

# RALLYCROSS BOARD

## RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | January 5, 2016

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on January 5. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Karl Sealander, Ron Foley, Keith Lightfoot, Chris Regan, Kito Brielmaier and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance were Tere Pulliam, Lee Hill and Arnie Coleman, BOD liaisons, and Brian Harmer from the National office.

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

Chairman Hyatt welcomed Mark Macoubrie and Kito Brielmaier as new RXB members, and Arnie Coleman as a new BOD liaison. Hyatt thanked Lee Hill for his service to the RXB as BOD liaison during 2015.

### Committee Reports

- RallyCross Safety Committee (Chris Regan): No incident reports have been received or discussed by the Safety Committee since the last RXB meeting. Regan inquired about the written SCCA policy on drones, noting it is not in the RallyCross Rules or readily accessible at the SCCA website. The insurance company specifically disallows drones at any SCCA event. Hyatt requested that an errors and omission be released addressing the issue.

The RXB also discussed Safety Steward license renewal policy. Three-year licensing began January 1, 2014, so renewals will start to come due at the end of 2016. The process should be confirmed with member services, coordinated with the Divisional RallyCross Stewards, and the renewal forms and examination need to be prepared.

- Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): Lightfoot reported that the 2016 RallyCross Rules are nearly ready to be posted. Hyatt requested that the errors and omissions regarding drones be included. The RXB discussed a question regarding nitrous oxide and concluded that it is not legal in any class. To better clarify that position, it was agreed that the rule on nitrous oxide and alcohol injection should be moved to the Vehicle/Driver Safety section of the RallyCross Rules.
- RallySprint Committee: Kito Brielmaier has agreed to be the RXB liaison to the RallySprint Committee. The Committee is drafting a sanction form for organizers to use to apply for event sanctioning. Sanction applications submitted to the National office will be forwarded to the Committee for review and approval. Any rejected sanction applications are subject to review by the RXB. The Committee is also working on some rules adjustments and a Safety Steward program. Several events for 2016 are planned or are in the planning stages.
- National Championship Committee: Mark Macoubrie has agreed to serve as the RXB liaison to the National Championship Committee. Committee members for 2016 will be Leon Drake (Tennessee Valley Region), Gonzalo San Miguel (Utah Region), and David Capesius (Iowa Region). The Committee has its first meeting scheduled to work on the Supplemental Regulations, event official positions, and targeted areas of improvement from the 2015 event. Brian Harmer reported that a new National-specific logo is being created for the event and will be unveiled at the National Convention.
- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): The Divisional RallyCross Stewards (DRXS) did not meet during the month of December due to Holiday conflicts. Foley reported that four DRXS have committed to attending the National Convention, and he is hoping to have a couple additional DRXS attendees.

### Old Business

- 2016 National Convention: Plans for the National Convention are set with three RallyCross-specific sessions and several related sessions. Brian Harmer reported that the session rooms have been scheduled to allow the open RallyCross sessions ("RallyCross All Call and Breakouts" and "RallySprint / RallyCross Board Info Session") to go longer than scheduled if needed. The RXB plans to meet all day on Wednesday and Hyatt will meet with the BOD on Thursday morning.
- 2016 DRXS mentoring assignments: Each DRXS has a personal contact on the RXB for mentoring purposes. For 2016 those assignments are Central (Dustin Nevenen)–Regan, Midwest (Jim Rowland)–Sealander, Northern Pacific (Paul Eklund)–Lightfoot, Southeast (Charles Wright)–Brielmaier, Southwest (Mike Jiang)–Regan, Great Lakes (ZB Lorenc)–Macoubrie, Northeast (James Quattro)–Sealander, Rocky Mountain (Will MacDonald)–Hyatt, and Southern Pacific (Jayson Woodruff)–Macoubrie.
- Goals – 2016 and 5-year: Postpone to face-to-face meeting prior to National Convention.
- RXB forum moderating assignments: The RXB discussed assigning moderators to each of the RallyCross forums but chose instead to have the members take a more proactive approach to the forums by checking it often and communicating to the other RXB members noteworthy posts. If this doesn't work then assignments will be considered.

