

NCCC Southwest Region Governors Meeting
March 20, 2016
Fort Worth, Texas

Regional Executive Doc Lambert called the Southwest Region Governors' Meeting to order at 9:00 AM on March 20, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel in Fort Worth, TX.

Introduction of Region Officers and Governors:

Regional Executive Doc Lambert introduced himself followed by RCD and Webmaster Doug McMahan, RMD Ron Ruston, Treasurer Paul Wolter, Secretary Cathy Anthony and Scholarship Director Mary Anne Kolb.

Governors and Proxies Present:

Craig Kamradt	CTCC	Mike Sears	LCC
Glenda McMahan	CTV	Paul Wolter	CCT
Bernyce Molenda	THT	Bob Pattillo	CMCT
Ron Ruston	OCCC	George Strake	TV
Jon Bradford	TOCC	Marlene Pattillo	SJCC

Not attending were governors of Brazos River CC, C.O.A.S.T., CC of Oklahoma City, East Texas CC, Mid Coast CC, North Texas Vettes, Sun Cities CC, Tulsa Vette Set, Club of Texas and Texas Competition CC.

Guests included Scott Wheeler from Cowtown Vettes and Dean and Brenda Lackey from Tejas Vettes.

Doc acknowledged and thanked Tin Hall Toys – Bernyce Molenda and Mary Ann Kolb in particular – for the “lovely evening” we all enjoyed at the Region’s 2015 Awards Banquet.

REGIONAL REPORTS:

Secretary – Cathy Anthony:

- There were no corrections or additions to the October 31, 2015 meeting minutes.
- Bernyce Molenda made a motion to approve. Bob Pattillo seconded.
- No one was opposed. Motion Passed.

Treasurer –Paul Wolter:

- The following treasurer’s reports were submitted and reviewed:
 - Period ending December 31, 2015
 - Period ending March 20, 2016
 - Register Report 1/1/15-12/31/15
 - Major Expenditures Summary January 2012-March 2016
- NOTE: an error was found in this summary. Follow up discussion moved to “New Business”

- Bob Pattillo made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s reports. Jon Bradford seconded.
- No one was opposed. Motion Passed.

Scholarship Director – Mary Anne Kolb

The scholarship application is posted on the web site. Mary Anne encouraged the governors to start talking to anyone interested in applying for a scholarship as soon as possible – reminding them that there is a requirement of NCCC participation **by the applicant**.

Cowtown Vettes' Governor, Glenda McMahan, presented a \$250.00 donation to the scholarship fund at today's meeting.

Two scholarships were awarded in 2015. The recipients were Chance Matheson from the Oklahoma City Corvette Club and Jordan Wilk from the Texas Outlaws Corvette Club. Doug reminded everyone that this information is posted on the website.

Webmaster - Doug McMahan:

-The 2016 schedule is posted on the Regional website and is up-to-date. Doug is now sending links to the flyers instead of the actual flyers. Anyone having trouble with this distribution method should let Doug know.

-Governors were asked to advise their webmasters to NOT post pictures that show a car's license plate. License plates should be blurred.

-Webmasters can contact Doug to request official logos -- up to the year 2017 logo.

Regional Executive – Doc Lambert

-A three member Bylaws Committee was formed. Jim Walton was elected as chair.

-Alan Morris was elected as chair of the Finance Committee.

-Newsletter Committee: Fourteen newsletters have been submitted for this year's contest. New for this year is that the 2015 contest winners may enter this year's contest. Entries must be submitted by June 1, 2016.

-Seven bylaw change requests are currently on the table. The new Bylaws Committee will scrub these items and present to the RE's for action. The changes being considered are:

1. Adding convention treasurer to finance committee
2. Adding Director of IT position
3. Remove language about two members from same club on executive board
4. Adding language to create co-director of convention
5. Expand convention possibility dates to 4/1 thru 11/1
6. Expand definition of Director of Charity
7. Ability for RE's to filter out bylaw changes that they feel are frivolous or detrimental to NCCC.

-Joan Thomas will resign as webmaster. She will complete the 2016 year. Replacement recommendations are requested and due by December 1, 2016.

-The Charity director resigned in February. Recommendations are due by April 15, 2016. Qualifications are posted on the National web site.

