

# RALLYCROSS BOARD

## RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | May 3, 2016

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on May 3. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Karl Sealander, Ron Foley, Keith Lightfoot, Chris Regan, Kito Brielmaier and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance were Tere Pulliam, Arnie Coleman, and Lee Hill, BOD liaisons, 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 Committee reviewed one rollover incident in the past month and concluded it was the result of course degradation. The Region's Safety Stewards will be more conscientious of course conditions at future events.
- Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): Lightfoot reported that there has been moderate traffic on the forums for rules suggestions. Members may continue to comment and submit new rules suggestions through June 15.
- RallySprint Committee (Kito Brielmaier): RallySprint and RallyTrials sanction applications and audit forms are now available for download from the SCCA website. One RallySprint event was completed in April and several new events are in the planning stages.
- National Championship Committee (Mark Macoubrie): Macoubrie distributed to the RXB a list of Chiefs for the RallyCross National Championship.

**Motion:** Approve the proposed list of Chiefs for the 2016 RallyCross National Championship. Macoubrie/Regan. PASSED 7-0.

The RXB agreed to open registration for the 2016 RallyCross National Championship to past champions on July 1 and to everyone else on July 16.

After the West Coast National Challenge the question was raised whether a competitor can be given a rerun for a debeat once per heat or once per event. The RXB discussed and decided to clarify in the Supplemental Regulations that each competitor is allowed a rerun for a debeat only once per event.

Brian Harmer gave a report on his visit to the RallyCross National Championship site in Indianola, Iowa where he met with the National Balloon Classic administrators, town officials, the Chamber of Commerce, and event vendors. Plans for 2016 are to do more local promotion and include more community involvement in the event. One new activity planned for 2016 is a cruise to the high school for a car show on Saturday night.

- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): Foley reported that the most recent Divisional RallyCross Steward (DRXS) meeting had 6 of the stewards in attendance. Some of the subjects discussed were the West Coast National Challenge event, the number of runs planned at the East Coast National Challenge, use of a course change kit, and the implementation rationale of late fees at National Challenge events. The Northeast Division RallyCross steward, James Quattro, has tendered his resignation effective December 31, 2016. The RXB is now accepting applications for his replacement, with a start date of January 1, 2017.

### Old Business

- RallyCross marketing progress: The RXB continues to look for content providers for both print and video marketing materials. As the SCCA website is reworked over the next few months, it should improve usability by being more sport-specific and allowing RallyCross to generate its own content. Part of that content will include the Jim Rowland suite of documents discussed by the RXB recently. To generate some additional visual content, a photographer will be on staff for the East Coast National Challenge event and a request for a videographer has been submitted.
- Court of Appeals appointments: The RXB discussed possible appointments for the 2016 Court of Appeals and chose a primary and a secondary member from each of the RXB, DRXS, and competitors at large. Contacts will be made and the appointments confirmed during the next month, with the final Court of Appeals to be approved at the next RXB meeting.

### New Business

- National & Regional event scheduling: A recent Regional scheduling conflict with a National Challenge event has caused the

RXB to again consider scheduling guidelines and the need to schedule National events as early as possible. RXB agreed that a 500-mile radius would be an acceptable mileage guideline for Regional events held on the same date as a National event. The RXB also agreed that for 2017 any bids for National Challenge events must be submitted to the RXB by October 1 with a location and a few potential dates. Foley will take these guidelines to the DRXS. Facebook and a possible email blast will also be used to spread the word.

- West Coast National Challenge review: Brian Harmer gave high praise for the event saying that it was run efficiently, course design was good and proactive, the timing system worked well, the food was great, and there were very few problems. A couple of takeaways for improvement are to always stress in the drivers meeting the requirement of red flags for debeads and to have clearer expectations that Modified competitors are required to fill out the disclosure form and to attend the class inspection. Hyatt requested that the National Championship Committee rework the Supplemental Regulations and/or the Disclosure Form to require that Modified competitors attend class inspection and that the organizers have verification of attendance through the Disclosure Form.
- Errors and omissions: It was brought to the attention of the RXB that a rules error and omission released in March had inconsistent verbiage. The following proposed change corrects the inconsistency:

**7.2.F** Review and issue final approval for issuance of SCCA sanction when standards have been appropriately met for event regulations. Any sanction request where a Divisional RallyCross Steward is listed as Chairman, Event Organizer or Regional Executive/RE Designee ~~will~~ **may only** be approved by the Chairman of the RXB or a designee.

**Motion:** Approve the changes to 7.2.F. Macoubrie/Foley. PASSED 7-0.

- Waiver changes: Hyatt reviewed the new requirements for insurance waivers recently outlined to the membership. Those new requirements are summarized at [\\*New\\* SCCA Waiver Chart](#).

Next meeting: June 7, 2016

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

# ROAD RALLY BOARD

## ROAD RALLY BOARD MINUTES | May 9, 2016

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on May 9, 2016; meeting called to order at 7:35 CDT by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Clarence Westberg, John Emmons, Jim Crittenden, Clyde Heckler, guest Director Brian McCarthy, BOD liaisons Lee Hill, Bob Dowie, and Terry Hanushek, SCCA Staff Howard Duncan and Jamie Mullin, NEC chairman Mike Thompson, RDC chairman Jay Nemeth-Johannes, and Jeanne English, RRB secretary.

Minutes: April minutes approved as published in Fastrack.

### Front Burner Items:

1. Moment of Silence for Mark Haas, long time SCCA member, active competitor and organizer from South Jersey Region, who died last month; the RRB expresses its condolences to his family and friends; Clyde expressed thanks from the SJR region, and said that they may do a memorial rally in his honor next year (similar to the Dave Teter Memorial Rally Weekend).
2. RReNewsletter – We expect a new issue any day now. Rally organizers are encouraged to support Cheryl's efforts by promoting the newsletter at their events and contributing articles.
3. Administrative Item Follow Up (Deena)
  - a. New fillable-PDF sanction application and audit forms have been posted to SCCA.com. Thank you, Jim, Terry and Deena! Jay said he used the audit form this morning and it worked fine.
4. SCCA Staff Attendees
  - a. We have Howard Duncan and Jamie Mullin from the SCCA staff joining this call. Howard introduced Jamie who is an administrative assistant to the Competition Dept (rally, solo, club racing), Deena is in Membership working on sanctions/audits and insurance; over the next month administrative duties (except sanction/ins) are being transferred to Jamie, but funnel items through Howard first. Rich is invited to lunch with Howard and Jamie when all their schedules allow. Rich said to send results and such to Howard/Jamie; toolbox items/documents to Jamie; sanctions, audits, and planning calendar to Deena (car counts and such will still come from Deena). Who will attend the RRB calls? Likely Jamie, she can be contacted by using her email [jmullen@scca.com](mailto:jmullen@scca.com) and/or by using the SCCA 800 phone number.
5. SCCA News
  - a. New SCCA Waiver requirements. An SCCA leadership webinar was held 4/25/16 to announce new waiver forms. New forms will be required in calendar year 2017 and the new forms can be used in 2016. A link to the webinar replay and presentation is available at <http://www.scca.com/pages/event-waiver-process>.
  - b. For those outside of California, New York and Florida the primary change is a new set of forms. For those in the affected states refer to presentation as the changes are too complex to summarize here.
  - c. These changes are being driven by the insurance carrier, K&K.
  - d. Largest impact seems to be that the expiration of annual waivers will be 12/31 each year, instead of the date of membership expiration. This will mainly affect those race events that occur in the south in January. Work to mitigate this issue is in progress.
6. Tiered Membership.
  - a. Rich noted that in the BOD minutes from the April FasTrack Lee Hill brought up the suggestion of tiered memberships. "The real issue is that membership revenue is a big part of the current business model. The Board needs to look at a broader view than just membership including the upside to all programs and build on that."
  - b. Thank you for raising this issue with the rest of the BOD, Lee.
7. Regional Development Committee
  - a. Jay Nemeth-Johannes – not had time to do much this past month because of working on his rally Badger Burrow; he did forward info to a Miata bulletin board, got one response
  - b. Jay's Badger Burrow National was this past weekend
  - c. Recruiting additional RDC members – Lee said that this is a committee, it needs more members to have different points of view; he suggested adding someone more committed toward membership, perhaps even a non-rally person; set as a goal for the June meeting that the RRB members bring 4 or 5 nominees (rally and non-rally); Jim asked if it was OK to actually reach out to that person/talk to him/her – yes.
8. NEC Report (Mike)
  - a. Recent and Upcoming National events (Confirm dates at [scca.com](http://scca.com))
    - i. Teter March Lion, March Lamb – April 8-10
    - ii. Milwaukee Badger Burrow – May 7 – one leg was discarded because a control was misplaced; then, within the proper time, a national competitor insisted that another leg be dropped because his mileage didn't agree, saying further that if the leg was not discarded

that he would file a claim (which would have the effect of further delaying scores); the leg was discarded, it did not affect scores, Jay did it to keep the peace and not delay scoring any further; he was not happy discarding the leg, feeling that the contestant was pressuring him to discard the leg.

- iii. Steel Cities Steel Haul – May 14
  - iv. Milwaukee Roads Scholar – June 11, 12, Sunday rally already full
  - v. NER Hurdle – August 6
  - vi. Land O Lakes Lacrosse – Oktober Rally/Badger Trails – Sept 16, 17
  - vii. (not yet sanctioned) Two National Course Rallies, Folsom, CA – October 15, 16
  - viii. (not yet sanctioned) SoCal Highway Robbery – October 22
- b. Liaisons for 2016 and 2017 USRRC - Ron Ferris is liaison for this year's USRRC
  - c. Pointskeeper status (John) – latest points, through the end of April, went to Deena and Cheryl
  - d. RRRs apply to divisionals? NEC feels they should, so there is consistency between events, but it would still be OK for local generals to add addenda to make them comply with the RRRs. The NEC feels that the rule about no controls in no passing zones should be moved to the RFOs so committees don't have to get a sanction exception every time (this is a very common sanction exception). Mike/NEC is working on the RRRs update; should there be a limit on how many events a competitor can count? This might discourage those who reach their limit to not run any more rallies. The NEC is working on how to make the RRRs more readable, perhaps dividing it into three sections; do all of the appendices need to be there? Bruce Gezon is 'the scribe' for the RRRs; once Mike gives him the items to update, Mike will ask Bruce his opinion about having three sections to the RRRs. See item 10.d. below for more discussion of this topic.
9. Howard Duncan – Use of online training for Safety Stewards in other areas of SCCA.  
Two or three weeks ago Doug Gill did the first online Solo Safety Steward training, the feedback very positive; definitely going forward with trying to expand this into all areas of the club, starting with Safety Steward training. Doug can send the RRB the power point presentation to look at and we would then coordinate with him to make it appropriate for road rally; the solo training was 'sold out', with preregistration required; they have 30 to 40 people. We are probably 2 to 3 months away for RR; when ready, the RReNewsletter can be a way to promote it, set up registration, etc. The Solo SS training use gotowebinar, which has more features than gotomeeting; those attending can either use their computers with a webcam, or just listen on the phone; the presentation needs two people: the presenter and the moderator.
10. New Business
- a. Rich is not available on June 13 for the next RRB meeting; the meeting is rescheduled for June 6 (the first Monday in June).
  - b. Reminder: June 30 deadline for 2017 Rule Change proposals
  - c. Jeanne has done a new planning calendar, Deena has already posted it.
  - d. Do divisional rallies need to follow the RRRs? Jim thinks that many items don't/shouldn't apply, and more importantly some rallymasters/chairmen may not fully understand the RRRs, thus the downside outweighs the upside. Clarence thinks that organizers do know the rules; he also pointed out that many conventions people think are in the RRRs, are now gone. Terry said that divisionals are meant to be a bridge between regionals and nationals; also, that they were created to separate regionals meant to be part of the national championship (call them divisionals) from regionals not meant to be part of the championship.  
Mike said that the NEC can certainly address administrative things (claims, how long controls remain open, etc), but other things (what roads exist; consistent glossary, etc), are tougher to address because of conflicts between local and national generals. Rich asked what is, really, the proposal for divisionals - it started as divisionals being in full compliance with the RRRs, but things seem to be changing. Mike said that the proposal is meant to address articles that relate to conventions and definitions, things that affect contestants.  
John suggested that in 2017 divisionals not count for the championship, that it is national rallies only; he said that when the RRRs changed in 2005 it did not result in any more competitors, yet here we are trying to entice national competitors, so why not go back to the 2005 rules. Clyde disagreed, saying that in SNJ people started running again who had not been running in a while. John replied to Clyde, saying he was missing the point, which is that overall attendance has been dropping in the last several years; committees that are getting good turnouts are getting them because of the organizers, not because of the changes in the RRRs. Lee said the whole idea of the RDC is to find more people like Jim, Jay, and Sasha to drive local programs. Jay said that developing regional programs has nothing to do with the national program now, it may in 4 or 5 years.  
Mike said that the RRB is micromanaging the NEC and asked that the RRB let the NEC do their job. Jim said that it is all about getting more people, that more rules can only discourage people. John suggested that we settle the national program and then work on the rest. Jim doesn't want to raise the bar so high that it discourages others from putting on events. Lee asked if there are there enough

national events only for the championships to be only nationals. Jay responded that if the tour and course series were combined there would be enough rallies, but that was voted down; he also said that it comes down to who is willing to write the rallies, not to who is willing to attend. Mike said at this point, let's just leave things alone for 2017, that divisionals will not have to comply with RRRs, although Appendix A still applies. More to come on this.

11. Back Burner Items (Deferred for several months).
  - a. 2015 Gervais Award Announcement and Presentation
  - b. Year end award determination. Pending Action for later in 2016: Need to clarify this language in the RRRs (Crittenden). Perhaps we move the SCCA joining deadline for weekend members to a date earlier in the year. Mike addresses this in his 2017 RRRs revisions.
  - c. Scca.com web site reorganization: SCCA 2016 Convention Follow Up: First set of priority changes. Proposed list for discussion: Rich is trying to schedule another lunch with Heyward Wagner and Jon Krolewicz.
    - i. Rally items are in File Cabinet and Downloads. Needs to be under the rally program
    - ii. Downloadable items need to be organized by
      1. Information for contestants
      2. Information for organizers
    - iii. Information for new organizers (Jay's requirement)
    - iv. Moderate, add delete, i.e. maintain our own content.
    - v. Moderate our own forum.
    - vi. Easy access to information on individual events. Links to info on a specific event.
    - vii. Consistent, stable link to the Road Rally Planning Calendar. The improvements we make for the Road Rally program are applicable to other programs as well.
    - viii. Need a direct link to the RReNewsletter

Motion to adjourn at 9:39 PM CDT  
Next meeting June 6, via conference call  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne English, RRB Secretary