

RALLYCROSS BOARD

RallyCross Board Minutes | September 11, 2018

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on September 11, 2018. Attending were Steve Hyatt, Charles Wright, Chris Regan, Keith Lightfoot, and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance, Chris Albin and Terri Pullam BOD Liaison, and Howard Duncan with National Office.

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

Steve Hyatt called the meeting to order at 7:04pm CST.

1. Additions or corrections to the agenda: None

2. Chairman's Report: (Hyatt): A post will be added on Rallycross Facebook to request applications for the RXB. Continued staffing changes are occurring at the national office. Responses on customer service have been positive. A mission statement webinar was hosted by the SCCA. Webinar gave great information on the direction of the SCCA from the national office. Hyatt recommended all watch the webinar.

3. Committee reports:

- **RallyCross Safety Committee (Regan)**
 - Update: No incidents.
- **Rules Committee (Lightfoot)**
 - Updates: The committee is reviewing updates. The committee is also responding to a couple inquiries to be posted soon. The rules proposal will be issued prior to the National Championship so that it may be discussed at the DirtFish SCCA National Championship town hall meeting.
- **RallySprint Committee (Hyatt)**
 - Updates: The committee is actively looking to add one additional committee member.
- **National Championship Committee (Wright)**
 - Updates: No Report. Next meeting is Sept 12.
- **Divisional Steward Liaison (Macoubrie)**
 - Updates: Meetings held by email. The Divisional Steward made comments on the DirtFish SCCA Finger Lakes National Challenge and DirtFish SCCA Northwest National Challenge. Both events went well. FLR event was hampered by lots for rain on Saturday.
- **Growth and Development Committee (Hamilton)**
 - Updates: No update.

4. Old business:

- Constructor Class Self Inspection Form is available on scca.com (Macoubrie)

5. New business:

- No new business.

6. Motion to adjourn: Meeting Adjourned 8:44PM CST

1. Next RXB Meeting Oct 2, 2018.

RallyCross Board Minutes | October 2, 2018

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on October 2nd, 2018. Attending were Steve Hyatt, Charles Wright, Kent Hamilton, Chris Regan, Keith Lightfoot, and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance, Chris Albin and Terri Pullam BOD Liaison, and Brian Harmer with National Office.

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Steve 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)**
 - Update: No incidents. No activity from the committee.
- **Rules Committee (Lightfoot)**
 - Updates: The committee is working on rule updates section to post on the website. The 2019 rules change review will be done by survey monkey. Links will be posted on scca.com, sccarallycross.com, and send to the Divisional Stewards to be distributed to all regional chair and the RallyCross community. The RXB had discussed changing the way people review and respond to the proposed rules and determined a survey monkey will be used to elicit more response from the community.
- **RallySprint Committee (Hyatt)**
 - Updates: A sprint was run in New England Region in September. No additional sprints are scheduled until 2019.
- **National Championship Committee (Wright)**
 - Updates: The last RXNC-PC meeting was held Sept 12. The next meeting will be Oct. 3rd. Committee is finalizing the last details of the event. A letter was sent to the chiefs confirming their roles. Safety will be provided with a UTV for the event. The committee discussed allowing the UTE conversion and rule proposals. The committee was still looking for a couple writers not in modified. Brian sent email to all competitors about National Championship update. The committee discussed possibility of door prizes. Confirmed sanctions were in place for the event. Confirmed the check list was completed. David coordinated the color guard for the national anthem. Leon provided map for practice course location. Committee verified availability of a tractor. Approval was granted by the city to close Jewel street.
- **Divisional Steward Liaison (Macoubrie)**
 - Updates: Divisional Steward had a meeting on Sept. 27th. The Divisional Stewards discussed the National Challenge format and the need for additional support from the National Office and what would be needed from regionals to hold Challenge events. Division Stewards also discussed some ideas to help grow the program. One region has a rental car provided by a local member people can use as an arrive and drive. Another region was able to combine events with a Cars and Coffee event to gain exposure. The Steward also discussed the National Championship and ideas to improve the event. Mark will send an email to Divisional Stewards to confirm which plan to stay next year and which Divisional Stewards are looking for a replacement.
- **Growth and Development Committee (Hamilton)**

➤ Updates: No update.

4. Old business:

- Constructor Class Self Inspection Form Letter to Divisional Stewards (Macoubrie)

5. New business:

- .Are we going to meet at Nationals?

6. Motion to adjourn: Meeting Adjourned 7:49PM CST

1. Next RXB Meeting Nov 6, 2018.

ROAD RALLY BOARD

SCCA Road Rally Board Minutes Thursday, October 11, 2018

Those present: Jim Crittenden, Mike Bennett, Peter Schneider, Wendy Harrison, Clyde Heckler, Mike Thompson (NEC Chairman), and Jamie Mullin (SCCA National Office). Mike Bennett filled in as secretary for Jeanne English at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Crittenden at 7:30 PM CDT.

The September Minutes stand as published.

Road Rally Media

- A. Planning calendar was last published August 25, 2018. A new calendar will be released soon by Jeanne English.
- B. RReNewsletter was published last week.

SCCA Staff Report

- A. Jamie reported that she had spoken with Howard Duncan about providing \$250 to help pay for the USRRC special edition of the RReNewsletter. A check has been sent.
- B. Jamie noted that Toolkit links have not been updated yet. She is waiting for changes to some forms, which will standardize them across programs and improve efficiency.
- C. She reminded the RRB that the SCCA Welcoming Environment Statement will need to be included in the 2019 RRRs.
- D. Jamie is working through outstanding audits from all programs. She noted that Road Rally is in good shape overall, but that she doesn't always get participation numbers from event organizers.
- E. Peter noted that he needed an Expense Report form in order to submit costs associated with Regional Development. Jamie will send that to him ASAP.
- F. Jim noted that Sanction applications coming in now for events in 2019 need to be watched carefully, since fees and mileage limits will change next year. Peter asked if this information shouldn't be sent to the RRSSs. Jim doesn't favor a "shotgun" approach, but wants to be more selective in who we notify. Jamie stated that she is trying to improve from the National Office in general, since many changes are happening. Peter suggested an article in the RReNewsletter. Wendy recommended sending the information to all Region Boards, or at least to Region Executives. Clyde asked about notifying all Rally Directors; Jim noted that this position doesn't exist in all Regions. Jim said he would take this as an action item, will compose an email and work with Jamie on a list of recipients. Jamie asked if the SCCA BOD has to approve the new fee structure in their December meeting. She subsequently contacted Howard Duncan, who responded that they do not. So, the RRB can alert people to the planned changes.

NEC Report

- A. Mike Thompson stated that this is the "quiet" time of year for the NEC. They have reviewed Oktoberally and discussed the (then upcoming) USRRC.
- B. Looking ahead to next year, the schedule is expected to be similar to 2018, although there may be fewer Tour events.
- C. Mike noted that the NEC has given its input on all proposed 2019 rule changes.
- D. He asked about the Sanction for Highway Robbery, which has not arrived at the NEC as yet. Jamie said she had not seen it, then checked and reported that she does not have it.

Old Business

- A. Finalize Safety Manual and Checklist
Peter led a discussion of two aspects of the updated Safety Manual:

- i. The requirement for 200' between timing line and control car has raised pushback from some who provided comments. In the latest version of the Manual, Peter has changed the wording to a recommendation of 150-200'. Jim asked what has changed, and Peter responded that the word "should" has been replaced by "recommended". Jim noted that 200' is generally considered to be a safe distance. Wendy stated that she prefers a recommendation to a requirement. Following the discussion, the RRB gave voice confirmation to the latest Manual update as written.
- ii. The second item discussed was the use of "should" (which does not imply enforcement) versus "shall" (which does imply enforcement) in the Safety Manual. Mike Bennett noted that these words give the Manual different purposes. Mike Thompson stated that he prefers "should" because it doesn't require enforcement, which in any case would be impossible. Wendy noted that she agreed with the use of "should". Following the discussion, the RRB gave voice confirmation to the use of "should" rather than "shall" in the Safety Manual.

B. Training videos

Wendy led a discussion about how to acquire new videos for RRSS training. She proposed taping actual safety checks for this use. Peter suggested deciding on the "chapters" of the training before requesting videos. Wendy responded that we should not limit the training to a few major segments. Jim thought that an outline should be created first, and that only one video should be made for each point in the outline. Mike Bennett suggested using the Checklist as the outline, but Peter noted that we can't do 30 videos. Wendy stated that she will look at the opportunity to consolidate points into fewer videos.

C. Improvements to safety steward program

Peter noted that this is about automating RRSS training and testing. Jamie stated that the task belongs to Chris Robbins, and it is her understanding that it is high on Chris' priority list. Peter asked that the task be kept "visible".

D. Rally starter materials

Clyde reported that he is still waiting for links to be updated and noted that we will need to let people know the outlines have been updated. Jamie said that John Krolewicz will have to determine where to put that information on the SCCA website. Clyde stated that he agrees with the decision not to update the handbooks and will work with Jamie on resolving the other points discussed.

E. Status of 7 regions requesting rally assistance

- i. Mohawk Hudson –Peter said the event is on track for 11/03/18.
- ii. Ohio Valley – Wendy has received no response yet.
- iii. Reno – Jeanne was not on the teleconference.
- iv. Susquehanna – Peter reported that the event was well-received, with 17 vehicles participating.
- v. Blue Mountain – Peter noted that the organizers of this charity event were pleased, and that 15 vehicles participated.
- vi. New York region – Peter will work with them early next year.
- vii. Florida – Jim has talked with them and gave contact information for people who could help (again).

F. Replacement Western Division Rally Steward

Jeanne has talked to Andy Stocker, and he is considering the position.

G. Funding to RoadRally eNews

Jamie reported earlier in the meeting that the funding has been provided.

New Business

- A. USRRC update – Jim reported that Mike Cobb attended the event, spoke at the RR Town Hall, and participated in the tour rally, which he enjoyed. Jeanne has notes from the Town Hall, and will publish them later (she is on vacation).
- B. 2019 USRRC host Region is needed. Jim noted that, as illustrated by 2017 and 2018 events, the format is very flexible. He will put out a request by email. Mike Thompson pointed out that the USRRC is typically a money loser, and wondered if the National organization could help. He also said he thinks the Fall timing is bad, due to the number of other things going on in the club during this time. Jim stated that we need to be realistic about monetary support from SCCA, and that he is not comfortable asking them for money. Instead, Regions need to budget appropriately and aim to break even on the event. Clyde asked if there wasn't talk about one of the Wisconsin Regions hosting the USRRC in 2019; Jim responded that the possibility of that happening is not good.
- C. Discussion and voting on 2019 rule change proposals – Jim led a discussion of the remaining three proposals:
 - i. Increase the number of equivalents from 14 to 16. This proposal had 53% support from those who provided comments. Clyde felt that this increase might help events scheduled later in the year and noted that a much earlier approach to counting National and Divisional events would equate to 16 equivalents in today's series. Jim noted that J. Toney and Jeanne English are putting on events late this year, but that neither provided comments on this proposal. He also said that 12 of the 24 people who commented are potentially affected by the proposal, and of those 12 only 5 supported it. Mike Thompson stated that he favors 16 equivalents to incentivize participation. Jim countered that he has two concerns about the proposal if adopted: total cost to compete for the National Championships could be increased, and some participants may not consider it "fair" if someone else can afford to go to more events than they can. That said, it is not clear if many competitors would be impacted. Wendy noted that the current system isn't broken, so why change it? Mike Bennett had no opinion. Peter felt we should leave it the way it is. The RRB voted, and the result was 0 for and 5 against the proposal.
 - ii. Increase the number of equivalents from 14 to unlimited. After a brief discussion, the RRB voted, and the result was 0 for and 5 against the proposal.
 - iii. Create a separate GPS-based class. Jim noted that Clarence Westerberg feels it is unfair to have placed GPS apps in Class L. Mike Bennett noted that the mixed methodologies appear to be working OK in Great Lakes Division. Wendy's experience is that the GPS mileage error makes apps users uncompetitive. Jim noted that he understands the proposal to mean adding a class, not changing Class L. Clyde pointed out that we just changed Class L rules for 2018, and Mike Bennett agreed that it was too soon to change the rules again. He also noted that this year's change has been good for Class L participation. Jim agreed with Mike's points and has not heard of anyone being discouraged from competing by the new class rules. Peter asked how many people are still using B-Boxes, and Mike Bennett noted that in Great Lakes Division it is about half of Class L. Jim opined that Class L may become an apps class over time. He also noted that GPS apps are a good, low cost entry to RR participation, and that competitors can always buy more expensive equipment if they feel the apps are not good enough to win. Clyde noted that similar arguments about differences in equipment could be made in Class S and Class E as well. The RRB voted, and the result was 0 for and 5 against the proposal.

Jim noted that only one proposal for rule change (free T/As for any reason) had been approved. He will disseminate the results similarly to how it was done last year.

Next Meeting – 11/08/18

The meeting was closed at 9:17 PM CDT.