-Three new National charities have been accepted. Everyone should have received an email with a brief description of each organization being considered. Doc stated that any governor's that are not planning on attending the national meeting must inform him of their club's vote. NCCC will be selling tickets for the selected charity at Bloomington Gold, Carlisle and Funfest in Effingham this year. The selected charities are:

1. Lions Club International
2. The Shriner's International
3. St. Jude's Children's Hospital

-President David Heinemann has appointed two new positions this year:

Director of IT – Walt Jenkins

Director of Social Media – Teresa Eller

Regional Competition Director – Doug McMahan

-Awards for Banquet: Jackets awarded were changed 3 times due to availability of sizes. Doug will be requesting sizes earlier next year to try and avoid this problem.

-Doug will provide a list to Paul Wolter with the names of winners who still owe the additional fee for their polo shirt.

-A snapshot of 2016 booked Sanctions was distributed along with a copy of the approved 2016 helmet sticker.

-Members at Large are now being copied on SWR event related communications. Governors are encouraged to check the MAL list to see if there are members that they can try and pull into their club.

-High speed driving schools have been approved – Hallett in the SWR and two others outside of SWR.

-Drag indexes will be updated before record drags in Noble this May. Currently SWR is the only region holding record drags nationally. Corn Huskers will be doing record drags but not at convention.

-Online registration is now available. The main benefit is registration data can be input into AXWare. This will eliminate the problem with entrant names being different than the member name in the competition database. It will also assign the class and car number for that member/entrant. Online registration can also be used for non-competition/non-sanctioned events. Keep in mind that the event must be in the database to start. At present (this is Version 1), it still cannot be used for an event that contains multiple types (i.e. funkana and car show) and there is no method for payment. (The entrant will still have to mail completed registration with payment to the address provided during online registration.)

-Only RCD's are allowed to update the class, car number and high speed license expiration date fields.

-The expiration date of each members high speed license is now part of the information in the competition database. This will allow the governors to confirm/verify remotely if a member shows up at a high speed event and has forgotten to bring their license.

-A new AXWare form has been distributed via email. Spread sheets from 2015 and older will no longer work with AXWare. You must use the new form.

-New Tech forms were passed out and are also available online. There is one minor change with Group 2 regarding rotors. Governors were asked to remind their racing members that they are responsible for checking all items that pertain to their car and marking the tech sheet accordingly **prior** to bringing the car to tech. Hosting club's tech will still do their normal belt, battery, etc. checks.

-National patches will be given to the RCDs at the April meeting. Doug will hand them out to SWR Governors at the next meeting.

-The two-piece rotor was deemed “not the same as stock” in a committee vote. Additionally, the T1 suspension package offered by GM for the C7 will **not** be valid for Group 1 or 1S.

-2017/2018 Rulebook Proposals:

The RCDs discussed Grand Sport Z06 and Stingray extensively as many people have asked that the Grand Sport be removed from class “M”. It has been decided to leave it where it is now. Also rejected was the item regarding moving all tires with less than a 200 wear rating to Group II.

The goal is to finish this rulebook by the April meeting. It should be a 2-year rulebook.

-Some members have asked that the amount of their award be donated to charity instead of receiving a shirt or jacket. There was some discussion regarding if the dollar amount would be the regional or the national amount since they differ. The end result was that National has no objection to the charity donation. It will be up to the governors to decide the details if they elect to offer this option to their club’s membership. A straw vote was called that resulted in much more discussion. It was decided to table this issue until the next governors meeting.

-Discussion to drop 10-year rule on helmets failed.

-In the future, all incidents at any event will be discussed at the RCD meeting in St. Louis. The goal is to inform and educate RCDs on how to handle these issues even if no insurance claim is filed. Governors were also instructed to inform the business manager of any incidents whether an insurance claim was being filed or not.

Regional Membership Director - Ron Ruston

-National Totals: 248 Clubs, 17,812 Members, 516 MAL

-SW Region Totals: 19 Clubs, 1,228 Members, 56 MAL

-Appointed officers update:

Patrick Dolan (Director of Charity) resigned effective 3/1/16. Applications are due 4/15/16.

Joan Thomas (Webmaster) has resigned effective 12/13/16. Applications are being accepted.

-Two new appointed positions:

Teresa Eller – Social Media Director

Walt Jenkins – IT Director

NOTE: The webmaster will report to the IT director. Also note that the appointment of these two new offices will incur no additional expense, presently, since both offices are held by individuals who attend the national meetings for other reasons.

