

## RALLYCROSS BOARD

### Agenda for RallyCross Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 11, 2017

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on July 11th. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Ron Foley, Kent Hamilton, Keith Lightfoot, Chris Regan, Kito Brielmaier, and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance was Arnie Coleman BOD liaison.

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

Chairman Hyatt called the meeting to order at 7:07pm CST.

1. **Additions or corrections to the agenda:** None

2. **Chairman's report:** (Hyatt): No Report.

3. **Committee reports:**

- RallyCross Safety Committee (Regan)

- ∅ Updates: No incidents. The safety committee continues to work on a national safety training program.

- Rules Committee (Lightfoot)

Updates: The 2018 rules suggestions will be posted on the [www.rallycross.com](http://www.rallycross.com) forum for review by the RallyCross community in August.

The new 10<sup>th</sup> class rules will be finalized this month and will be sent to the SCCA Board of Directors for review and approval at the August BOD meeting.

- RallySprint Committee (Brielmaier)

- ∅ Updates: Two events will be held soon including an event in Texas and an event in the New England region.

- National Championship Committee (Macoubrie)

- ∅ Updates: The 2017 DirtFish SCCA RallyCross National Championship committee met on July 5, 2017. The committee discussed the schedule for the event. The committee has send the schedule to the national office for review. The committee sent the list of chief positons to the RXB for approval. The RXB approved the list of chief positions for the National Championship. The committee reviewed the site layout and is working with the national office to finalize the site layout for the event. The RXB discussed the opening day for registration. A notice will be posted soon on the opening day of registration.

- Divisional Steward Liaison (Foley)

- ∅ DRXS meeting: No Report.

- Growth and Development Committee (Hamilton)

- ∅ Updates: No Report.

4. Old business:

5. New business:

- 2017 DirtFish SCCA East Coast Review: 71 competitors participated at the East Coast Challenge. There were 12 runs across three days with close competition in several classes. There was a large group of competitors who had never been to a national level event which cause some confusion for the competitors. The RXB will look at how to improve communication of expectation to all the competitors.

- The RXB was tasked with coming up with topics and presenters for the 2018 SCCA National Convention.

6. Motion to adjourn: 8:03pm CST

7. Next RXB Meeting August 1st, 2017.

## ROADRALLY BOARD

### Sports Car Club of America RoadRally Board Minutes June 22, 2017

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on June 22, 2017; meeting called to order at 7:50 pm CDT by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Mike Bennett, Jim Crittenden, Peter Schneider, Clyde Heckler, Jeanne English, secretary, Mike Thompson, NEC chairman, Jamie Mullin, National Office, Lee Hill, BOD liaison, and guest Pego Mack.

1. Approval of May minutes; stand as published.
2. RReNewsletter not published yet, Cheryl has been very busy, she will have one soon.
3. New Event Planning Calendar (Jeanne) -- coming soon.

#### 4. Staff report – Jamie

For tonight's meeting (our first with Skype) she needs to know who is on the Skype app versus on phone; by the end of the meeting, Skype had dropped everyone (using Skype or on the phone) several times, some as many as five times; Rich said that this was not acceptable.

The new Incident Reporting forms are in the file cabinet on the SCCA website.

Rich said that the problem with the RRB mailing list was fixed now.

5. NEC report – Mike T. – Mike T presented the NEC proposal for changes to the class structure; Mike B asked why it listed specific models of rally computer, does the list need to be updated every year? Mike T answered that the definition says "or similar items". Rich said that Mike Young has an app for a simple driver display, what class would that be? Mike T said E. Jim asked what if a Class S competitor has a GPS odometer device? Mike T said L. Peter asked what about Halda Twinmaster/Tripmaster? Mike says S. Peter how is this any different than GPS? Mike B said it is not fair if some in S can correct odo and others can't; Jim and Rich agree. Jim said that the essence of S is stock, non-correctable odometer; there are a number of apps that use GPS, they can be corrected; there are apps with correctable odos, that can be reversed, that can read to hundredths and thousandths – these should all be class L. More advanced apps such as the Richta which gives a continuous readout, should probably be E. Rich said that GPS is not as accurate as a pulse-driven device. Mike T said if it uses a driver's display it's E, if it doesn't use a driver's display, it's L. Jim would put a simple rally computer (GPS app) in L. Mike T said the only app to go in E would be Michel Young's because it has a driver's display. Mike B talked to Class L people in his region about apps; they said "bring it on". Rich asked Mike T to make this part of the rules to be published for comment for 2018.

Peter – published to the RRB a two-page document with his review of his precheck of the USRRC. Peter and Mike T will work on generals. The rally is a destination rally. Trying to get Kevin Poirier to go up in August to do a precheck.

6. Rich reminds all that the rule change window ends June 30; he received a letter from Greg Lester with several suggestions. Peter had a suggestion about getting points all in one region; he will write it up and submit it.

7. Peter asked about RRB members for 2018; Rich is leaving, is he preparing someone to take over? Rich said that the RRB will need to add someone for next year, so there will be an odd number of people; if someone else decides to leave, then the RRB will need two new members.

8. Clyde is working on timelines for rallies; he asked if we are we looking to update the handbooks, or create new stand-alone timelines? Peter said that there should be a document for first-time rallies; also, if documents have different time lines, they should all be the same. Clyde agreed that all timelines should be consistent, but thinks there should be a stand-alone document. If anyone else has comments, send them to Clyde.

9. Under Old Business, Peter asked whether any progress had been made regarding getting Divisional Road Rally Stewards for those regions that don't have them (Northeast, Rocky Mountain, and Northern Pacific); for now, we need stand-ins. Rich will do Rocky Mountain, Peter is already doing Northeast..

10. Any New Business? Rich said that tonight was an unacceptable level of service for this call; too many bounces.

Motion to adjourn at 9:27 pm CDT

Next meeting via conference call, July 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary

**Sports Car Club of America**  
**RoadRally Board Minutes**  
**July 13, 2017**

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on July 13, 2017; meeting called to order at 8:23 pm CDT by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Mike Bennett, Jim Crittenden, Peter Schneider, Clyde Heckler, Jeanne English, secretary, Mike Thompson, NEC chairman, Jamie Mullin, National Office, and Earl Hurlbut, BOD liaison. We were supposed to use Skype for the meeting, but after 45 minutes of people not being able to call in/login, the meeting was switched to a backup phone conference service.

1. Approval of June minutes, stand as published.
2. RReNewsletter – Reminder: Text “roadrally” to 22828 to subscribe.
  - a. July issue should be out shortly. Rich was late getting his column to Cheryl, and Cheryl has been busy working on the USRRC.
3. Event Planning Calendar (Jeanne) – most recent calendar has been reissued in color.
4. SCCA Staff Report (Jamie) –Why are phone call-ins not working? Best answer right now –wrong settings. Jamie and Michael Fitzgerald will do their best to have the Skype system working properly for our August meeting; this month’s attendees may be contacted for their experiences this month.
5. NEC Report (Mike)
  - a. Recent Nationals – already discussed
  - b. Upcoming Nationals – this weekend Indy; LOL events, Labor Day weekend. are under control in various stages of measurement and precheck
  - c. USRRC Update – generals received from Cheryl, Peter suggested deleting things that don’t apply; Saturday and Sunday count as one divisional course rally, Friday is a regional rally (warm-up); Peter wrote a synopsis of rallies as part of generals, emphasizing that this USRRC is a destination event (see the beauty of Alaska)
6. Old Business
  - a. At the end of July, a memo to all rally organizers will be sent out reminding them about control locations, speeds into controls, and certain aspects of pre-checks.
7. New Business
  - a. Starter Kits (Clyde) – updated, if you have more suggestions let Clyde know
  - b. Standard Rally School (Peter) – not ready yet
  - c. 2017 Targa Southland (Peter) – agreed about expenses, meeting with Heyward Wagner tomorrow to go over things; rally date is August 12, it will be the same format as last year, followed by a 6 hr transit to Memphis
  - d. 2018 Regional Development Funding proposal (Peter) – Howard Duncan said there is no budget for it, Peter asked when the budget deadline is for 2018. It was suggested that we ask our liaisons for help with this; Earl asked for an idea of what is needed/wanted.
  - e. Veterans in Motorsports (Crittenden) – Sasha Lanz contacted Jim about a Vet Motorsports article in SportsCar, which mentioned that they had been given a grant from the SCCA Foundation; there are still more events in

Texas, and Sasha wondered if there was any interest in including road rally in this program? Jim will contact Howard Duncan about this.

