

RALLYCROSS BOARD

RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | June 2, 2015

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on June 2. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Brent Blakely, Karl Sealander, Keith Lightfoot and Chris Regan. Also in attendance were Tere Pulliam and Lee Hill, BOD liaisons, and Howard Duncan from the National office.

The Secretary acknowledges that these minutes may not be in chronological order.

Lee Hill, who also serves on the Planning Committee, polled the meeting attendees on the possibility of a tiered membership strategy within the SCCA as an idea to grow membership without sacrificing income. The group discussed the benefits and drawbacks of such a strategy, along with various options.

Chairman's Report

Marketing plan: Tere Pulliam reported that the BOD discussed the proposed marketing plan submitted by the RXB but chose not to currently adopt the plan. Hyatt will continue to campaign for more marketing for the RallyCross program.

Rules reorganization: Hyatt is continuing to reorganize the RallyCross Rules and hopes to have a draft by August. The intention is to follow the rule change submission timeline for this reorganization.

Committee Reports

RallyCross Safety Committee (Chris Regan): The Safety Committee has not yet received the report for an incident that occurred in the prior month. Regan is tracking it down and confirming that the Safety Committee email list is correct. No other incidents have been reported.

Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): The member comment and submission period ends June 15. Lightfoot has been unable to access the old forums to retrieve the submissions and feedback. He will work with National Office staff to retrieve the information.

RallySprint Committee (Brent Blakely): Blakely reported that the first two pilot RallySprint events went very well. The New England event had 25 competitors. The event at Prairie City combined the RallySprint with RallyCross by running a RallyCross Saturday morning, the RallySprint Saturday afternoon and another RallyCross Sunday morning. The RallySprint had 12 competitors. An article about the events is scheduled for SportsCar. Hyatt requested that a basic set of rules be released to encourage more pilot events this year.

National Championship Committee (Stephen Hyatt): Howard Duncan reported on a trip to the 2015 National Championship site by three National Office staff where they met with three Regional and three site representatives, took photos and measurements of the site, and tested the site surface. Duncan was pleased by the quality of all aspects of the site.

A Course Worker Training presentation was distributed to the RXB for review. The RXB agreed to one adjustment to the presentation. This training will be conducted on Friday evening of the event.

The RXB also discussed providing more exposure before, during and after the event to the Team O'Neil Rally School Award given at the National Championship. A press release, photos and an article are all being considered.

Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison: Although no details were provided, Hyatt reported that the Divisional RallyCross Stewards discussed the National Challenge events and the National Championship at their recently held meeting.

New Business

National Challenge events: The RXB discussed how the 2015 National Challenge events are currently going. Some events do not have the attendance levels worthy of a National event, possibly the result of conflicting schedules. Also, the RXB has received feedback that the RallyCross rules have not been consistently enforced at some National Challenge events. The RXB reminds all Regions that while there is some flexibility in the application of certain rules at Regional events, the entire rule set should be enforced at National-level events. These events should show viability to the competitors and the event sponsors. At the next meeting, the RXB will evaluate all events and consider options to improve the National Challenge events for 2016.

Next meeting: July 7, 2015

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

ROAD RALLY BOARD

ROAD RALLY BOARD MINUTES | May 18, 2015

The RoadRally Board met via teleconference on May 18, 2015; meeting called to order at 7:40 PM CDT by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Chuck Hanson, Len Picton, John Emmons, Jeanne English, Clarence Westberg, Deena Rowland from the National Office, BOD liaisons Terry Hanushek and Lee Hill, and BOD Chairman John Walsh.

The April minutes were approved. Chuck/Clarence/pass

Front Burner Items:

1. RReNewsletter
 - Latest issue published today, another fine effort on Cheryl Babbe's part. Dave Head had another good article on the recent Badger Burrow National. Thank you, Dave. All, please continue to support Cheryl's efforts. Rich talked to Cheryl, who said she is 'underwhelmed' by response to the newsletter; make locals aware of newsletter; top hits are on national points, then individual event scores and reports.
2. Regional Road Rally Rulebook (RRRRs?) (Rich)
 - No revision since last month. RRRRs were mentioned in the most recent RReNewsletter, and there have been a half dozen requests to review the draft. Jeanne sent corrections. Rich will resend it with changes; no final action this month, please read it before next month's meeting.
3. Court of Appeals Decision Discussion.
 - The COA ruled that the requirement for a safety precheck to be by a person other than the rallymaster is unenforceable; RRRs Article 2E needs clarification. Article 1C5 (re disciplinary committee) also needs clarification per direction of the BOD.
4. 2016 Proposed Rules Changes
 - a. Article 1C5 - Change from "The RRB shall appoint a three-person **RoadRally** Disciplinary Committee, if required." to "The RRB shall appoint a three-person RoadRally Disciplinary Committee, if required. Current RRB members shall not be appointed to this committee, as the RRB is to serve as the final independent authority for appeals for disciplinary charges."
 - Rich to post, we will revisit at next meeting.
 - b. Two versions of Article 2E were discussed, with this being the final proposal – Change from "All SCCA sanctioned roadrallies must have a safety precheck performed by a qualified **RoadRally** Safety Steward." to "All SCCA sanctioned roadrallies must have a safety precheck performed by a qualified RoadRally Safety Steward. This person may not be the rallymaster of the event and must hold a Safety Steward license at the time of the precheck."
5. NEC Report (Chuck)
 - b. Class SP Points - the NEC wants clarification about SP class – what does the RRB really want? John told Mike Thompson to be VERY specific about SP, e.g. does one opt in? must someone be in it? who qualifies? how to score it? Clarence said that if we are trying to grow the sport, this isn't it, he doesn't see people traveling around the country to compete. John doesn't see a problem with offering it as long as it is specific. Rich asked Chuck if SP is visible only to scorer, or is it visible as an entry class? Chuck says that classes E, L, and S are listed, and SP is a class that the scorer creates. Rich says that if SP is an overlay class, it should be restricted to stock equipment. Rich asked what is the point of SP class? Chuck answered it is to attract newbies, for them to compete amongst themselves. Len said it sounds like Rookie class in racing. Rich asked what if we look at the standings at the end of the year, and award the SP award to the highest SP person in class S. Len asked why do this at all? Chuck said to give an award and stimulate interest in new people. Clarence insists that the proposal has to be vetted against all the possible interpretations to see what kind of problems could occur. Chuck will take all these comments back to the NEC committee.
 - c. 2016 Rules Changes
 - i. Minimum number of Nationals needed for awarding a championship
 - ii. GTA National Championship
 - iii. Removing Regionals from National ChampionshipThis will be discussed next month, we ran out of time this month
6. 2015 RRB Calendar
 - Rich has compiled a RRB calendar for the rest of the year, it is attached below.
7. June Meeting – Rich will be unavailable on the scheduled date; let Rich know if you would like to chair the meeting.
8. New Business
 - a. Clarence asked how the NEC will make sure that future rallies are not as screwed up as some recent nationals have been. Jeanne suggested bringing back an outsider precheck, and using long-distance prechecks; there is also the issue of rallymasters not always making changes requested by the official prechecker.

- b. Jim Crittenden has 33 cars registered for his upcoming rally – how did he do it? He used social media, put flyers at car dealers and repair shops; he spent as much time on promoting the rally as on writing it.
- c. Len/DC Region had their annual rally school and regional with 30 entries – how did he do it? There were lots of repeat people; nothing on social media, but did post it on the DC website and in local club newsletters

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM CDT
 Next meeting June 8, 2015, via conference call
 Respectfully submitted,
 Jeanne English, RRB Secretary

Attachment: **RRB Annual Calendar of Recurring Activities – Remainder of 2015**

June

July

- 13 - Deadline for all suggestions from all parties (RRB, NEC, rally community) for 2016 rules change proposals. RRB votes to either kill proposal or release for public comment.
 - 14 – Approved proposed rule changes released for public comment after RRB meeting.
- Deadline for comments is September 1 NEC meeting

August

September

- 1 – Deadline for public comment on 2016 rule change proposals. NEC meeting.
- 14 – Solicit members for 2016 RRB. November 1 deadline for application.

October

- 12 - RRB members declare individual decisions regarding willingness to serve on 2016 RRB.
- 12 – NEC submits rule change proposals to RRB
- 13 - Rules committee starts final draft of 2016 rules changes

November

- 9 – Deadline for Rules Committee produces final draft proposal
- 9 - Final RRB Decision on 2016 rule change proposals.
- 9 - Recommend RRB composition to SCCA BOD

December

- 4 – BOD meets, approves/rejects proposed rule changes.
- 4 – BOD decides on composition of 2016 RRB
- 1 – 15? Balloting for Rally of the year Awards

January 2016

New RRB meets, Awards Regional Award and Divisional Award
 Establishes committees, sets meeting time and schedule, etc ...

ROAD RALLY BOARD

ROAD RALLY BOARD MINUTES | June 8, 2015

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on June 8, 2015; meeting called to order at 7:30 CDT by Len Picton, acting chairman. In attendance: Len Picton, Chuck Hanson, Jeanne English, Clarence Westberg, and BOD liaisons Terry Hanushek and Lee Hill; not present: Rich Bireta and John Emmons.

May minutes were approved. Len/Chuck/pass

Front Burner Items:

1. RReNewsletter – another one was published today; thank you again, Cheryl, for a job well done.
2. Regional Road Rally Rulebook (RRRRs?)
Postponed until next month, when Rich is here
3. 2016 Proposed Rules Changes
 - a) Article 8A - Add language to Article 8A similar to the following; NEC puts this in 8B4:
A competitor may earn championship points only once per day. A competitor may not, for example, earn points in a Tour event in the morning and points in a Course event in the afternoon. A competitor may not earn points in a Course event in the morning, for example, and earn worker points in the afternoon. Competitors will earn points in the first event worked or entered each day, unless the event is non-declared.
Rationale: The 2015 offering of multiple events per day on two consecutive weekends in the Arizona and Arizona Border regions is contrary to the intent of including Regional events in the National Championship. The current situation effectively forces a competitor making a serious attempt at a championship to attend these events.
Comments: Chuck thinks this rule is a good one; he received results from an East Coast region showing the rally chairman as a contestant; for this year, he will contact the person involved and explain the proper protocol (that worker points are in place of running the rally); he will report back next month. For 2016, this does not prohibit multiple rallies in a single day, just not get getting points. The RRB agrees with this NEC proposal.
 - b) Article 4B3 Proposed Rule Change:
This rule currently states:
Regional tour and course events in the SCCA **RoadRally** National Championship series shall meet at least two of the following criteria:
 - a) A minimum of 4 timed controls
 - b) A minimum run time of 3 hours
 - c) A minimum distance of 60 milesThis proposal changes this rule to:
Regional tour and course events in the SCCA **RoadRally** National Championship series shall meet the following criteria:
 - a) A minimum of 6 timed controls of which no more than 50.0% may be DIY, and either
 - b) A minimum run time of 3 hours, exclusive of odometer check, or
 - c) A minimum competitive distance of 90 miles, exclusive of odometer check.Comments - reduce item 'c' to 60 or 80 miles
 - c) Rules changes discussed last month:
Article 1C5 - Change from "The RRB shall appoint a three-person **RoadRally** Disciplinary Committee, if required." to "The RRB shall appoint a three-person RoadRally Disciplinary Committee, if required. Current RRB members shall not be appointed to this committee, as the RRB is to serve as the final, independent authority for appeals on disciplinary charges."
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4. SCCA Membership – LOL member Ian Holmes published in his blog his internal debate as to whether or not to renew his SCCA membership. Specifically, Ian expressed concerns that, based on his reading of Sports Car, road rallyists are not the type of members the SCCA is interested in attracting and that the lack of coverage in Sports Car makes him feel like a peripheral member of the club that is tolerated but unenthusiastically welcomed. The RRB invited our BOD liaisons to express their views on the points raised in his blog.
Lee: Tiered membership has been a topic for the BOD for some time. The By-Laws have a provision for an Associate Membership that does not include a Region Membership or any voting rights, etc. The present membership structure is currently oriented to Club Racing, and it is an issue for all of the other areas of interest. There is concern with the perception that a lower tier membership would be "second class." There is also a serious concern that a wholesale move from full membership to this lower tier would have a

serious negative impact on the budget of the National Office, and potentially to Regional finances; however, if the lower membership fee brings an increase in membership, the negative impact would be mitigated. The BOD recognizes that the perceived value of SCCA membership is not cost effective; BOD this year has had several active discussions about tiered membership program, which has not happened in the past; most BOD members recognize that it is probably going to happen. The BOD is sensitive to the fact that people don't want to become full SCCA members; there is potential for this to happen within the next year.

Clarence commented that one of the biggest obstacles to getting people to buy a membership is that there is no longer any social cohesiveness in the Regions; i.e. there are no events other than actual competition events for them to get involved in.

5. NEC Report (Chuck)
 - a. 2016 Badger Burrow Improvement Plan
Problems were with procedures not being followed correctly. All upcoming nationals will be looked at closely to see that they follow what the RFOs require – out of area pre-check, make changes required by the pre-checker, follow rules about calendaring and advertising.
 - b. Class SP Points
How to deal with this in the future (there is no SP this year); if a contestant moves from S up to L or E, they cannot be in SP. Len asked if SP and S are mutually exclusive? Chuck answered yes, it is up to the regional registrar and how they report results to the pointskeeper.
 - c. 2016 Rules Changes (in addition to Item 3 above):
 - i. Minimum number of Nationals needed for awarding a championship: NEC suggests that the minimum be 14 equivalents, of which 6 equivalents must be from nationals (3 nationals); the point is to run a certain number of nationals; how about stating that a competitor must run 3 nationals to win a year-end award
 - ii. Sunsetting GTA National Championship
NEC is divided as to whether or not to retain GTAs; reason to keep – they do draw some people, and it does not cost us anything. Clarence says GTAs are all so different that he doesn't see how there can be a championship. Clarence, Jeanne, and Len are in favor of sunsetting.
 - iii. Removing Regionals from National Championship
Keep we keep them them? Len, Jeanne, Chuck –yes, Clarence - no
6. 2015 RRB Calendar Review
 - a. Next up: July 13 deadline for all 2016 rule change proposals.
 - b. 2016 rule changes approved for public comment at the July RRB meeting.
7. New Business
The SCCA Convention is going back to Las Vegas; the MSX Expo was not particularly successful; the convention is changing its focus back to being for the people actually involved in directing the club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 PM CDT
Next meeting July 13, 2015, via conference call
Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne English, RRB Secretary