

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes

2/27/09

Sheraton Westport Conference Center
St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting Open Session began at 6:30 p.m. CST. VPC Jack Wilson plus 14 RCDs including CA Johnny Haskell, EO Chuck Stephens, ER Keith Stanley (Proxy), FL Manny Montgomery, IN Mike Godfrey, MI Ray Meeseman, MW Paul Haack, RR Paul Hamersly, SE Don Parks, SW Joe Reese, WR Jerry Koraleski, WC Joe Orrico, WO Jim Asbury were present. NE has no RCD and RM Curt Ingram was unable to make the meeting due to car problem in transit.

Introductions:

RCD introductions were made. Jack welcomed the new RCDs Johnny Haskell CA (replacing Pete Dawley) and Joe Reese SW (replacing Bob Pattillo).

Welcome was also extended to the gallery of members present to witness the meeting.

VPC Comments:

Jack congratulated the Top Fifteen 2008 Points Champions in Mens, Ladies, and Clubs. Individual announcement will be at the Governors meeting.

The 2008 Rebate checks have been sent to the Regional RCDs.

The 2008 Regional and National Patches are being handed out to the regions for distribution at this meeting, except for the Top 15 Men & ladies which will be presented at the National Convention in August.

High Speed and Novice cards were passed out to any region needing them.

Jack announced that this meeting structure will resume to a closed door meeting after covering new business and the break, for roundtable and 2010 Rulebook discussions.

The Sheraton is hosting an Appreciation Reception at 5:30 PM Saturday in the Terrace Restaurant.

It was identified in the E-Board meeting that 2009 could experience more lean sponsorships, etc. Odds are there may be no GM sponsorship this year due to the economic situation.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Two corrections were made to the Nov. 17, 2008 minutes:

- 1) Page 3, "form" should be "from" on second sentence of **2009**

Rulebook Proposal.

- 2) Page 4, the second "passed" eliminated from the third sentence of the in the third bullet.

Jerry Koraleski made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Joe Orrico seconded, and motion passed.

2009 Sanctioned Event Status Review:

Jack thanked all the regions and their hosting clubs for their cooperation in submitting the timely documentation in 2008 and so far in 2009. Their support is what has made our new reporting system be as successful as it has been.

There were 1284 sanctioned events posted in 2008.

The first 2009 monthly updated point standings and sanction log was published 2/26/09.

To date in 2009, 794 (62%) of the sanctioned requests, based on 2008 data, have been received. Seven (7) events have been completed, of which, five (5) results have been posted. Two (2) events have just occurred and waiting results.

2009 High Speed Driving Schools Approved:

There have been seven (7) different driving schools approved across the country. They are:

- WC – 3/7 & 3/8/09, Spring Mountain Raceway, Pahrump, NA.
- ER – 3/18/09, Summit Point Raceway, Winchester, VA.
- SW- 4/17/09, Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett, OK.
- ER – 4/18 & 4/19/09, Pocono Raceway, Pocono, PA.
- WO- 5/23 & 5/24/09, Bluegrass Motorsports Park, Sparta, KY.
- ER – 5/25 & 5/26/09, Pocono Raceway, Pocono, PA.
- ER – 7/10/09, Summit Point Raceway, Winchester, VA.

Note: ER is planning another Annual Teen Driving School. Date TBA. This is another positive experience in educating our teens on vehicle handling and safety techniques.

Drag Records:

There were no records broken since last November 2008 meeting.

The 2009 Record Drag Event Schedule as of this date will be:

- SW - 5/23 & 5/24/09, Thunder Valley Raceway, Noble, OK.
- RM – 8/8-14/09, NCCC Convention, Colorado Springs, CO.
- WR – 9/19/09, Kearney Raceway, Kearney, NE.

Jack will update the listing of NCCC Official Drag Records and index adjustments required per the rulebook. (Update Attached)

Clarification(s):

There were four clarifications submitted:

1. ER – Page 2-17, Sec. 2.7.1.2.1 & 2.7.1.2.3 Safety Requirements & Safety Items:

Question: Current verbiage says **Fire Extinguisher-minimum rating of 5BC**. I propose it be re-worded to *Fire Extinguisher-minimum rating of 5BC with a metal pressure gauge* to insure a properly inspected and charged unit. I think we should require units with gauges. Extinguishers do expire and without gauges we have no idea of their condition. And at the same time, let's outlaw the inferior plastic Wal-Mart type units, and plastic mounting straps.

Answer: The Competition Committee decided this falls under a safety issue and therefore becomes effective immediately. Page 2-17, Sec. 2.7.1.2.1 & .2 the words “using a gauge showing full charge.” will be added. Section 2.7.1.2.3 will have a new sentence added, “Mounting bracket and strap must be metal.” Vote: Agreed 13, No 0

2. MI – Page 2-31, Sec. 2.7.1.14.2 Tires:

Question: In drags, is the M&H Race Master DOT certified wrinkle wall tire, Hoosier Quick Time PRO DOT, and Mickey Thompson ET 2 ply wrinkle wall legal in group 1? All these come in sizes like 26x10x15 & 26x9.5x16? In Group 1 A-D you would have to run on all 4 corners.

Answer: the Competition Committee decided this falls under a safety issue and therefore becomes effective immediately. All tires listed above in this question are considered a safety issue when used on the front of a vehicle and therefore denied. Vote: Agree 13, No 0

3. MI – Page 2-13, Sec. 2.7.1.3.14 Frame:

Question: Is the corvette GTP legal in RPAF with the engine behind the front seats in the middle of the car?

Answer: No it is not legal. Vote: Agree, it is legal 4, No, it is not legal 9

4. MW – Page 2-31, Sec. 2.7.1.13, Wheels:

Question: Note 1. Space saver Spare Wheels cannot be used. Why? I can understand why the space saver tire cannot be used but why can't the wheel with a high speed rated tire of sufficient capacity be used?

Answer: The space saver wheel is designed for emergency use only and not intended for high speed road use. Based on the current rulebook, the space saver spare wheels cannot be used on the vehicle for competition events.

Vote: Agree, cannot be used 13, No, can be used 0

Old Business:

There was discussion agreeing the instructions provided for viewing and printing the Competition Manual was working okay. (attached)

Jack sent all the RCDs both the 2009 Rulebook Redline and Final PDF versions so questions on what specific language changes were made in the Rulebook could be answered within their regions.

A Sanction Request, Flyer, and Results Check List action review was confirmed as a guide for everyone to follow to ensure process integrity. (attached)

The NCCC Competition Results Electronic Format & SE Format Review and availability was discussed. The SE format will continue to be used by those already utilizing this format. Everyone else will use the new NCCC Competition Format that has been developed to replace the current 12.5 format on the competition website. This will be a more unrestricted user friendly format compatible with the new NCCC Competition Points Reporting System. A couple of final edits are being done and will be on the NCCC website in March.

It was pointed out that so far no regions have turned in any new Rulebook Change Request Forms. If any region has a specific language change they would like to submit for consideration for the 2010 Rulebook, they need to have it to the Competition Committee by 4/1/09.

New Business:

There was extensive discussion with George Gallant present over the new insurance form 1177 requirements imposed by K&K Insurance. George passed out a Q&A from K&K in an attempt to answer concerns raised over having to request an insurance coverage approval for every non-sanctioned and sanctioned event any club was going to have the involved “the wheels turning”. There was much displeasure over all the paperwork K&K was requiring from the host clubs. George and Jack took the task on to check into this further to see what could be done to ease this issue.

There was discussion whether everyone understood the new groupings and FTD points changes implemented this year. Everyone appeared to know what it involved to calculate the changes. It was also asked that each region go back and check to ensure their users have their systems either changed or understand how they would have to make the manual changes.

It was confirmed the shoulder harness assembly required and or used for the 2009 Convention Drags must be less than five years old per NHRA requirements.

Following the break, the Committee went into Closed Session for Round Table Discussions:

Note: It was agreed, due to the general notes included into the minutes from the Competition Committee Meeting, does not intend or represent any agreed upon changes to the Competition Manual (Rulebook). Discussion items are described general in nature for membership awareness only.

Roundtable Discussion:

Jack identified that the \$1.00 statement at the bottom of the Record Drag Listing should be eliminated as it is unnecessary since patches and certificates are part of the VP Competition general budget line expense. It will be necessary for record-holders who break a record, request a patch and certificate from the VP Competition.

Jack also identified that there have been numerous special ordering requests for various items made. It is the VP Competitions responsibility to provide the necessary awards, patches, rebates, etc. as described in the Rulebook. Special ordering, documenting, funding, shipping, etc. of items aside from this is time consuming and not an additional reasonable part of the function.

Due to the NE Region not having any officers elected to represent them in 2009, each committee was asked to discuss their thoughts on how to handle the situation. Jack would take the Competition Committees input back to the E-Board mtg. Saturday.

It was identified on page 2-19, Sec. 2.7.1.2.28 & .29 that we missed inserting **shoes (SFI 3.3A/5)** in both as we had put shoes in line 30. It was agreed to announce it at the Governors meeting on Saturday as it is an immediately effective items of safety we inadvertently missed.

It was also identified on page 2-31, Sec. 2.7.1.14.3 the “N” for both columns 1S & 1 should be “N/A”. Also, page 2-32, Sec. 2.7.1.14.4 the “N” for columns 1S, 1, & 2 should be “N/A”. When the columns were split for clarity, as requested by the regions, for this Rulebook, it was inadvertently typed incorrectly. There was not intention of making any changes to this language. It was agreed, to announce this also at the Governors meeting on Saturday to avoid confusion as the season is starting to acquire tires for classes.

2010 Rulebook Discussion Items:

1. Sec. 1.2.2 can sanction and non-sanction events rule be changed so they can run concurrently at the same location on the same day? General consensus was the current language covered this adequately and unnecessary to change.
2. Can the Drag Race Indexing be eliminated to leave the originally set record as the “Drag Record” until it is officially broken? Why and how indexing was established was discussed. General consensus was to leave it as is.
3. Sec. 2.2.8.2 should it be changed from 16 to 12 year olds be allowed to ride as passengers in low speed events? There was much discussion to the pros and cons of changing. This subject was tabled to allow for more discussion within the regions.
4. Sec. 2.2.8.7 to accommodate events using multiple courses, should “event” be changed to “day” to allow experienced drivers to ride with and instruct Novice drivers? Discussions on value, managing, etc. occurred. This was tabled for more discussion within the regions.
5. Should there be language to cover whether a non-Chevrolet manufactured “Kit Car” replica would be allowed to compete in NCCC Sanctioned events. If so, what classes for speed and show events would they be in? The general consensus was the language in the current Rulebook would allow that vehicle the placed in a guest class for non-members and exhibition for members. Further discussion will be needed.
6. There is a necessity to update and simplify the Technical Inspection Requirements/Form. Paul Hamersly and Jerry Koraleski prepared a draft for discussion. Paul and Jerry will update further and email all RCDs a new draft for review and approval prior to the next meeting.
7. It is also necessary to review and update Driving School Requirements and Hi-Speed Certification Requirements. RoadRunners Proposal is to be reviewed and provide inputs prior to the May meeting for discussion.

There were no Appeals to discuss.

Mtg. adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

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