

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes
2-29-08
Sheraton Westport Conference Center
St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting began at 6:30 p.m. CST. VPC and all RCDs present except NE & ER. Introductions of RCDs and welcome comments were given to returning and new RCDs.

Jack Wilson, Vice-President Competition, presented opening comments covering:

1. The meeting structure focusing on discussion of as much factual information as possible to make logical decisions.
2. Respecting each others discussion time and input on topics being discussed.
3. Concerted effort by committee to keep agenda moving constructively within allotted timelines.
4. Open sessions for gallery guest to witness the committee at work.
5. Closed sessions for the committee to discuss specific regional round table and rulebook topics.
6. Committees Affirmation of Focus for 2008:
 - a. Improving the process for dealing with the rulebook issues and clarity.
 - b. Developing a more expeditious point system for collecting and reporting results.
 - c. Enhanced communication regarding the Competition Program throughout NCCC.

Point Standings:

The 2007 Final Point Standings were presented. Jack identified he would refrain from reading all the Top 15 as he would cover that in the Gov's mtg. on Sat. However, he recognized the Oklahoma City Corvette Club as the #1 Club, Betty Parks as the #1 Ladies' National Points Champion, and Ray Meesseman as the #1 Men's National points Champion.

Jack also identified over the winter he had established a criteria for developing a new 2008 Points System to collect and report to the membership on a monthly basis. He recognized and extended his congratulations to Paul Haack, the new Midwest Region RCD, who volunteered his extraordinary computer knowledge in developing and proofing out the new system. So far we have received two results from the East Region and two from the RoadRunner Region and have the results loaded in the system.

In order for this system to be the most efficient that it can, it will be imperative the regions provide their sanction requests, flyers, and results with sanction numbers as follows: Region code (2 letters)-club no. (3 numbers)-sanction no. (3 numbers) i.e. MW-051-083. Also, results must be in Excel based format. Anyone having a question if their current format and form being used will conform to the new points system should email their format to Paul Haack or Jack Wilson.

Record Drags:

Drag Records and indexing updates were discussed. Mike Godfrey prepared two examples of the record drag listing with two indexing updates. These had indexes updated per the new Rulebooks Index Change Requirements of Sec. 3.15.1 & 2 which updated either all now and then by anniversary date or by anniversary date. Discussion pursued and a decision was to update everything that needed index updating now and then go by anniversary date. Mike said he would reconfirm the updated information and supply it to Jack by the following week so it could go into Blue Bars and on the NCCC Web.

There were three 2008 Record Drags identified:

1. 5/25/08 – SW Region – Norman, OK.
2. 6/23/08 – SW Region – NCCC Convention
3. 9/20/08 – West Region – Kearney, NE.

The recommendation for a tool designed to measure the lift of a hydraulic lifter cam for NCCC Teardown for Group 1 & 2 C4 and C5 vehicles was discussed. Jerry Koraleski provided the committee with a document prior to the meeting developed by Ron Bockerman from the West Region that Ron has designed and tested. This tool plus a stock rocker would be part of the Teardown Equipment Package ready for the first Record Drags on 5/25/08. Discussion was favorable. Motion was made and seconded to go forward. Motion passed. Jerry will inform Ron to proceed and get the tool to with the package for the May drags.

Clarifications:

There were two Rulebook Clarifications discussed:

1. Page 8-5, Sec. 8.1.2.5.2 & 2.A. Explain the impact on the other entrant's points depending on whether or not a Chairperson that is also an entrant takes Chairperson's points. For example:
 - a. If the entrant takes Chairperson's points do the other entrant's points change or remain the same as if he/she took entrant points? **Answer:** They remain the same.
 - b. Must a Chairperson take the higher of the entrant points or Chairperson's points or can they choose the one they want to take? i.e. a person may want to take his Chairperson 9 points rather than his entrant 10 or 11 points. **Answer:** Yes.
 - c. If the individual's Chairperson points and entrant points are equal which points does he/she get? **Answer:** If he/she declares to be Chairperson they will get Chairperson's points.
 - d. Is the Rulebook correct that the Chairperson/entrant does not have to declare at the Driver's meeting their intent regarding their points? **Answer:** Yes.
 - e. If a Chairperson/entrant takes their Chairperson's points instead of their entrant's points are they still included in the count for the number of entrants? **Answer:** Yes.
2. Page 1-8, Section 1.8 Rulebook Clarification Procedure Item #1. The Rulebook and the italicized document at the top of the Rulebook Clarification Request identify an original and 15 copies of the clarification must be sent to the RCD a minimum of 15 days in advance of a Competition Board Meeting.
 - a. It is not clear from the two sets of instructions referenced whether or not a Clarification Request can be submitted electronically via Email to the appropriate RCD and Competition Board or if the original and 15 hard copies must be sent to the appropriate RCD via USPS. Note: All other Competition documentation, such as flyers and event results, are sent Email. **Answer:** It was the Competition Committees full intention that all documents identified in this rulebook formerly sent USPS should be sent by Email if at all possible. If not, then send USPS.

Old Business:

There was discussion over the proposal by Pete Dawley, which he sent to the Committee prior to the mtg., to have a RCD Proxy Designation Form that coincided with the new language of Page 1-2, Section 1.3.2 identifying "the RCD (or his proxy)" as one of the options of individuals to be at an event. It was decided the form proposed should be available for the Region to use if they decide it would be necessary.

The question was asked on how long records need to be retained, i.e. waivers, results, flyers, records and documents of minutes. It was unclear of specifics. Jack said he would ask at the E-Board mtg. and share what input he received. **NOTE:** The input from the E-Board as to what is recommended based on common sense past practice, absent any specific language, is to retain records as follows:

1. General Event Waivers – 7 years. (NCCC practice)
2. Minor Waivers – Until the minor becomes legal age. (NCCC practice)
3. Flyers – Until current years final standings are confirmed/reported by VPC. (No specific practice – VPC'S decision)
4. Results – Retain for one full year. i.e. 2007 until 2008's results are confirmed/reported by VPC. (No specific practice – VPC'S decision)
5. Tapes recording & documentation of Competition Committee minutes – Meeting period covering the new rulebook (No specific practice – VPC'S decision)
6. Any specific documentation that has to do with the history of NCCC can be archived at the NCCC Record Retention storage facility. (Contact one of the NCCC Officers to make arrangements)

Note: A question was asked about the Insurance Packet just received. There is a Minor's Assumption of Risk and Release and Waiver of Liability form included that wasn't there before. It is dated 7/03 and does not have the Guardian Signature spot required. Why?

Jack asked George Gallant at the E-Board mtg. The form mentioned above is for a minor attending the event as a participant can sign a waiver of liability. There is another form in the packet called Parental Consent, Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement that is for minors attending and entering restricted areas that has to have the Parent/Guardian Signature. It is **highly recommended** that both the parents sign this waiver.

New Business:

Joan Thomas addressed the Committee with a Q & A session over a new membership access that has been provided to the RCDs. Also, discussion on the new one email address set up for the RCDs to communicate between themselves. This one email address which links all RCDs and VPC only together to discuss topics is NCCC-RCD@corvettesnccc.org. This email address is only for the RCDs and VPC usage. The purpose is to have one address that is up to date contact the others as Joan would keep the contact info up to date as long as she knows who the current RCD and VPC is.

The following High Speed Driving Schools have been approved for 2008:

- SW- 4/18 at Tulsa, OK.
- ER – 4/19 & 20 at Pocono, PA.
- ER – 5/26 at Pocono, PA.
- WO/IN – 5/30 at Putnam Park, IN.
- ER – 7/12 – at Summit Point Raceway, Winchester, VA.
- MW – 7/14 – at Brainerd Int'l Raceway, Brainerd, MN.
- MW – 9/15 – at Brainerd Int'l Raceway, Brainerd, MN.

It was recommended and decided to provide the NCCC Webmaster with the listings and locations of all High Speed Driving Schools with locations, times, etc. for the NCCC Web so members will be aware, encourage, and participate in acquiring driving skills that not only help the racer, but helps the individual in their daily highway driving ability.

There is new language on Page 8-5, Sec. 8.1.2.4.6 identifying that the Rand McNally on-line web site is to be used in the future for calculating mileage distance require for calculation of travel points. The email address that will take you directly to the travel calculation portion is <http://www.randmcnally.com/rmc/directions/dirGetDirectionsInput2PT.jsp?cmt=0>

Following the break the Committee went into Closed Session:

The Closed Session is designed to discuss specific regional round-table topics brought forward by the RCDs or VPC. More open discussion of topics which could contain sensitivity issues can have ideas exchanged to assist in obtaining resolution options.

At this time specific discussions on various Rulebook enhancements, corrections, etc. can be shared to develop a recommendation plan to present at the appropriate time to the Govs.

It was recommended, discussed, and decided it would be more productive and meaningful to ask the Regional Govs for their input to the rulebook prior to the May meeting so the Committee can focus on what the majority of the membership would like to see changed/enhanced. The Committee at the May meeting would develop a priority punch-list and begin addressing those issues. Jack agreed to announce our plan to the Govs at the Sat. mtg.

It was decided to place the new 2009 ZR1 will be placed in 1SM, 1M, 2M, & RP.

Note: Jack announced at the Sat. Gov's mtg. the Committees recommendation for the Regional Govs to provide their inputs to their Regional RCD starting now thru April 15, 2008. The RCDs will share their inputs with the Committee and begin addressing those issues at the May mtg. We ask that both comments of what is working well be shared as well as items of correction, change, and enhancements to be included.

Mtg. adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

**Jack C. Wilson
Vice-Pres. Competition**

NOTE: An additional clarification was asked prior to the Govs mtg. on Sat. the following decision was made at that meeting on 3/1/08:

Question: Page 1-2, Section 1.3.2. The language in the Rulebook states; “the Chairperson or Co-Chairperson, the RCD (or his proxy) of the Sanctioning Region or the V.P. of Competition MUST be present at the event in order for the event to be held”. Does this mean either the Chairperson or Co-Chairperson and the RCD (or his proxy) or the V.P. of Competition must all be there?

Answer: The Competition Committees full intent was to have at least one of the individuals listed at the event. Therefore, the coma following Co-Chairperson will be replaced with the word “or” to provide the appropriate language to support the Committees intent.