## **New Business**

- Contact info update: Sealander requested contact information from the RXB members to update a contact list for both RXB use and for the SCCA website.
- Use of social media to promote RallyCross: Macoubrie inquired about the possibility of finding a volunteer to post more often at the RallyCross Facebook page. More posts would create more traffic and shares, which would be good RallyCross promotion. The RXB discussed options and concluded that with possible changes coming for the SCCA Facebook pages, expanding the RallyCross Facebook page now would be premature.
- RXB documentation repository: Macoubrie has many documents created during preparations for the 2015 RallyCross National Championship and would like a repository to provide future access. Harmer indicated that the SCCA has a Dropbox account and may create subaccounts for the programs to use. As an option, a free 5-gigabyte account could be used.
- Data reports: Macoubrie would like to create RallyCross activity reports for 2015 but needs data. Access to event data is currently difficult to access, but the RallyCross department can provide basic data based on sanction requests and audits received.

Next meeting: January 20, 2016

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

# ROAD RALLY BOARD

## ROAD RALLY BOARD MINUTES | January 11, 2016

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on January 11, 2016; meeting called to order at 7:33 CST by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Clarence Westberg, John Emmons, Jim Crittenden, Clyde Heckler, BOD liaisons Terry Hanushek, Lee Hill, and Bob Dowie, RDC chairman Jay Nemeth-Johannes, Deena Rowland from the National Office, and Jeanne English, RRB secretary.

December 2015 Minutes:

- 1) Gathering time; Review / approval of December minutes.
  - a. Thank you, Jeanne, for getting these out.

Front Burner Items:

1. RRB Membership for 2016
  - a. We've lost three RRB members from 2015. Jeanne English, Chuck Hanson and Len Picton have left the Board effective 12/31/15. On behalf of the entire road rally community, the RRB thanks Jeanne, Chuck and Len for their service to this community. Chuck is also leaving his duties as editor of the rulebook and keeper of the National Championship points.
  - b. Jeanne has graciously accepted the offer to stay on as RRB Secretary, though not a voting member of the RRB. She will be attending the meetings and keeping minutes.
  - c. John Emmons has volunteered to serve as keeper of the National Championship points. Bruce Gezon has volunteered to serve as editor of the rulebook. The RRB thanks John and Bruce for stepping forward to fill these roles.
  - d. The RRB welcomes Jim Crittenden and Clyde Heckler to the RRB for 2016. Jim, has rally experience, primarily course rally, back to 1968, and is a retired mechanical engineer. Clyde is a retired actuarial consultant, a self-proclaimed 'numbers guy', and has been rallying since the early '70s, also primarily course rally.
  - e. The RRB welcomes Bob Dowie as a new liaison from the SCCA BOD. Bob is the Area 1 Director, experienced in club racing, and is will to learn rally 'as we go'. Terry and Lee will continue for 2016, then one will drop off; this will keep continuity thru rotation.
2. RReNewsletter – Another fine job on the newsletter. Kudos to Cheryl Babbe for her continued efforts. Road rally organizing committees should be encouraged to distribute at the start of their events, solicit subscriptions. RRB members are encouraged to contribute (Guest Checkpoint Chat Column, Save the Date, My First Rally, Rally Apps, Event Recaps, ...). Cheryl would like to see this newsletter on the SCCA website, perhaps our liaisons can make that happen.

Changes to [rrb@scca.com](mailto:rrb@scca.com) mailing list (Deena)

- a. Completed – will add Bob, all others already there.
3. Scca.com document updates (Deena)
  - a. 2016 Road Rally Rules posted under Programs-Road Rally-Road Rally Rules
  - b. Updated sanction form, audit form, National results form, Divisional results form.
    - i. All are posted except 2016 Audit form., will be up tomorrow morning
4. Road Rally Planning Calendar. (Jeanne)

Latest version sent out by Jeanne 1/10/2016. Already posted to [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com) (thanks, Deena!). Keep the updates, corrections, new events coming.

5. Regional Development Committee – Jay Nemeth-Johannes
  - a. Jay reports that he, Cheryl Babbe, and Len Picton have been talking, trying to come up with parameters what to do and where to go with this committee; Jay expects to do a lot of this discussion at the convention. Jay will head the 'Road Rally: Beyond TSD' session at the Convention (Sat, 9:00 am), presenting half a dozen different concepts that have be put on easily, some timed, some not. Jay and Mike Thompson (NEC chairman) are working with the CenDiv Roundtable as a sounding board.

Jay says we have to figure out what the regions want, how rally can provide something that is a benefit for the regions, existing programs are not likely to work in regions where there is not currently an active rally program; likely that a combination of events that are both social and competitive will work best; he wants to aim toward what would bring out racers, soloists, and others to make sure that what is offered is social and also that it doesn't get in the way of their current programs. He says that each new region will take significant effort; the initial contact has to be with the RE or his designee, then as things develop the RDC can become more hands on. The RDC will look at available resources and capitalize on them.

Rich stated that we need a local 'spark plug' to make things happen; conversion from initial interest to something actually happening is low; he still has his list of contacts from previously soliciting regions with no rally program; he thinks it might be worth pursuing the regions who put on only 1 or

2 rallies in the past year(s). Rich is presenting the 'How and Why: (Re) Starting a Rally Program' (Fri, 2:00 pm) at the Convention; he will encourage people at that session to attend Jay's session the next day.

John said that it is hard to get regions to understand that we can help, but we can't do it for them; we need to present this as a regional tool for them to get new members, by promoting the social aspect. Clarence suggested that instead of starting a program, starting a rally might be easier; that the number of things to be done is often overwhelming, we should be willing to take over the 'overhead' of putting of a rally while they lay out the course; have monthly social meetings to get people interested. Clyde said that we need help on social media and communication.

Jim said that he sees two potential target groups: those who are enthusiastic but inexperienced, and those who are experienced but either have not done a rally or it has been a long time; he also says we need to define a metric for the success of the RDC, perhaps the number of new rallies in new regions

BOD member input:

Terry – the Solo community has produced a 'Solo Cookbook' which contains procedures on what to do and how to do it, there should be the same thing for rally; Rich said that we already have a Regional Rally handbook, but that it is too much to look at; Jay will take this on, see if he can streamline it. Terry also reiterated that communication is necessary.

Lee said that different SCCA membership levels are still a BOD topic, that the amount of SCCA dues in different contexts has a big difference, and that this is a complicated issue for many reasons. Lee asked if perhaps there should be a non-rallyist on the RDC; Jay replied that he wants to flesh out the committee with people who are not 'heavy-duty' rallyists. Lee also said that all regions want participating members, not just those who sign up but don't get involved; we need to get people involved no matter what they are doing, because if they are doing something they are more likely to state.

Bob agrees that communication is necessary, that we need to get [Cheryl's] newsletter available on the SCCA website.

6. SCCA 2016 Convention, January 21-23, 2016
  - a. Plan to arrive by Thursday 4PM convention kickoff.; Rich is doing rally session Friday afternoon; Jay and Cheryl will do Saturday rally session; Jeanne to be part of 'All Safety Steward Training' Friday afternoon; Town Hall on Sunday morning open to all
  - b. Plan to stay through Sunday 1/24 9AM to 5PM for face to face RRB meeting
  - c. Open session 9 to Noon, closed session 12 to 5(?);
    - i. Working session on strategic plan in afternoon
7. NEC Report (Mike) – no NEC meeting, so no report
8. Awards
  - a. Gervais/Teter Awards, Ballots are tabulated.
  - b. Divisional Achievement Award will be presented at the convention.
9. USRRC Events
  - a. Invitation for 2016, 2017 USRRC events.

Rich will send out an invitation for interested committees to submit bids; he has already been contacted by several committees that are interested. Jim asked about lowering the \$500 sanction fee; Rich responded that it will not be an inhibitor for that event, that there is strong support from Howard Duncan. John commented that perhaps the amount is inhibitive to anyone even applying to host the USRRC.
10. New Business - none

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM CST

Next meeting January 24, 2016, at the SCCA convention

Next conference call February 8, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary