

RALLYCROSS BOARD

RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | July 5, 2016

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on July 5. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Karl Sealander, Ron Foley, Keith Lightfoot, Chris Regan, Kito Brielmaier and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance were Arnie Coleman and Terry Hanushek, 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 Committee reviewed an incident where a competitor was injured while camping at an event. No further action was deemed necessary. Regan also reported progress towards establishing processes for Safety Steward License renewal and RallySprint / RallyTrials Safety Steward training. He hopes to have these ready for review at the next RXB meeting.
- Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): The Committee received and is addressing a couple of rules clarification requests from members. Lightfoot will soon forward a summary of new rules proposals for 2017 to the Committee for feedback. The Committee is on schedule to have a draft of the new rules proposals out for member comment by August 1.
- RallySprint Committee (Kito Brielmaier): Hyatt requested that the Committee review the 2016 rules and propose any updates addressing errors or changes for 2017. These proposed updates should be posted for member comment following the RallyCross rule change timeline.
- National Championship Committee (Mark Macoubrie): Macoubrie updated the RXB on the progress of the RallyCross National Championship planning. A notification for the event will appear in the August issue of SportsCar. The Committee is working on finalizing the schedule, organizing course maintenance and cleanup, event directional signage, and a promotional poster. The chief steward has begun meeting with the Committee to ensure all organizational aspects of the event are covered. The RXB discussed providing a process of inquiry for competitors through the use of an inquiry form or driver advisor.
- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): Foley reported that the most recent Divisional RallyCross Stewards (DRXS) conference call was not well attended but that the discussions were productive. Discussion items included the upcoming East Coast National Challenge event and a hybrid / electric vehicle class proposal.

Old Business

- Marketing updates: There has been a good response from a purchased Facebook ad for the East Coast National Challenge. Similar ads are planned for the Central National Challenge and the RallyCross National Championship. Google banner ads are also being developed that will direct users to the SCCA RallyCross landing page. There is a need for RallyCross news items and a gatekeeper to manage and maintain fresh content. The SCCA is also considering marketing outside the SCCA through an online magazine hub that would run ads and provide opportunities for RallyCross-specific magazine content.
- East Coast National Challenge updates: The event is on track for success with 66 current entries and the possibility of walkup entries. Text notifications will be used at the event to notify competitors of important information such as schedule reminders and course changes. Nathan Usher will serve as an outside steward and will be checking the courses and ensuring that the event is run fairly for the competitors.
- NEDiv Divisional RallyCross Steward: Plans to install a new DRXS in the Northeast Division on January 1, 2017 has been accelerated to July 15.

Motion: Approve Jim Perrin as Divisional RallyCross Steward in the Northeast Division effective July 15, 2016. Hyatt / Foley. PASSED 7-0.

New Business

- CenDiv Divisional RallyCross Steward: With the sudden resignation of the Central Division DRXS, the RXB needs to find a replacement as soon as possible. The RXB will be making contacts in CenDiv in search of a replacement. Those interested in applying for the position may submit a résumé to the RXB at rxb@scca.com.
- Hybrid / Electric vehicles: Hyatt and Brielmaier presented a set of proposed rules for a Regional exhibition class for hybrid and electric vehicles. The RXB discussed the benefits of the proposed separate class as opposed to running hybrids and

electrics within existing classes. The current RallyCross rules are not clear regarding hybrids and electrics (other than the electric power plant components and wiring shall not be altered or modified in the Modified Category), but hybrids and electrics are assumed by the RXB to be allowed in all appropriate classes. The RXB will continue to discuss the proposed exhibition class at the next RXB meeting.

Next meeting: August 2, 2016

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary