



Illinois NCRS – Board/Officers Meeting August 13, 2019

7pm – Moretti’s Restaurant, Bartlett, IL

Minutes Recorded By: Carol Lindee

Attendance:

Board/Officers:

- Bill Braun – Chairman (Board member)
- Mike Neben – Vice-Chairman (Board member)
- Bob Kleckauskas – Treasurer (Board member)
- Ed Wodniakowski – Membership Director (Board member)
- Gary Bosselman – Judging Chairman
- Jim Anderson – Judging Chairman
- Scott Lindee – Technical Director
- Jay Stahl – Technical Director
- Carol Lindee – Secretary
- Sue Braun – Activities Director
- Open - Activities Director
- Fritz Goetz – Website Coordinator
- Randy Merzdorf – Historian
- Tina Reeland – Newsletter Editor

Members in Attendance:

- Mary Kleckauskas
- Mike Pieczyk
- Len Bessinger
- Santo Scafide
- Kim Scafide
- Ryan Garret
- Terry Wodniakowski

Others in Attendance:

none

Minutes:

- Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Bill Braun.
- **Chairman Report** (B Braun):
- Mike Neben submitted his resignation for the Director and the Vice Chairman position on 8/11. Mike will still remain as a member of IL NCRS. Bill proposed Mike Pieczyk to fill the vacant Director position. Bob K and Bill B (Directors who were present at the meeting) voted to make Mike Pieczyk a director. [The remaining director, Ed W, was not present to vote.] The club again now has 4 directors. Bill mentioned that at some point in the future to consider 5, so as not to have an odd number so that voting won't yield a tie (current by-laws allow for this).
- *Discussion about transitioning items that Mike was involved in:*

- Bob K said that Mike Neben is a signatory on the checking account (as former Secretary). Will need to talk to the bank as to how to remove Mike and add Carol (Secretary). Mike may need to go to bank to sign a form. Once Bob figures out the process, then Carol will go as well to get on the account. Should be able to go to local branch.
- IRS filing – Gary suggested to talk to John Heidt (CPA) to do this for us in the future. Bob to ask Mike for username/password for our account.
- Oct 2018 draft revision of the bylaws that Mike N created – need an electronic copy – Bob will talk to Mike and request this.

Bill B and/or Bob K will reach out to Mike Neben about these items.

The club wants to thank Mike for all of his service to the club over the years!

- Vice Chairman position now vacant. Bill Braun nominated Carol Lindee to hold this position. Bob K, Bill B, Mike Piecyk (Directors who were present at the meeting) voted to make Vice Chairman. Carol is now Vice Chairman/Secretary.
- Bill Braun discussed revising the by-laws soon. Will aim for a revision by January/February 2020, so that it can be discussed at the membership meeting in Feb.
- Mike Piecyk gave an update on some research that he has done for a new location.
 - McLean County Fairgrounds in Champaign – Mike visited there recently and spoke to a representative there. Cost is \$2700 per day for the facility, this includes 6000sf, wifi, tables, chairs, parking, conference rooms and others. Need to book three years in advance for peak (summer) periods.
 - Pheasant Run, St. Charles, IL – Megacenter facility. \$10k per day, but price goes down as you book things like hotel rooms, dinners, etc.

In summary, discussion was held and concluded that these seemed like good potential for a regional, not necessarily a chapter. Sponsors could be obtained to cover some/all of the fixed facility cost. Mike P was also talking with some potential sponsors that looked promising. Gary mentioned that National is looking for regionals for 2020 and 2021. Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 would both be reasonable options that would be before the National (ie, people get judged at a regional before a National). Could consider Spring 2021 for an IL NCRS National. Leaning was toward Bloomington, not only due to cost, more people would go there to stay at hotel, but it would be nostalgic for Corvette owners to go back to Bloomington, which could help attendance. Consider joining with IN, WI chapters and co-sponsor the regional. Bill suggested to form a sub-committee to start working on a potential regional. Note that National has to approve having a regional, so this would need to be secured before signing a contract with a venue. Suggested to consider adding swap spaces if we did a regional, to generate revenue.

- Summary of who is doing the write ups for the Chapter Meet:
 - Gary – chapter meet (in general)
 - Scott – judging school and road tour

Gary and Scott will do write ups and send to Tina/Ryan with write up and photos.

- **Vice Chairman Report** (Neben): n/a
- **Secretary Report** (C Lindee): Minutes from last meeting are approved and posted to website. It was noted in last newsletter that minutes are now on the Newsletter areas of the website, so members now know this.
- **Membership Report** (E Wodniakowski): Not present. Reported that number of members is the same as last meeting.
 - o Bill mentioned that he would like to start working on membership drive activities. Such as at Meadowdale and MCACN. We had higher attendance at the Chapter Meet this year. Lots of good feedback and good interest in the club. Meadowdale is already full for judging (8). Could consider sub-chapters (Texas does this; for example, sub chapter in central IL). Discussion about promoting activity in NCRS, including how potentially things like concourse judging could attract new interest.
- **Web Master Report** (Goetz): Minutes from last meeting are approved and posted to website. Added Meadowdale information to the website. Scott/Carol sent Fritz their photos from the meet and road tour. Fritz said that his son set up an Instagram page for us. His son said Instagram is the new thing (not Facebook)! Fritz is planning to set up a page on the website where we can store old historical documents, such as the first newsletter of IL NCRS.
- **Activities Director Report** (S Braun): Discussed Galena event. Event went very well. Judges lunches – had some complaints about the hamburgers. Will seek other alternatives if possible next year. Chestnut Mountain will not do a grill, but maybe we can identify another better alternative (Subway?). Lavonne and Pat mentioned maybe a bus to Dubuque next year instead of Galena shopping/winery.
- **Judging Chairmen Report** (Bosselman, Anderson): Gary is planning on not allowing manual registrations for car judging if possible next year. Entering the judging information (if manually registered) is a considerable amount of work (such as green sheets). The event was a 3 point event instead of what should have been 5. He is not sure why this happened, and even talked to Brigham about it. Gary will work on a solution. He thought that judging went well. Received great positive comments about the judges (ie, knowledgeable). Received a very positive feedback email from someone who had their car judged. Meadowdale car judging is already full (8 cars); all were entered online. Need more judges for Meadowdale. Getting positive response for this event.
- **Technical Chairmen Report** (S Lindee, Stahl): Scott reported that the Color Drive in October is planned and ready to go. Discussed whether we should do a mailing or just do email. It was agreed that we would do a mailing with a color drive and a Meadowdale flyer. Sue Braun offered to do the mailing. Gary and Scott/Carol will send her the needed documents.
- **Newsletter Report** (Reeland): n/a. Bill reminded everyone to continue to be diligent about sending information to Ryan/Tina for the newsletter. Discussed content of the newsletter. Can we make it more meaningful and robust? Some other chapters do a great job at this. Who would provide the content? Someone with passion and loves writing! Discussion about mailing a hard copy of the newsletter instead of electronic only. Large cost (approx. \$2500 per year)

associated with doing four mailed newsletters per year. Raised the idea of doing one bigger newsletter and print/mail it annually. Perhaps a recap of the year, and dates for the following year (4th Qtr newsletter, to be mailed in January). Bill will mention it to Tine/Ryan. It was voted and approved to do this in January 2020.

- **Treasurer Report** (B Kleckauskas): Bob reported the balance. Outstanding bills from the chapter meet still pending, in process (approx. \$850).
- **Historian Report** (Merzdorf):
- **Other/New Business:**
 - o n/a

Bill adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.