

ROAD RALLY BOARD

Sports Car Club of America
RoadRally Board Minutes
December 14, 2017

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on December 14, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM CST by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Mike Bennett, Jim Crittenden, Clyde Heckler, Peter Schneider, Jeanne English, BOD liaison Earl Hurlbut, Jamie Mullin from SCCA Staff, guests Wendy Harrison and Pego Mack, and Mike Thompson, NEC chairman. Mike Bennett filled in as Secretary due to late arrival of Jeanne.

- 1) November Minutes were approved as published.
- 2) Planning Calendar was published 11/28/17 and is posted online.
- 3) RReNewsletter – Reminder: Text “roadrally” to 22828 to subscribe.
- 4) SCCA Staff Report
 - a) Gervais and Teter “Rally of the Year” Voting Status
 - i) Rich reported that Gervais voting has been completed and the winner has been determined.
 - ii) Rich stated that Teter ballots were mailed 12/13/17, with responses due by 12/30/17.
 - b) 2018 SCCA Convention Logistics and Schedule
 - i) Jamie reported that she has sent out the Reimbursement Form. She has provided all information on the Convention directly to Wendy.
 - c) Championship Standings
 - i) Jamie noted that all current standings are posted as of 12/13/17.
 - d) USRRRC and National Events listed on hardcopy, SportsCar Calendar
 - i) Jamie stated that, with assistance from Jim, information was provided to SportsCar by the 11/30/17 deadline.
 - e) Other items from SCCA HQ
 - i) Jamie said that addition of Wendy to the RRB mailing distribution is in progress, but not yet complete. In the interim, she is sending all RRB communications directly to Wendy.
 - ii) Jamie and Peter informed the group that the RRSS Knowledge Test and Application Process have been posted on the SCCA website in two locations (Downloads and RoadRally Rules & Documents)
 - iii) Jamie noted that SCCA Marketing is working on a cover for the 2018 Road Rally Rules which may feature a photograph from this year’s USRRRC. She also stated that the RRR content update is needed by next week. Scorekeeper Bruce Gezon is handling the content update.
 - iv) Jamie reminded the group that the SCCA National Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years.
- 5) NEC Report
 - a) Recent National Events
 - i) Mike Thompson reported that he was unable to attend The Blacke. Jim described the event, which had good turnout and happy participants, and noted that it was the first National rally chaired by Jim Jurgenson.
 - b) Upcoming Nationals
 - i) Mike Thompson stated that the NEC has approved Sanctions for events to be held next March and June. He also noted that the overall schedule looks good for 2018.
 - c) USRRRC Report
 - i) The USRRRC was discussed by participants.

d) Old Business

- i) Rich reported that use of mobile communications was tried at his November events. A Facebook page was set up and all competitors were encouraged to follow it. His conclusion was that this approach was not workable as an alternative to emergency signs, due to poor cell phone coverage in remote areas visited by the rally.
- ii) Mike Thompson stated that the NEC will be working on a Checklist of Committee responsibilities in 2018.
- iii) Mike asked whether consideration could be given to moving the USRRC earlier in the year, so that it could receive more timely coverage in SportsCar. Rich stated that the “door is open”, although dates have already been set for the 2018 event in St. Louis.
- iv) Mike reported that Bob Demerit has resigned from the NEC, and recommended Jim Heine as his replacement. It was noted that Jim will be the chairman of the 2018 USRRC, and Pego commented that he would be a good choice. Rich moved to appoint Jim Heine to the NEC, Jim Crittenden seconded the motion, and the appointment was approved 5 – 0. Rich will notify Jim Heine soon.

6) Old Business

a) 2018 Rule Changes

- i) Earl reported that all proposed 2018 Rules changes were approved by the SCCA Board of Directors. He noted that the BOD requests all future wording changes to be shown in red print.
- ii) Jim stated that the 2018 RRRs will be posted online first, then printed by the end of January. This approach allows the Gervais and Teter award winner names to be included after they are revealed at the Convention.
- iii) Earl also noted that the BOD approved Wendy as a new member of the RRB and Jim as the new chairman of the RRB.

b) New Road Rally Safety Steward Licensing Process

- i) Peter reported that he still has not received responses from about 50 current RRSS to his email. Pego will review the updated list, and provide whatever information she can about those members.
- ii) Peter noted that he has received a list of concerns regarding the RRSS program from Dave Head, and recommended that they be discussed in an RRB meeting next year.

c) Rally Development Fund

- i) Earl stated that he needs to confirm the status with Howard, and will call him tomorrow.

7) New Business

a) Membership Deadline

- i) Rich reported that Bruce Gezon has suggested moving the deadline for SCCA membership, to be eligible for a year-end award in a Championship RoadRally Series, to the end of the year. Jim noted that the current date is November 1st. Jeanne commented that November 1st is too early. Jim shared that John Emmons feels competitors should be members from the beginning of the year. Pego stated that Club Racing and Solo programs require membership prior to any points being counted toward championships. She was not sure about RallyCross and will check on it.

b) Any Other Business

- i) Jim thanked Rich for his six years of service to the RRB.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM CST

Next meeting to be January 21st at 8:00 AM at the Convention

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Bennett