

# RALLYCROSS BOARD

## RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | December 1, 2015

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on December 1. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Brent Blakely, Karl Sealander, Ron Foley, Keith Lightfoot and Chris Regan. Also in attendance were Tere Pulliam and Lee Hill, BOD liaisons, and Howard Duncan and Brian Harmer from the National office.

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

### Committee Reports

- RallyCross Safety Committee (Chris Regan): No incident reports were submitted since the last RXB meeting. Regan reported that an issue of incident reports not being distributed to all Committee members has been resolved. The Safety Committee composition will not change for 2016. Members will be Mark Utecht, Chairman, Hal Denham, Rebecca Ruston, and Bob Ricker.
- Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): All updates to the proposed rules changes for the 2016 RallyCross Rules have been submitted for BOD approval. The Rules Committee members for 2016 will be Keith Lightfoot, Chairman, Nathan Usher, Kathy Moody, Michael Byington, and Pete Remner.
- RallySprint Committee (Blakely): RallySprint and RallyTrials sanction and insurance fees for 2016 have not yet been determined but are not expected to increase significantly. Blakely reported that an event in Southern California is in the early planning stages. The Committee composition for 2016 will be determined in the next month or two.

The RXB would like to thank Brent Blakely for his service on the Committee for the past three years and for being instrumental in establishing the new RallySprint and RallyTrials programs.

- National Championship Committee (Stephen Hyatt): Since the last RXB meeting it was announced that the 2016 RallyCross National Championship will return to the National Balloon Classic site in Indianola, Iowa, September 30 through October 2. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> running of the National Championship event. To generate excitement for the event, publicity for the event will focus on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The National Championship Committee has two returning members for 2016, Leon Drake and Mark Macoubrie. They have been tasked to find more members to fill out the Committee as needed.
- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): There was no Divisional RallyCross Steward (DRXS) meeting in November, but Foley has maintained contact with the stewards through email. The RXB discussed encouraging Solo Safety Stewards to become RallyCross Safety Stewards, as the main variance between Solo and RallyCross events is course degradation issues. Foley will contact the RXDS and encourage them to look for Solo Safety Stewards who might be interested in becoming RallyCross Safety Stewards.

### Old Business

- 2016 National Challenge schedule: The RXB discussed possible sites and dates for the National Challenge events in 2016. There were four possible sites presented with one on the West coast, one in the Central area, and two on the East coast.

**Motion:** Accept the following sites for the 2016 National Challenge events: West – Ridgecrest, CA, Central – Deer Trail, CO, and East – Frostburg, MD. Lightfoot/Foley. PASSED 5-0-1 (Hyatt abstained).

The dates for these events will be announced once they have been confirmed with organizers.

- 2016 National Convention planning: Howard Duncan reviewed the RallyCross sessions planned for the National Convention. Three are sessions specific to RallyCross: "Kickstart your RallyCross Program," "RallyCross All Call and Breakouts," and "RallySprint / RallyCross Board Info Session." Other recommended sessions that might apply indirectly to a RallyCross program are "Risk Management," "Building a Region for Success," "Site Management," "All Safety Steward Training," "Building SCCA Champions," and "Volunteer Recruitment and Retention."

### New Business

- RallyCross forums format: Lightfoot pointed out the low traffic volume at the RallyCross forums and suggested that it could be improved with a better forum structure and subject areas offered. He also suggested that each RXB member be assigned a forum subject area to moderate.

- RXB tasks for January meeting: Hyatt requested that for the January meeting each RXB member consider 1) his 2016

DRXS mentoring assignments, 2) five RXB goals for 2016 and five for the next five years, 3) topic and author suggestions for SportsCar articles, and 4) his choice of a forum subject area to moderate.

- As this was Brent Blakely's final RXB meeting, the Board would like to extend its appreciation to him for his many years of service and contributions to the RXB.

Next meeting: January 5, 2016

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

# ROAD RALLY BOARD

## ROAD RALLY BOARD MINUTES | December 11, 2015

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on December 11, 2015; meeting called to order at 7:35 CST by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Clarence Westberg, John Emmons, Chuck Hanson, Jeanne English, Len Picton, incoming 2016 RRB member Jim Crittenden, NEC Chairman Mike Thompson, BOD liaisons Terry Hanushek and Lee Hill, and Deena Rowland from the National Office.

November minutes were approved. John/Rich/pass.

The BOD approved the 2016 rules as submitted and 2016 appointments, including Jim Crittenden to the RRB. This is the last RRB meeting for Jeanne English and Len Picton. The RRB thanks them and appreciates their service.

### Front Burner Items:

1. RReNewsletter – the December issue has not been published. Reminder: road rally organizing committees are encouraged to distribute the newsletter at the start of their events and solicit subscriptions. RRB members are encouraged to contribute (Guest Checkpoint Chat Column, Save the Date, My First Rally, Rally Apps, Event Recaps, ...)
2. Road Rally Planning Calendar. (Jeanne)
  - a. Latest version (Dec 7, 2015) is up on the SCCA web site and includes some 2016 events
  - b. Planning calendar editor for 2016? Jeanne will continue in this function
3. SCCA 2016 Convention, January 21-23, 2016
  - a. Email with coupon code should have been received by all 2016 RRB members
  - b. We are individually responsible for making hotel and plane reservations
  - c. Plan to arrive by Thursday 4PM convention kickoff reception
  - d. Plan to stay through Sunday, Jan 24, 9AM to 5PM for face to face RRB meeting
  - e. The morning session will be open to any SCCA member who wants to attend
4. NEC Report (Mike)
  - a. 2016 Road Rally Rulebook Status/Review (Editor: Chuck)  
Mike – status of RRR's: Appendix A (the chart listing the types of rallies and their requirements) needs updating; words need to get transferred into the RRRs themselves, not as an appendix; Terry – seems OK to him as an appendix; Chuck – needs to also add paragraphs as drafted by Terry (option 2), but thinks that having it all in one place is cleaner, we can delete/reword RRRs to say 'see Appendix A', also much easier to update; Jeanne agrees with Chuck, likes having it all in one place in Appendix A; John agrees, don't list things in two places; Chuck will get out 3<sup>rd</sup> version RRRs within 48 hours; all agree with having items listed only in one place, Appendix A.
  - b. Mike asked how to better get events listed on the SCCA website that currently links go to region websites which may or may not be current. Deena can now update links directly, including pdf files.
5. Awards
  - a. Gervais/W David Teter Awards - ballots have been mailed and are due back by Dec 20; votes will be tabulated in early January
6. USRRC Events
  - a. 2018 St Louis - Positive response sent to Jim Heine. Target date for formal approval is June 2016.
7. New Business - Should there be a January RRB conference call, or should the RRB meet only at the convention? Rich said that it would be useful to have a meeting before the convention to discuss what items the RRB needs to focus on at the convention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM CST

Next meeting January 11, 2016, via conference call

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary