Doug McMahan	SW	Y	
Joe Orrico	WC/NW	Y	
Jim Asbury	WO	Y	
Joe Eller	WR	Y	

- A welcome was also extended to the guests and visitors in attendance.

2. Competition Committee Meeting Minutes Approval

- The minutes of the February 2016 meeting were approved. The minutes of the November 2015 meeting will be distributed soon. We are still missing the minutes from the April 2015 meeting.

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.
 - 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.

4. E Board Meeting Notes

- Jack Wilson, NCCC Business Manager and President Dave Heinemann addressed the committee. The proposed contract from the Motorsports Park in Bowling Green for a 2017 NCCC convention is unworkable as presented and puts NCCC at great financial risk. At this time the 2017 convention in Bowling Green is cancelled. There is a concern that other club or regional events at the Motorsports Park may have similar contract language. Any clubs or regions should consult with Jack Wilson prior to signing contracts with the Motorsports Park.
- Teresa Eller, NCCC Director of Social Media, spoke to the committee about the members only page on facebook. She encouraged everyone to get involved and post information about NCCC events.

5. 2015 NCCC Competition Patches

- Patches have been received and distributed to the RCD's.

6. 2016 Sanctioned Event Review

- No issues reported with the 2016 database.
- The new event results summary must be used in order to get results into the database. It is available on the NCCC web site.

7. 2016 Record Drag Index Update & Schedule

- 39 retired records have had new indexes established as of the beginning of 2016 in accordance with the rulebook.
- 8 indexes that have never had records established will have their index raised by 1% in accordance with the rulebook and after discussion with the committee.
- One additional Record Drag Race is scheduled for September 24, 2016 in Kearney Nebraska.

8. 2015/2016 Rulebook Discussion

- NCCC Membership cards are not required to be presented at sanctioned events, however, a club may require them and this requirement must be included on the flier. The committee felt that it would be a poor practice to turn someone away for not having his/her membership card present when the data is readily available on the internet.
- The C7 Corvette Grand Sport will be in class "N", ie 1SN, 1N, 2N, etc. There was considerable discussion concerning classification with arguments for both class "M" and "N". The final vote was "N" 10, "M" 4. The committee will follow event results and review the classification as more data is available. A decision was made after the meeting concluded (Saturday 4/23/16) to place the C7 Grand Sport in "M" for drag races.
- The Committee considered whether language was needed in the rulebook banning drones and/or other remote controlled flying vehicles at NCCC events. Drones and other flying vehicles are already not allowed by our insurance. It was decided to emphasize that events must be conducted in accordance with insurance policies.

9. 2017/2018 Rulebook Proposals

- The following items have been previously approved by the competition committee:
 - 1.1.2 – Add 1.1.2.4 – "Host Club Governor is responsible for having a current copy of the NCCC Rulebook on site at every NCCC sanctioned event."
 - 1.3.1.1 Speed Events. Item #2 currently says that a Matching Times on a Drag Strip is a "Speed Event." Add Drag Races and Time Trials to the section "Speed Events" as items #3 and #4.
 - 1.4 Item #12 – Consider modifying to include the loss of an event site within 45 days of the event at no fault of the host club or NCCC. I.e., the site withdraws the use of their facilities prior to the day of the event, but within the 45 day window. The sanctioning club should not lose their sanction(s) in this instance.
 - 1.8.1 #5 – Add the word, "MUST" between "All drivers" and "have."
 - 1.14 Terminology – The wording under "Non-sanctioned Event" should be changed to indicate that the non-sanction number is issued through the Competition Database versus being issued by the RCD.

