

RALLYCROSS BOARD

RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | July 7, 2015

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on July 7. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Brent Blakely, Karl Sealander, Ron Foley, 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.

Committee Reports

- RallyCross Safety Committee (Chris Regan): Regan has requested that the Safety Steward resend the missing incident report discussed at the previous RXB meeting. Regan also reported that an incident report has been submitted for an inadvertent side-airbag deployment during competition. Foley reported that an incident report is forthcoming for vehicle damage from an awning blown over by a gust of wind. Hyatt requested that the Safety Committee consider and submit any safety-related rules change proposals for the 2016 RallyCross Rules.
- Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): The Rules Committee received a clarification request regarding wheel sizes in the Stock Category in the case of vehicles with a full-size spare mounted on a smaller wheel and that is not labeled for temporary use only. The Committee was in consensus that competitors would be limited to the OEM wheel size and not allowed to use the smaller spare tire wheel size. Lightfoot will send the Committee's response to the competitor.

Because of the issues experienced with the old online forum, the rules submission and comments deadline has been extended to July 15. The Rules Committee draft period will be shortened to accommodate this time extension for submissions. Lightfoot will attempt to migrate previous rule submissions and comments from the old forum to the new forum.

The RXB has released the following error and omission to the 2015 RallyCross Rules, which is included in an updated version of the 2015 RallyCross Rules at the SCCA website:

Physically disabled drivers may use alternate vehicle controls and preparation items appropriate for the nature of their disability. In the case of a driver using alternate controls, extra care should be taken to ensure that the driver does have adequate control of the vehicle and that the control mechanisms can stand up to competition use. A waiver from the SCCA® RXB is required for the use of such equipment in Divisional or National events. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The driver must make the Event Chairman and Event Safety Steward aware of the approved request prior to starting competition.

- RallySprint Committee (Brent Blakely): Blakely reported changes to the Committee composition with two committee members leaving and being replaced by one new member. A basic set of rules should be available for member comments at the RallyCross National Championship in August.
- National Championship Committee (Stephen Hyatt): Registration for the event is at 90 entries. Hyatt requested that the RXB promote the event in each member's respective area in an effort to increase entries. The competitors should also be reminded of the strict site requirements of no dogs, firearms or smoking. An article about the rookies registered for the event was published at the SCCA website. An online "Who Will Win?" article will also be published. Regan requested that there be additional Team O'Neil Award promotion in articles. The RXB is planning to meet on the Friday before the event for their August meeting.
- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): The Divisional RallyCross Stewards (DRXS) did not meet in June. Agenda items for the next meeting include a DRXS vacancy in the Rocky Mountain Division, the need for DRXS assistants in all Divisions, plans for 2016 National Challenge events, and the cost of National event decals.

Old Business

- Marketing plan lobbying efforts (Hyatt): Hyatt plans to schedule a meeting with Howard Duncan to work through details of the proposed marketing plan. This item will be tabled until the September meeting.
- Rules reorganization: Hyatt will work to have a draft prepared for the RXB to review at the meeting in August at the RallyCross National Championship.

- National Challenge events direction for 2016: It has become clear that the National Challenge concept as currently structured is not working as conceived. Some events have low turnouts and are not representative of the “National Challenge” title. The RXB agreed that fewer National Challenge events would work better; the details are yet to be determined. The RXB will continue to discuss the future of the National Challenge events and expects to have a basic outline to present at the Town Hall at the RallyCross National Championship in August.

New Business

- Lack of accessibility to sanctioning data from National office: The RXB discussed issues in accessing data from the National office regarding sanctions issued for RallyCross events. Howard Duncan will look into the matter.
- NER 2nd RallySprint (Hyatt): The Northeast Region has requested to be allowed to organize a second RallySprint pilot event in September. The RXB discussed and agreed to the request.
- Sanctioning conflict with RallyCross National Championship: New England Region requested a waiver for a RallyCross charity event scheduled one week prior to the RallyCross National Championship. The RXB has a long-standing policy prohibiting the sanctioning of RallyCross events the weekend of or the weekend before the Championship event. The RXB discussed and agreed that under the circumstances to grant a waiver for this one event.

Next meeting: August 7, 2015

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary