



National Council of Corvette Clubs Regional Governor's Meeting Minutes

Date: May 27, 2009

To: Roadrunner Governors & Officers

Subj: Second Quarter Region Meeting Minutes

The Second quarter 2009 Roadrunner Region Meeting of Governors and Officers was held in Tucson on May 23, 2009. The Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.

Attendance:

- Regional Officers – Jim Gray (RE), Ron Scott (RMD), and Paul Hamersly (RCD).
- Club Governors – Jim Harner (Sonoran Desert Corvettes), Dale McKeeman (Arizona Competition Corvettes), Bruce Mundy (Corvette Club of Arizona), Wallace Ricks (Thunder Vette Set), Fred Hernandez (El Paso Corvette Club), Ron Scott (New Mexico Corvette Ass'n), and Jim Gray (Tucson Corvette Club).
- Clubs by Proxy – Corvette Motorsports, Scottsdale Corvette Club, and Verde Valley Vettes.
- Clubs Absent – Desert Corvette Ass'n and Colorado River Corvette Club. Note that these clubs have not provided the RE with Region Meeting Proxy forms for 2009.

Secretary's Report – Minutes of the 1st Quarter Meeting were presented via e-mail and is posted on the region web site. Jim Gray indicated that a correction was required to indicate that Ron Scott is the RMD. Paul Hamersly made a motion to approve as corrected and Wallace Ricks seconded it. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – The bank account balance at the 1st Quarter Meeting was \$4,204.43. All region event fees through May 17 are current with the exception of Verde Valley Vettes and their \$24.00 for 1 People's Choice and 2 rallyes has been mailed, but not yet received. The present balance is \$4,349.26. Adjustments to this balance include the \$24.00 receivable and \$7.00 owed to Thunder Vette Set for overpaying their region event fees from 4/18-19. After these adjustments, the balance will be \$4,366.26. Ron Scott made a motion to accept as presented and Dale McKeeman seconded it. Motion passed.

RCD's Report – Paul Hamersly sent his 2nd Quarter RCD Report to all Roadrunner Governors by e-mail bringing them up-to-date on the rulebook clarifications and other subjects discussed at the St. Louis Competition Committee meeting in May. The report is posted on the region web site. The letter includes reminders concerning submitting event results, region fees, and copies of signed insurance waivers. Discussion items:

- Lowering the age for passengers from 16 to 12 (if the passenger is a child of the driver) is being considered.
 - Governors instructed Paul to bring up that drivers should be able to provide a ride to a grandchild or even the child of an attending friend as these are ways of promoting Corvetting in future generations.
- The passenger rule prohibiting an autocross entrant from riding with a Novice to provide instruction unless the entrant has completed all competition runs for the entire day is being reconsidered.
 - Governors instructed Paul to strongly support a change to allow an entrant to instruct Novice drivers if they have finished all competition runs on the particular course, instead of all courses for the entire day.
- The Competition Committee is probably going to reconsider the Group-1S (Stock Street Tire) rule requiring street tires to be the exact original size. Options to be discussed include “any size that safely fits a stock wheel” or allowing a reasonable (10-20mm) variance so that owners have a choice of brands when buying replacement tires.
 - Governors recommended using manufacturer’s specifications for wheel sizes if making an allowance for a tire size variance because “safely fits the wheel” is vague and open to varying interpretations. Or, limiting the variance to 10-20mm maximum.
- The Competition Committee may reconsider the 2009 point bonus structure after a substantial number of the year’s events are recorded. Some RCDs have indicated that they think the present system may be rewarding small classes (particularly one car classes) too much.
 - Governors voted to have Paul recommend that Group bonus points be awarded only if there are at least 3 cars in the group. Similarly, Paul should support FTD bonuses for the second fastest time of day only if there are at least 4 cars and third fastest time of day if there are at least 5 cars entered. I.e., at least “two losers.”

