

RALLYCROSS BOARD

RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | October 6, 2015

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on October 6. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Karl Sealander, Ron Foley, Keith Lightfoot and Chris Regan. Also in attendance were Tere Pulliam and Lee Hill, BOD liaisons, and Howard Duncan and Brian Harmer from the National office.

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

Committee Reports

- RallyCross Safety Committee (Chris Regan): The Safety Committee has reviewed two incidents since the last RXB meeting. One report was for a cut finger that required first aid. The second report involved a vehicle sliding into a ditch after the finish, but involved no damage or injury. The Safety Committee will monitor the Region to ensure such incidents aren't chronic. Hyatt requested that Regan submit to the RXB the composition of the Safety Committee for 2016 no later than the December meeting.
- Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): Lightfoot submitted the 2016 RallyCross Rules change proposals. Each proposal was reviewed, along with member and Rules Committee comments and adjusted as deemed appropriate by the RXB. The RXB voted on each proposal. The results are listed below. Those proposals that passed the RXB vote will be referred to the BOD for final approval before being added to the 2016 RallyCross Rules.

1. **Restructure the current rulebook to put key event operations and vehicle classification sections in the front portion of the rules and move the administrative sections to the back.** This would make it easier for readers to access information about RallyCross events and vehicle preparation allowances. Submitted by the RXB.

PASSED 5-0-1. Blakely absent.

2. **Change maximum sustained speed from 60 mph to 50 mph.** This creates a more consistent speed progression with RallySprint 1 (60 mph) and RallySprint II (70 mph) guidelines. (Comment: Speeds may momentarily exceed 50 mph for the fastest vehicles, but courses should be designed to avoid sustained speeds in excess of 50 mph.) Submitted by the RXB.

5.3 COURSE SAFETY AND LAYOUT RULES

Speeds on straight stretches should not normally exceed 40 mph (miles per hour) for Stock category vehicles and should not normally exceed ~~50~~ 60 mph for any vehicle.

PASSED 5-0-1. Blakely absent.

3. **Allow non-competitor passengers at divisional and national events.** Drivers would not be allowed to ride as passengers. This change would potentially increase participation at national-level events by allowing competitors to bring family and friends along for rides and help generate more interest in our sport.

5.2.C. EVENT OPERATING RULES

~~Competitors~~ Passengers are not allowed ~~as passengers~~ during competition runs in National Events.

FAILED 0-5-1. Blakely absent.

4. **Clarify that wheel spacers are considered part of the wheel in Stock classes.** (Comment: Backspacing must still be within +/- 10 mm of the OEM wheel backspacing in Stock classes. Wheel diameter and width in Stock classes are still limited to OEM dimensions as per factory or port-installed wheel options available for the vehicle.) Two options for allowing alternate wheel sizes in Stock class were considered but not approved.

6.2.C. VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION - Stock Category

12. Any type wheel may be used provided it complies with the following: Wheels must be the same diameter and width as the OEM wheel. Wheel offset (backspace) must be within 0.394" (10mm) of the original equipment wheel offset. ~~Wheel spacers are considered part of the wheel.~~

PASSED 5-0-1. Blakely absent.

5. **Clarify that interior components, including rear seats, panels and carpet, may be modified to accommodate the installation of roll bars/cages and driver restraints in Stock classes.** (Comment: Interior components may be

modified to the minimum extent needed to facilitate the proper installation of the roll bar/cage or restraint. For example, the rear seat, dashboard, carpet and/or interior side panels may be modified to accommodate a roll cage, but not removed.)

6.2.C. VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION - Stock Category

4.d. Driver restraints and roll cage may be added. **Modification of interior components to the minimum extent necessary for the proper installation of driver restraints and roll cage is permitted.**

PASSED 5-0-1. Blakely absent.

6. **Allow the exhaust system to exit behind the driver (current rule) or exit the side of the car (proposed) in Modified categories.** This would allow the exhaust to exit to the side of the vehicle ahead of the driver, such as immediately in front or behind the front wheels.

6.2.E. VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION – Modified Category

10. Exhaust systems may be replaced with any material with the following requirements:

a. The exhaust must exit to the rear of the driver **or to the side of the vehicle.**

FAILED 0-5-1. Blakely absent.

7. **Allow tube framed vehicles to compete in Modified categories.** Provide further guidance on Modified preparation allowances. The RXB welcomes members' input to help guide the future direction of Modified preparation allowances.

FAILED 0-5-1. Blakely absent.

8. **Allow UTVs with specified safety equipment to compete, perhaps in a separate class.** Insurance underwriting review and approval will be needed for this change. RallyCross is currently based on passenger vehicles. Should we open the door to non-passenger type vehicles? This might be a good opportunity for a region to pilot a UTV class, including proposed safety requirements.

FAILED 0-5-1. Blakely absent.

9. **To help ensure compliance with the current Modified category requirement that “The shape of the body must remain recognizable as that of manufacturer’s make and model”, allow the modification but not removal of front/rear bumper covers and provide additional guidance on the removal or modification of trim pieces and lights. To allow competitors sufficient time to comply with this revision, in 2016 this rule change will apply only to the 2016 RallyCross National Championship event and for all other events beginning January 1, 2017.** (Comment: Bumper covers integral to the bodywork may be modified or replaced but must resemble the standard component. By way of example, the steel front bumper on a 1976 Triumph Spitfire may be removed, but the bumper cover on a 2002 Subaru WRX may only be modified or replaced. Lights, including headlights, turn lights and brake lights, may be removed but must be replaced with wire mesh or a panel of non-flammable material.)

6.2.E. VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION – Modified Category

3. All non-essential components may be removed, replaced or relocated for the purpose of weight reduction or balance with the following requirements:

d. Doors, hoods, trunk lids, sunroofs, hatchbacks, etc., need not function as originally designed; however, the driver door and passenger doors (if a passenger seat is present) must maintain sufficient functionality to allow safe ingress/egress. **Bumpers, grilles, lights and trim may be removed. Side mirrors and tail/stop lights are not required. Grilles and trim pieces may be modified, removed, or replaced with replicas of alternate material. Bumpers not integral to the bodywork, and their associated mounting hardware, may be modified or removed. Bumpers integral to the bodywork may be modified or replaced with replicas of alternate material. Modified or replica bumpers must be of similar shape as standard components, and not confuse the identity of the vehicle. Lights may be modified or removed, provided any remaining openings must be covered with a wire mesh screen or panel of fiberglass, metal, or similar non-flammable material. Side mirrors may be removed or modified.**

PASSED 3-2-1. Sealander and Regan opposed. Blakely absent.

10. **Update helmet certification requirements.** Add Snell 2015 standard and drop Snell 2000 standard per most current SCCA requirements.

6.3. VEHICLE/DRIVER SAFETY

P. All helmets meeting the latest or two immediately preceding Snell Foundation standards (**SA2015, SAH2015,**

SA2010, SAH2010, SA2005, ~~SA2000~~, M2015, M2010, M2005, ~~M2000~~, K2015, K2010, K2005, ~~K99~~), SFI standards 31.1, 41.1, 31.1A, 31.2A, 41.1A, 41.2A or British spec BS6658-85 type A/FR are acceptable.

PASSED 5-0-1. Blakely absent.

- RallySprint Committee: A draft of the RallySprint rules has been submitted to insurance for approval. The RXB is planning to review and approve the final set of RallySprint rules at the next RXB meeting.

The final pilot event, scheduled for December 12 at DirtFish Rally School in Washington, has been sanctioned and insured. The organizers plan to have a full weekend of RallySprint and RallyCross activities.

- National Championship Committee (Stephen Hyatt): The RXB reviewed and discussed the survey results and comments. Those results will be posted at the SCCA RallyCross Facebook page for all membership to view.

The RXB is planning to add one or two more National Championship Committee members for 2016. Anyone who is interested may contact the RXB at rxb@scca.com.

- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): The Divisional RallyCross Stewards did not have a meeting in September. The RXB has approved and submitted a name and resume to the BOD for their approval of a new Rocky Mountain Division RallyCross Steward.

Old Business

- Marketing plan lobbying efforts (Hyatt): Tabled until a later meeting.
- National Challenge events direction for 2016: The National office staff presented a proposal for making changes to the 2016 National Challenge program. The plan would reduce the number of events to two or three, with one in the East, one in the West and a possible third in the Central area of the country. Events would have support from the National office that would include timing and scoring, PA system, the National office timing and administration rig, registration and check-in, contingencies and trophies. Hosting Regions would be relieved of most of the responsibilities and liabilities of a National Challenge event while receiving a guaranteed base fee and marketing support. The National Challenges would stay consistent with 2- to 2 ½- day format. All events are planned to be run in the spring and summer months.

Motion: Adopt the 2016 National Challenge proposal as presented and authorize the National office to move forward with it. Lightfoot/Regan. PASSED 5-0-1. Blakely absent.

- Year-end RallyCross awards: Hyatt asked that the RXB consider recipients for the year-end RallyCross awards, which include the Dirty Cup, the Divisional RallyCross Achievement, the Regional RallyCross Achievement and the Spark Plug awards. He also requested input on these awards from the Divisional RallyCross Stewards. Plans are for the RXB to vote on the awards no later than the December meeting.

New Business

- RXB face-to-face meeting: The RXB has decided to conduct a face-to-face meeting at the 2016 National Convention. Hyatt will request an additional day before the National Convention for the meeting. He would also like to schedule a day before the 2016 RallyCross National Championship for an additional meeting.
- The RXB conducted a short executive session discussing personnel matters.

Next meeting: November 3, 2015

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

ROAD RALLY BOARD

ROAD RALLY BOARD MINUTES | October 12, 2015

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on October 12, 2015; meeting called to order at 7:43 CDT by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Chuck Hanson, Len Picton, Jeanne English, Clarence Westberg, John Emmons, Deena Rowland from the National Office, BOD liaisons Terry Hanushek and Lee Hill, NEC Chairman Mike Thompson.

September minutes were approved. Len/Clarence/pass.

Front Burner Items:

1. RReNewsletter – Latest issue published October 4. Another fine job on the newsletter. Kudos to Cheryl Babbe for her continued efforts. Cheryl is the only person to consistently get out a newsletter; others have tried in the past, and did it for a few issues, but then stopped. RRB members are encouraged to contribute (Guest Checkpoint Chat Column, Save the Date, My First Rally, Rally Apps, Event Recaps, ...)
2. Road Rally Planning Calendar. (Jeanne)
Latest version is September 30, 2015; Deena will update it on the SCCA website.
3. Last week's SCCA BOD Meeting: Comments and Observations from the BOD Liaisons, Terry Hanushek and Lee Hill:
Terry and Lee talked about the new Regional Development Committee, and the RRB's new strategic view; the BOD was pleased, emphasizing that the experiential side of the sport is very important
4. NEC Report (Mike)
 - a. Requirements for Divisional events in 2016:
Mike – the NEC set up a chart defining the differences between national, divisional, and regional events as an easy reference guide; will be published soon
 - b. *Motion*: The GTA National Championship be sunsetted according to a schedule to be determined. *Len/John/pass (5-1, Chuck dissenting)*. Discussion: GTAs make fine regionals, but there are not enough events for a championship. The RRB wants to clarify that there can still be GTA rallies, they will just not be part of a championship.
 - c. *Motion*: It is the intent of the RRB to sunset the GTA National Championship at the end of the 2016 season unless there are 4 national events and at least 10 cars at each of those events. *Rich/Chuck/pass (5-1, John dissenting)*. Discussion: John thinks we should end it now; Rich thinks this motion puts the GTA community on notice, and gives them a chance to get more people out to support GTA events; Jeanne thinks it is too late to tell people that this is the last year.
 - d. *Motion*: It is the intent of the RRB to sunset the GTA National Championship at the end of the 2015 season. *John/Clarence/fail (3-3, Jeanne, Chuck, Rich dissenting)*. Discussion: see previous motion.
 - e. *Motion*: Change the minimum length of National rallies from 200 miles to 180 miles, and also eliminate the requirement for an OBS control. *Clarence/Rich/pass*. Discussion: OBS controls have outlived their purpose, and currently are often used for traps on course rallies and not used at all on tour rallies. Mike will talk to the NEC about implementing these changes.
 - f. *Motion*: That the RRB accepts the new chart describing the requirements for the three types of competitive SCCA rallies (nationals, divisionals, regionals). *Clarence/Jeanne/pass*. Discussion: The RRB asks that the NEC be extremely liberal in dealing in dealing with events in the 2016 transitional year; divisionals will be approved by the NEC (as nationals are currently); the RRB and NEC ask that calendar requests be sent in as early as possible; Clarence asked that conflicting date requests for divisionals be allowed; the NEC will look at this issue.
 - g. NEC Membership changes for 2016: *Motion*: Add Ron Ferris, St. Louis region, to the NEC, effective immediately. *Rich/Clarence/pass*. Rich would like to invite the NEC chairman to future RRB meetings for NEC items.
5. USRRC Events
 - a. 2018 St. Louis - Positive response sent to Jim Heine; target date for formal approval is June 2016.
 - b. 2015 Cal Club (Jeanne) - coming along
6. 2016 Proposed Rules Changes
 - a. Action: Discussion and final approval on changes #1, 2, 5, and 15:
Motion: Accept and adopt proposals 1 and 2 (see below for final wording). *Rich/Jeanne/pass*.
Motion: Accept and adopt proposal 5 (see below). *Chuck/Rich/pass (4-2, Clarence and John dissenting)*. Discussion: John thinks that contestants should be SCCA members all year, not weekend members during the year and then joining at the end of the year.
Motion: Accept and adopt proposal 15 (see below). *Rich/Jeanne/pass (4-2, Len and Chuck dissenting)*. Discussion: Clarence and others thought that rallymasters for national and divisional rallies should be SCCA members, but not for regionals since they are often written by local rallyists; all felt that chairmen and safety stewards needed to be SCCA members; for 2016, rallymasters for

divisional rallies do not have to be SCCA members, but starting in 2017 they do.

b. Discussion and final approval of other items – deferred to November meeting.

7. New Business

John asked about when the RRB would have its face to face meeting. Suggestions included having it at the NE divisional conference (in March in the Poconos), at the SCCA convention in Las Vegas (time with RRB liaisons would be very limited), at the SE divisional conference (Valentine's weekend), having it somewhere convenient to RRB members (Madison?) not in conjunction with any divisional conference. John said that if the point is to rollout/sell regional programs, then it would be a good idea to meet with folks who don't currently have rally programs. Rich – further discussion deferred to next month.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 PM CDT

Next meeting November 9, 2015, via conference call

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary

Proposed rule changes for 2016:

(full list of proposed changes was in the August RRB minutes)

Change #1 - 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."

Change #2 - Article 2E – 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."

Rationale: This change makes the rule book consistent with the restriction which has existed on the sanction form.

Change #5 - Article 8 A)

Set Nov. 1 as date to acquire membership

Change #15

Clarification of SCCA membership requirements:

For all National, Divisional, and Regional rallies: Chairman - yes, Safety Steward - yes

For 2016 – rallymasters of National events

For 2017 and beyond – rallymasters of National and Divisional events