- f. Other items of new business – Stu Helfer accepted the position of Divisional Road Rally Steward for Northern Pacific.
- g. 2018 Rule Change Proposals

Rich sent 5 separate emails to the RRB each containing a different proposal for RRRs changes which were received from various people by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mike T sent the NEC proposals separately. Rich wants final RRB action on the changes to be October, so they can go to the BOD for final approval by the end of the year. Emails 2 through 5 are being released for public comment, and are listed at the end of these minutes. Email 1 is not being released for public comment, but is listed below.

1. Email 1: Rich thinks this is a bad idea; Jim said that, if approved, it makes Divisionals just short Nationals. **Motion: Release for public comment.**

**Rich/Mike B/Fail**

2. Email 2: **Motion: Release for public comment. Rich/Peter/Pass** (there is also an NEC proposal for this)

3. Email 3: multi-item list:

1 – **Motion: Release for public comment. Jim/Rich/Pass**

2 – **Motion: Release for public comment. Rich/Jim/Pass**

3 – Postpone until equipment discussion (NEC proposal) for final wording; no comments yet, please

4 – The RRB recommends the following change to

RRR.13.C.2:

~~In addition for night events~~, it is recommended that each car have aboard ... **Motion: Release for public comment.**

**Rich/Clyde/Pass**

5 – Already done, see March 2017 RRB minutes, no public comment needed

4. Email 4: (there is also an NEC proposal for this) **Motion: Release for public comment. Rich/Jim/Pass**

5. Email 5: there is confusion/ambiguous wording about how year-end scoring is done (there is also an NEC proposal for this).

**Motion: Release for public comment. Jim/Rich/Pass**

h. Defer NEC proposals to next month. Rich will contact the people who submitted Emails 1 and 3.

i. If the Skype system is not working, we will again use an alternate call-in number.

Motion to adjourn at 9:52 pm CDT

Next meeting via conference call, August 10, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary

Email proposals for RRRs changes:

1. I suggest the divisionals adhere to the complete RRR's (no public comments, please)

2. In 2017, Article 8D of the RRRs (Championship awards) was changed to say that in the event of a tie in the year end Championship standings, the next position would be vacated. I propose that this rule be changed back to the way it was prior to 2017, that is, in the event of a tie the next position would NOT be vacated.

3. Multi-part proposal:

1. Art 4.C - Remove 4 "equivalent" per 7 day restriction. Rationale: Rulebook simplification. With expanded (Divisional) minimums for course length and number of controls there is no danger of the previously-feared "10-rally weekend" occurring.

2. Art 8.B.4 and Art 8.D - Remove any requirement for a competitor to enter at least one National rally to establish eligibility for year end awards in a National Championship. Rationale: Elimination of unnecessary obstacle to participation in National Championship. Last year's elimination of the "70 Point" rule was a good start.

3. Art 11.B - Remove restriction on direct input of GPS-derived mileage in timekeeping calculations in Limited class. Rationale: Allow for proliferation of new "tech" devices, which, because of limitations of GPS-based mileage estimates, are not currently competitive with dedicated rally computers in Equipped class. These devices should be competitive with skilled teams using wheel-sensor derived mileages and semi-automated hand calculations. (this one is being postponed until we get the NEC equipment proposals, so no comments, please)

4. Art 13.C.2 - Remove reference to night events. Rationale: Automobile accidents only occur after dark??

5. Art 13.C.4 - Delete any requirement for competitors to display SCCA logo sticker(s) (already done, no comments needed).

4. Article 16, paragraph C currently says:

No open or passage control shall be positioned in or so soon after a congested area, a heavily traveled road, a lengthy no-passing zone, or any other condition likely to delay rally vehicles so as to deny contestants adequate opportunity to recover all time lost as a result of such conditions.

This wording could maybe use some more specific expansion. The following might be a bit wordy, but a suggested addition: If a control immediately follows a traffic control device such as a traffic light, blinker, stop sign, or yield sign, the contestant shall not be required to exceed the legal speed limit following a typical delay at that traffic control device in order to recover any time lost prior to that control. (there is also an NEC proposal for this)

5. Proposed clarification to Article 8 B) 4). The wording in yellow is to be added.

"contestant may count the best ten (10) of their first fourteen (14) equivalents entered in each series, with at least two (2) of those ten equivalents coming from a national event." Bruce Gezon has indicated this is already how he is applying the rule, but he felt that clarification certainly wouldn't hurt (adding 'ten' is his suggestion, 'best ten' is mine). At least a few people expressed that in their opinion if someone ran a national, but didn't win, they qualify for a year-end award and could then earn 100 points from divisionals. (there is also an NEC proposal for this)