RMD Report – Ron Scott reported that all club membership applications received to date have been processed. He sent a control sheet to each club by e-mail with new members and their NCCC membership numbers. Discussion items:

- Ron reported that a region club may be considering dropping out of NCCC and the Governors need to fulfill their responsibilities by keeping their clubs apprised of the values of NCCC membership. Everyone knows that NCCC insurance covers club and NCCC member liability at all club events. However, everyone may not know that the NCCC insurance covers club liability for events where alcohol is served. The Governors discussed the other benefits.

- Jim Harner gave a very good explanation of how he present NCCC benefits to his club: Club membership gives the member access to new friends and a wide variety of club social activities including drive & dines, rallyes, car shows, charitable projects, caravans, etc. NCCC membership extends the activities available to all events scheduled by the other clubs in the region and the country. NCCC membership provides an opportunity for those who desire to compete at the regional level in rallyes, car shows, autocrosses, drag races, etc and to earn points toward end-of-year region and national awards. Stepping up, NCCC membership also provides members to leave the region and (potentially while on a trip or vacation) visit clubs around the country where they always find that they have wonderful new friends waiting to meet them, as well as the myriad of activities available throughout the country. NCCC membership also provides a great quarterly national magazine, a national web site, discounts based upon the buying power of an 18,000 member organization to most major parts and supply vendors, and significant charitable efforts.
- Wallace also mentioned that many club members throughout the region “expect” other clubs to support their club’s events but often fail to reciprocate.
- The consensus was that NCCC membership, for an “annual family cost of \$35” provides many benefits and opportunities and that Governors need to do a better job of educating their club members on the full range of benefits.

RE’s Report – Jim Gray reported that the RE Team nationally is working on a proposal to revise the NCCC By-Laws to provide a better opportunity for younger people to participate in NCCC sanctioned events and earn competition points for doing so. There is presently a gap between the upper age of FCOA members and the lower limit for competition (16 to 18). He also reported that he found that the new results spreadsheet on the national web site works fine, except that one needs to enter a zero in the score column in order to get a bonus point entry to function. (Most people combine the actual score and the bonus in the score column and do not experience this anomaly.)

Discussion items:

- El Paso Corvette Club is collaborating with Tucson Corvette Club members to schedule a September charity raiser along with a PC Show and six rallyes in Silver City NM. Since this is within the 3rd quarter, it should be a great site and location for the Third Quarter Region Meeting. A motion to approve the region meeting date for the 9/18-20 (Fri-Sun) weekend was made by Ron Scott and seconded by Paul Hamersly. Motion approved.

Old Business – none.

New Business –

- Dale McKeeman asked Ron Scott how someone becomes a Member at Large. Ron explained that they need to send a Membership Application to him, or directly to the Vice President of Membership.
- Paul Hamersly reported that he had discussed management of the Roadrunner Region web site with Laurie “Tex” Schwab. Tex has served as region webmaster since 1998 and has many ongoing family obligations that currently interfere with accomplishing the webmaster duties in a timely manner. Paul has been maintaining the calendar of events, results, minutes, flyers, and similar areas of the web site for the past two months. Tex said she would be pleased if someone took over the web site and Paul volunteered to do so. All agreed with the change.
 - Paul will document all web site pages and procedures, then he will train a second person to ensure that there will always be continuity of web site management knowledge if the webmaster should become unavailable.
- Jim Gray announced that Region Officer nominations are due to the Region Secretary, Mike Brasher, by August 1, 2009. Candidates will be announced at the 3rd Quarter Meeting and election ballots will be processed by mail before the 4th Quarter meeting in Sierra Vista in November. Elections are for Regional Executive, Regional Membership Director, and Regional Competition Director. Nomination forms were provided to all present and additional forms are available from Mike Brasher or Jim Gray.
- Jim Gray indicated that, at the national Governor’s Meetings, regions alternate providing snacks at an average cost of approximately \$300. This does not include drinks. Roadrunner last provided snacks at the national meetings in late 2004. Wallace made a motion that Roadrunner should volunteer to do this and Dale seconded it. Motion passed. Jim Gray will make the commitment and let the region Governors know when our turn will come.

Wallace Ricks made a motion to adjourn and Jim Harner seconded it. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

Submitted by Paul Hamersly for Mike Brasher.