- 2 – In general, this chapter is about Low and High Speed Autocrosses. Rename as appropriate. Delete all references to Speed Events as a single chapter.
 - 2.1.2 – Delete Matching Times Drag Race from the Autocross Chapter. Rename this chapter to “Autocross.”
 - 2.8.9 – Item A(2) – Delete all reference to “K” (Karting) helmets. Snell combined “K” with “SA” as of 2010. Delete references to “SAH.” Later discussion revealed that the 2010 “SAH” is still a legal helmet and should remain in the rulebook. “EA 2016” is an upscale helmet and should also be legal. The VP of Comp will do some further research.
 - 3 – Add Matching Times in the Drag Race Chapter.
 - 5.2.3 – Item #3 is a mistake. It is still part of Item #2, “Hidden Time Rallye.”
 - 5.4 – Add New Item #3 and renumber remaining items. “No person who is involved in preparing rally routes, checkpoint locations, or questions and clues is permitted to participate in the rallye as an entrant.”
 - 5.7.1 Item #2 – should have the same caveat as in Item #3 – “A. No use of GPS or other electronic mapping type systems by entrants allowed.” Discussion – a high percentage of new cars have GPS – rally should be designed so that GPS is not an advantage.
 - 5.12 – Add new Item #8 – “Answers to questions, clues, and similar items should be a minimum of 100 yards beyond any turn so that the driver and navigator are completely finished with all driving safety issues involved in making the turn safely before they must start following rallye instructions again.”
 - 7.4 – Item #2. After the first sentence, which reads, “Corvettes in the “Race Prepared” class must meet the High Speed (01/11) requirements under “Race Prepared” or “Race Prepared Altered Frame? Regulations in the Speed Event Section or the “Drag Prepared” Regulations in the Drag Race Section.” Change wording of the first sentence to, ““Corvettes in the “Race Prepared” class must meet the High Speed (01/11) requirements under “Race Prepared” or “Race Prepared Altered Frame” Regulations in the Speed Event Chapter or the “Drag Prepared” Regulations in the Drag Race **Chapter.**” Add new sentence immediately following the first sentence, “A Group-3 car that meets all technical requirements of RP, RPAF, or DP (e.g., roll bar/cage, fire extinguisher, etc.), plus the competition requirements of the Race Prepared Concours Class may compete in the Race Prepared Class.” After some discussion **this proposal was dropped.**
 - 8.1.2.1 Top of page 8-4 – bold print words, “**CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**” are out of place.
 - 8.1.2.3 – Item #7 – Change the first sentence from, “Entrants (limited to two (2)) in attendance at all phases (cleanup, Entrants’ Meeting, and judging if car is being judged) receive equal points (01/13)” to: “Entrants (limited to two (2) **per car**)...”
 - The tech form, result form, teardown form, and perhaps the tire chart need to be checked and updated as needed.
 - Allow adapters/spacers for C1,2,3 Corvettes (Group 1,1S?).
 - Establish 1/8 mile drag program with records/Indexes.
 - Cars must be teched if off – not re-teched.
 - RCD’s role as safety steward – first authority for safety is regional RCD. In his absence, any out of region RCD is responsible for safety – need verbiage.
 - Two piece rotors of the same material, size, and weight to be allowed in Group I, IS, and Group II.
 - Clean up language on updating and backdating in class 1 and 1s. 2.7.1.1
- The following items were presented and approved:
 - 5.4.5. Clues, questions, or answers in a rallye must not favor entrants with prior knowledge (i.e., local geographic or historical knowledge, Corvette trivia, entertainment trivia, etc.) or unique knowledge (i.e., unique to a profession or occupation, such as mathematical symbols, chemical formulas, art, literature, etc.).
 - 5.4.6. Any entrant **MUST** be able to start and finish the Rallye by only using the instructions given in the “Generals” and route instructions. I.e., a rallye team should be able to navigate from the rallye start point to the rallye end point successfully even if all rallye questions, clues, landmarks, etc. are missed. The rallye must be constructed so that **NO ADVANTAGE MAY BE GAINED** by using the assistance of electronic devices, Trip or Area Guides, or any other means of solving rallye clues, landmarks, questions other than what is found visually on the designated rallye route.
 - 5.4.8. Avoid rallye questions where answers may be obscured by a situation change. I.e., something visible through a building window because the blinds might get closed; something behind an open gate because the gate may get closed; something that may be affected by a change in the wind direction such as the writing on a windmill vane; etc.
 - 5.5.6. **RALLYE CHECKERS:** They shall work in pairs. They are responsible for checking all Rallye route instructions, clues and questions. They shall check the Rallye prior to the start of the event on the same day of the week and similar time as the actual Rallye. They are **NOT** permitted to enter as participants, but may receive Worker Points.

- 5.9.1. The Rallymaster(s) must prepare WRITTEN General Instructions for the Rallye and give them to the entrants prior to the Entrants Meeting. In preparing the rallye route and instructions, questions, etc., the goal of the Rallymaster is to offer a unique and challenging course to the entrants; one not designed to trick or defeat the entrants, but one which the entrants will conclude was challenging, fair, and fun. Persons assisting the Rallymaster in preparation of the rallye route, instructions, clues, etc. are NOT permitted to enter as participants, but may receive Worker Points.
- 5.12.6. All signs, landmarks, clues, etc. MUST be visible and readable by the entrants (i.e., no binoculars or optical assistance other than prescription glasses should be needed to read the signs). All signs, landmarks, clues, etc. must be visible from the normal seated driving position of a Corvette and within the normal field of view while driving. Signs that require looking backward are not allowed. All signs, landmarks, clues, etc. must be visible while driving at no more than 10% below the posted speed limit during daytime and no more than 25% below the posted speed limit at night or during inclement weather.
- 8.2.7.7. Bonus points for Matching Times Autocross and Matching Times Drag Race - - Ten (10) bonus points will be awarded instead of entrant's points for the following:
 - A. Men's overall closest matching time (provided there are two (2) or more men entrants).
 - B. Ladies overall closest matching time (provided there are two (2) or more ladies entrants).
- 5.25.2.0 Awards for Rallies
- Awards MUST be given to both the driver and the navigator (an award set) except at the option of the Host Club if the Driver and Navigator are a Primary member and their associated Spouse/Companion member or Youth member one award (not an award set) may be given.
- Rallye Route Instructions Participants should not have to get out of the car to read a sign for a Chance Rallye unless stated in the General Instructions that "the entrants may have to get out of the car to answer questions" or in a Gimmick Rallye the Route Instructions instruct the participant "when and where they may have to get out of the car to answers questions".
- Include past clarifications if applicable

10. Rulebook Clarifications

- None

11. RCD Roundtable

- Upcoming events highlighted including high speed events at TMS and Roebing road.
- The West Region encourages everyone to attend this year's convention in Omaha.
- There was discussion about alternative types of autocross events such as multiple lap events, Australian chase, mirror image courses, etc.
- High speed certification expiration dates and novice card data is now included in the database.

12. Protest/Appeal hearing

- None

13. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Walt Jenkins.
- Seconded by Dave Waters.
- *Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.*

Dale Samuelson
NCCC Vice President-Competition
05/18/2016