-National Offices Up for election/re-election in September 2016 with term to begin January 1, 2017:
(Requirements are posted online – if interested)

President- Dave Heinemann has the option to run for a second 2-year term

VP of Membership – Steve Johnson is finishing his second term and is not eligible to run again

Parliamentarian – Jim Walton is finishing his second term and is not eligible to run again

Treasurer- Betty Parks has the option to run for a second term

Director of Public Relations – Denny Luther has the option to run for a second term

-Opt out of Sponsors List:

The database has been updated so that all primary members are set to receive all information from all sponsors. This was done to handle a problem where some members did not receive a copy of the 2015 Ecklers calendar

containing NCCC specific information. The sponsor list option in the database is an “all or nothing” selection – cannot select certain sponsors. Any primary member must notify their governor to opt out of these mailings.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

-Proposed Standing Rule Change to Regional Awards:

1) *Regional Awards – At the Annual Awards Banquet, the region will present awards for the following: Outstanding Member, Club Membership Award, Club Participation Award, and Rookie of the Year Awards for both Men and Ladies, Dependent Rookie of the year Awards for both Men and Ladies, Worker Awards for Men & Ladies, NCCC Competition Awards and the Southwest Region Championship Series Awards.*

e) The Men and Ladies Worker Awards will be given to the eligible individuals who work multiple events in the Southwest Region during the prior year’s competition season. Eligibility for the award requires participation in a minimum of 50 sanctioned events occurring over at least 5 separate weekends; with worker points to exceed 125.

A “call to vote” was made by Glenda McMahan. Bernyce Molenda seconded. After some discussion, Glenda amended her motion to “4 separate weekends”. The vote was called. Glenda provided the first and Bernyce seconded. No one was opposed. The motion carried. The standing rule will put into effect the highlighted changes:

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-Two clubs have not paid their annual \$30 dues to the SWR:

North Texas Vettes
Tulsa Vette Set

-Doc Lambert requested an annual audit of the SWR books. Doc asked Bernyce Molenda to assist him with this audit. Bernyce accepted.

-Correction to the Treasurer’s “Major Expenditures Summary” presented at this meeting:

Total Inflows included in error the 2012 beginning balance of \$23,033.73. The corrected amount s/b \$70,437.90 making the **Net Total** a <-\$11,671.37>. This report is designed to show the governors that the SWR has been losing approximately \$2,333/yr. for the past 5 years.

-SWR operating at a deficit:

After reviewing the corrected “Major Expenditures Summary” there was a discussion about increasing some combination of entry fees and club dues and/or reducing the cost of awards, to alleviate this deficit. Mike Sears proposed a 3 person committee be formed to “find options to reconcile our annual deficit”.

Bob Pattillo brought up the point that our events are starting and any increase should be decided before the first event in April. Bernyce made the point that a Standing Rule change would go into effect immediately.

Bob Pattillo made a motion to increase annual club dues to \$45/year and increase event fees to \$.75/person. Mike Sears seconded. The vote was: 9 approved with Craig Kamradt opposing. The motion passed.

After additional discussion, it was decided to form a three person committee to review the SWR deficit. The committee’s recommendations will be presented and voted on at the September 2016 meeting. The RE appointed the following members: Mike Sears, Craig Kamradt and Bob Pattillo. All accepted. Mike Sears was designated as lead.

-This is the final year for “Jets and Vettes on the Lex”. Registration begins promptly on April 1, 2016. Event’s dates do conflict with a National Meeting weekend.

-Doc reminded Governors that if they were not attending the next National Meeting, they needed to tell him of their clubs choice for the new National Charity by April 21, 2016. Jeannie Ruston stated that each club must supply their top **two** choices since the winner is determined by a 51% vote. Doc will send out a corrected email to all Governors requesting their “top two choices” along with the 4/21/16 deadline.

-Location for third Governor’s Meeting:

Doc will check the availability of a meeting room in Cresson Wells for the August meeting.

Governors Report/Inputs:

-George Stracke of Tejas Vettes announced that his club has 3 extra sanctions for the 2016 season.

-Glenda McMahan stated that Cowtown Vettes event is at TMS is April 31/May 1 this year. TMS has practically doubled their fees for this venue. Cowtown has chosen not to pass this cost on to the entrants. This is Cowtown’s 20th year to have their event at TMS. Considering the fee increase, this may be the final year.

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:19 AM by Mike Sears. Marlene Pattillo seconded. The SW Regional Governors meeting was adjourned.

The next SWR Governors meeting will be held at 7 PM on April 30, 2016 at the Hampton Inn in Fort Worth, TX.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Anthony
NCCC Southwest Region Secretary