

ROAD RALLY BOARD

Sports Car Club of America RoadRally Board Minutes October 10, 2016

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on October 10, 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, NEC chairman Mike Thompson, guest Peter Schneider, North Jersey Region, BOD liaisons Terry Hanushek and Lee Hill, and Jeanne English, RRB secretary

Minutes: September minutes stand as published.

Front Burner Items:

1. RReNewsletter – This issue was a great recap of the first SCCA Targa event and the road rally that was part of the overall event. There have been two issues since the last RRB meeting.
2. Planning Calendar released last week. Thank you, Jeanne. There will be another one soon.
3. (No report this month) SCCA Staff Attendees (Jamie)
4. (No report this month) Regional Development Committee (Jay)
5. (Short) NEC Report (Mike)
 - a. Recent and Upcoming National events (Confirm dates at scca.com)
 - i. LOL – Course/Tour – Oktober Rally/Badger Trails – Sept 16, 17
 - ii. Two National Course Rallies, Folsom, CA – October 15, 16
 - iii. SoCal Highway Robbery – October 22
 - b. Liaisons for 2016 and 2017 USRRC
 - i. Chuck Larouere – 2016 (New England)
 - ii. Mike Thompson – 2017 (Arctic Alaska)
 - c. 2017 National Events on the horizon
 - i. Yucatan Safari (LOL), January 15.
 - ii. Mark Haas Memorial Weekend (South Jersey) March 18-19 National/Div
 - iii. Desert Sands, Desert Sins, 2 National Course Rallies, Arizona Border, March 4, 5, 2017
 - iv. Roads Scholar/Badger Burrow Course/Tour Weekend, May 20-21, 2017
 - v. Oktoberally, first weekend in October
6. Pointskeeper status (John)
 - a. Indy Course Rallies – issue resolved
7. 2017 Proposed Rule Changes Final Action

The objective of this year's rule making process was to provide an objective, methodical, thoughtful and inclusive method for doing so. Jim and Clyde deserve credit for summarizing the proposals, distributing widely to the road rally community, soliciting comments and tabulating their comments.

Each proposal is listed as an individual line item and includes the voting results from the road rally community. We'll vote on each proposal separately. The numbers of each proposal refer to the Summary of 2017 Rules Proposals below.

Following the vote, Rich will post a summary of the voting to the Yahoo Group, Facebook page and send a note to the rally organizer mailing list.

a. #12 – Reduce Divisional Worker points to 5			<u>RRB vote</u>
0 in favor, 15 opposed,	0%		Fail 0-5
b. #6 – Prohibit clock syncing via cable			
2 in favor, 14 opposed,	13%		Fail 1-4
c. #13 - Require 2 Nationals for award			
5 in favor, 10 opposed	33%		Fail 1-3-1
d. #14 – Require annual membership at start of year			
5 in favor, 9 opposed	36%		Fail 2-3
e. #4 - Eliminate Safety Steward program			
7 in favor, 10 opposed	41%		Tabled

Discussion – really meant to be about licensing of RoadRally Safety Stewards, not elimination of program itself; figure out how to modernize it

Motion: table this proposal for further study. M/S/Pass 5-0

- f. #9 Eliminate USRRC point premium
13 in favor, 2 opposed 86% Pass 5-0
 - g. #1 - Delete requirement for SCCA stickers
12 in favor, 3 opposed 87% Pass 4-1
Jim talked to Deena, who said she has 2,000 stickers for sale at \$2 each (\$1.75 if ordered by a region). John asked if SCCA can put them on magnets, how much would this add to the cost. Jim said it adds \$1. Car numbers are also available, price unknown; Deena has 11 packets of numbers 0 to 25
 - h. #11 - Increase National worker points to 20
12 in favor, 3 opposed 80% Pass 5-0
Clarence asked if a combination event gets points for each series; this seems to be a loophole; currently you get points for one only. Rich said we would table this for further discussion, and also discuss divisional worker points
 - i. #7 - Awards to 10 positions, not 10%
8 in favor, 4 opposed 67% Pass 5-0
Clarification: first eliminate those not eligible, then assign finishing positions.
Change: give awards to 10 places, not 10%
 - j. #10 - Increase equivalents from 14 to 16
9 in favor, 6 opposed 60% Fail 0-5
Discussion was varied, with many differing opinions; Terry said that the racing community has found that increasing the number of events to count actually tends to decrease attendance because those who can't run all the events in a particular year, know that others will run them all, and as a result they don't compete that year.
 - k. #8 – Eliminate 70 point rule
8 in favor, 4 opposed 67% Pass 5-0
Reminder: you still have to run and count a national to qualify for year-end award
 - l. #2 – 60 day deadline for Divisional sanction
6 in favor, 8 opposed 50%
Current is 30 day deadline
Motion: change to 45 day deadline. M/S/Pass 5-0
 - m. #5 - Require Divisionals to follow Articles 22-27
6 in favor, 10 opposed 38% Fail 2-3
 - n. #3 – Divisionals must submit GIs with sanction request
6 in favor, 10 opposed 38% Pass 3-2
Amend so this applies to Divisional Course events only
8. New Business – b and c postponed to next month
- a. Stickers, Signs and Numbers (Jim) - see item 7.g. above
 - b. Appoint Peter Schneider as Targa Northeast focal point
 - c. Web Site update (Rich)
 - d. 2017 Convention (Rich) Travel Thursday, Jan 19, sessions Friday and Saturday, possible meeting on Sunday with BOD Liaisons; there will be three RoadRally sessions
9. Mike will send clarification of voting for Rally of the Year to the RRB

Motion to adjourn at 9:37 PM CDT

Next meeting November 14, via conference call

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary

Summary of 2017 Rule Change Proposals

1. Delete the requirement to display SCCA stickers on rally cars (Article 13 C 2). *pass*
2. Require sanction requests for Divisional rallies to be submitted 60 days ahead of the event. Current rules require Divisional sanctions be submitted 30 days in advance. (Article 4C) *changed to 45 days, pass*
3. Require sanction requests for Divisional rallies to include a rough draft of their General Instructions. Current rules require only National rallies to submit a rough draft of their General Instructions. (Article 4 C) *pass*
4. Eliminate the RoadRally Safety Steward licensing program. The function of a rally safety check would be performed by a prechecker who would complete the form that is currently completed by the safety steward. *tabled*

Operating rule proposals:

5. Require Divisional rallies to adhere to Articles 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 in addition to the other articles that they are currently required to follow. (See Appendix A for a list of the current requirements) *fail*
6. Prohibit cable syncing of contestant clocks to the rallymaster's clock. *fail*

Championship Series proposals:

7. Change the language describing year end awards to the following: At the conclusion of the competition year, contestants who have neither met the eligibility requirements described in Article 8 A nor competed in at least one National RoadRally during the year in that series (Tour, Course, GTA) will be removed from the standings. Finishing positions will then be assigned. If two or more contestants have accumulated the same number of points, the position in question shall be declared a tie. The next position(s) shall be vacated. Awards will be presented to the people who finish in the top 10 positions in each Class in each Series. *pass*
8. Remove the 70 point limit for Divisional rallies in Article 8 B 4. *pass*
9. Delete the triple points for USRRC events. USRRC points will be assigned as they would be for any other rally, that is, 20 points for a National win and 10 points for a Divisional win. *pass*
10. Increase the equivalents from 14 to 16 in Article 8 B 4. This would allow contestants to include one more National or two more Divisionals in the group of events that are used to count their best 10 equivalents. *fail*
11. Increase worker points for working a National rally to 20 points. Working a Divisional rally would remain as 10 points. Specify that worker points can only be earned on one event per year per award category. *pass*
12. Reduce worker points for working a Divisional rally to 5 points. Keep worker points for a National rally at 10 points. (This is an alternate proposal to the prior one) *fail*
13. Require contestants to compete in at least two National rallies to be eligible for a year-end award. Current rules require contestants to compete in at least one National to be eligible for a year-end award. (Article 8 B 4) *fail*
14. Require that contestants be an annual SCCA member to earn Championship Series points. Current rules allow weekend members to earn Championship points as long as they become an annual member by November 1st. (Article 8 A) *fail*