

RallyCross Board Minutes | November 5, 2019

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on November 5th, 2019. Attending were Steve Hyatt, John England, Charles Wright, Kent Hamilton, Chris Regan, Keith Lightfoot and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance Marcus Meredith and Terri Pulliam, Chris Regan, BOD Liaisons and Brian Harmer with National Office.

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

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

1. Additions or corrections to the agenda: None

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

3. Committee reports:

- RallyCross Safety Committee (Regan)
 - Updates: RXB discussed a YouTube video where the safety rules were not enforced by the region during the event. The RXB has reached out to the Division Steward to discuss the matter with the region.
- Rules Committee (Lightfoot)
 - Updates: No Rules Update
 - Review 2020 Rule Changes. Refer to rules review at end of the meeting minutes.
- RallySprint Committee (Hyatt)
 - Updates: No Update
- National Championship Committee (Wright)
 - Update: No Update
- Divisional Steward Liaison (Hamilton)
 - Update: No Update
- Growth and Development Committee (Macoubrie)
 - Updates: No Update.

1. Old business:

- UTV Ruleset (Hyatt): The RXB is reviewing a proposed ruleset to be implemented in 2020.
- National Tour program – The RXB discussed the National Tour program. The 2019 tour event were reviewed in detail and plans for the 2020 National Tour program were discussed. The Tour program will continue in 2020 and the RXB will request regions turn in proposals by end of 2019 to be considered
- Regional Sanction fees (Harmer) – The RXB discussed raising the regional sanction fees in 2020. The fees will be increased in 2020. The fees are planned to be used to create a regional grant program to help support regional RX programs.
- Regional Development Fund (Harmer): The National Office proposed a new RallyCross regional development fund that will be used to support regional and divisional programs. The National Office and RXB will develop the details on how the fund will be established, and potential uses of the fund for 2020.
- RX Writer/Social Media (Harmer) – The RX write and social media content builder will not be resigned for 2020. The position is currently being eliminated from the program
- Convention Topics/Speakers (Hamilton) – The RXB discussed the final selection and presenters for the 2020 RX convention presentations. Details will be announced as part of the convention information.

2020 Proposed RallyCross Rules Changes for RXB Review

1. Stock category: Allow the use of alternate radiators in Stock classes. This change would move the

Current Prepared category alternate radiator allowances and apply them to Stock category.

FAILED (0-7)

Allow +/- one-half inch (0.5") wheel width variance from OEM wheel size in Stock classes.

2. 3.3.C.12.b. Wheels ~~must be the same width as~~ **width may be increased or decreased one-half inch (0.5")** from the OEM wheel;

PASSED (7-0)

3. Stock and/or Prepared categories: Allow extended wheel studs/bolts in prepared classes. Current Prepared rules do not specify that extended wheel studs/bolts may be used. Extended wheel studs/bolts are a safety item and don't offer a competitive advantage, so perhaps this change should be applied to Stock classes as well.

Hyatt made a motion to modify rules to include longer and any style Prepared. Macoubrie seconded the motion..
Hyatt

Stock allow longer bolts and not change.

PASSED (6-1) Wright Opposes

Prepared class and swap connection type.

PASSED (7-0)

4. Modified category: Allow the exhaust system to exit to the side of the vehicle in Modified classes. The current rule requires that the exhaust must exit behind the driver. This change would allow the exhaust to exit to the side of the vehicle in front of the driver (e.g. immediately ahead or behind a front wheel or through a front quarter panel.) Additional language would be added to ensure the safety of personnel at the start line and to ensure exhaust fumes do not enter the vehicle's cabin

FAILED (0-7)

5. Modified & Constructors categories: Allow the use of nitrous oxide in Modified and Constructors classes. Nitrous oxide and methanol/alcohol injection systems are currently prohibited in all classes for safety reasons.

FAILED (0-7)

6. Constructor's category: Suspend the current Constructors category and re-evaluate the preparation allowances for this class to better encourage participation. Participation in the Constructors category has been very limited and it appears there are not many competitors who are currently building vehicles for the class.

Rules was not taken up due to 2 year moratorium on the class. The RXB will consider creating a committee to develop a new class rules set after moratorium is lifted.

7. Safety rules: Provide additional guidance to assist event personnel with assessing whether a particular vehicle may/should be excluded due to rollover risk. The current safety rules provide general guidance for excluding vehicles that present a potential rollover risk, ("If the Event Chairman after consultation with the Event Safety Steward determines at his discretion that a vehicle cannot safely negotiate the course, it may be excluded.") Would additional guidance be helpful? Are there other factors that might make a vehicle more or less prone to rollover risk, such as driver experience and vehicle modifications?

NO CHANGE TO CURRENT RULESET WAS VOTED AND APPROVED (7-0).

Note: RXB will discuss safety rules and application of the rules with the Divisional Stewards.

8. Supplemental Regulations for National events: Allow non-competitor passengers at National events. The primary reason cited for not allowing passengers at National events is the possibility that the passenger might "coach"

the driver and provide a competitive advantage. Passengers add weight to the vehicle, which is typically a disadvantage. Allowing passengers would help others experience RallyCross and potentially grow our sport.

FAILED (0-7)

9. Clarification of Modified allowances: Clarify that engines are limited to passenger/light truck internal combustion engines. The current Modified rule 3.3.E.5 states, "Any engine may be used but must be internal combustion." Add clarification that any passenger vehicle/light truck engine may be used. Motorcycle, ATV, UTV and similar engines are still prohibited.

FAILED (0-7)

10. Clarify in the rules the Height/Width center to center or overall track width? Track from center of wheels.

FAILED (1-6) Keith Lightfoot for

4. Motion to adjourn: 9:40 pm CST

5. Next RXB Meeting Dec 3, 2019.