

# RALLYCROSS BOARD

## RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | March 11, 2016

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on March 1. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Karl Sealander, Ron Foley, Keith Lightfoot, Chris Regan, Kito Brielmaier and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance were Tere Pulliam and Arnie Coleman, 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 incidents were reported in the past month. The Committee is seeking further information on a rollover reported in the previous month, where the report gave no cause for the rollover. Regan will be contacting the program's director for more information.

The Committee is working on a process for safety steward license renewal, including gathering safety steward participation data, online training, and establishing a line of communication to all safety stewards. Hyatt suggested using the same timeline used for rules changes to gather member comments and to go through the approval process.

The Committee is also working on guidelines for RallySprint and RallyTrials safety stewards. Plans are that RallyTrials safety stewards would be RallyCross safety stewards with a RallyTrials endorsement verifying an understanding of the increased speeds. RallySprint safety steward licenses would be separate licenses and would not allow any crossover to or from RallyCross or RallyTrials.

- Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): The Committee is working on a rules clarification that retreaded or remanufactured tires are allowable in the Stock Categories as long as the tires have the applicable DOT symbol and Tire Identification Number label. The RXB agrees with the clarification.

The following two errors and omissions have been proposed:

**7.2.F** Review and issue final approval for issuance of SCCA sanction when standards have been appropriately met for event regulations. **Any sanction request where a Divisional RallyCross Steward is listed as Chairman, Event Organizer or Regional Executive/RE Designee will be approved by the Chairman of the RXB or their designee.**

**4.2.C** One (1) passenger is allowed to ride in an approved seat located in the forward-most occupant area of a vehicle that has passed tech inspection (3.3A-N) and is registered for competition on that day. The passenger must be no younger than ~~ten (10)~~ **twelve (12)** years of age **or at least fifty-seven (57) inches tall**, and must meet all liability waiver requirements outlined below. The passenger must be wearing a helmet that fits correctly and meets the requirements of 6.3.P of the current SCCA RallyCross rules. Safety restraints/seat belts must be in proper working condition and adjusted to fit the passenger (3.2.H).

**Motion:** Approve both errors and omissions. Lightfoot/Macoubrie. PASSED 7-0.

- RallySprint Committee (Kito Brielmaier): The recent Waste Management RallySprint was a successful event with a lot of positive feedback from competitors and area residents. There were 22 registered entrants, 18 of which took the start. The event was well organized and had good publicity and media coverage. The next RallySprint is scheduled for April 3 in Washington.
- National Championship Committee (Mark Macoubrie): Supplemental Regulations for the National events have been submitted to the RXB. The RXB requested clarification that a competitor cannot combine a timeout period with a debeat grace period and that cars will continue to run during a timeout period. The Committee will make the changes and release the Supplemental Regulations.

The Committee has a meeting scheduled to work on the National Championship schedule, chiefs list, and marketing of the event. Options for a specific event page are being explored.

- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): The Divisional RallyCross Stewards will have their monthly meeting on March 3rd. Foley will report on the meeting next month.

## Old Business

- Data gathering: Macoubrie will email a sample spreadsheet within a week to the RXB for review.
- SCCARallyCross.com forum: The RXB has created a forum for RallyCross that functions and looks more like the RallyCross forums from 2014 and before. It will allow for stickies, better rules commenting, and other membership discussions. It will go live on March 2 and be linked from the current SCCA forum site at a later date. The goal of the new forums is to match the traffic experienced by the RallyCross forums of a few years ago.
- RallyCross marketing material (videos, brochures, etc.) progress: Hyatt reported that currently the RXB has no budget for marketing. However, a marketing funding request has been submitted to the BOD. Discussions of marketing materials will take place once the RXB knows if and how much funding is available.
- Review and promotion of Jim Rowland's additional information: Macoubrie requested that the RXB review the suite of documents created and maintained by Jim Rowland. These materials are filled with information and tools that would be useful to Region directors and event chairs. Macoubrie would like to make the information available for a general resource for all membership. Hyatt suggested that the materials be linked to at the new forums.

Next meeting: April 5, 2016

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

# ROAD RALLY BOARD

## ROAD RALLY BOARD MINUTES | March 14, 2016

The Road Rally Board met via conference call on March 14, 2016; meeting called to order at 7:35 CDT 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, NEC chairman Mike Thompson, RDC chairman Jay Nemeth-Johannes, and Jeanne English, RRB secretary

Minutes: February minutes and Town Hall minutes approved as published.

### Front Burner Items:

1. RReNewsletter – Last issue released just after February conference call. Another fine issue from Cheryl
  - a. Suggestion received: SCCA should maintain a list of emails of road rally entrants and send a periodic email with National standings. Possible solution: Add optional email field to results form and enroll in subscription to newsletter. Jim: said that Greg Lester suggested compiling an email list that organizers could use to publicize individual rallies; John also said the suggestion was to compile emails.
2. Scca.com document updates completed (Deena)
  - a. Any? Rich – no pending updates
3. Road Rally Planning Calendar. (Jeanne)
  - a. Latest version sent out by Jeanne 2/4/2016 has been posted. Next calendar any day now (Jeanne wanted to clarify some items with NEC.)
4. Regional Development Committee
  - a. Jay Nemeth-Johannes – not a lot has happened. Rich said that Jim Duea is working with OK region to get them going again; Rich has new volunteers rallymasters for both Kansas and Kansas City; Jay will do an all-day rally session for the CenDiv meeting, including Chicago Region. Jeanne had an inquiry for help putting on a Ferrari rally in Michigan. Jay said he needs to figure out how to get more regional involvement.
  - b. Action: Need a repository for materials
  - c. Action: Jay's goals – see last month's minutes
5. Championship Awards for Tour/Stock. (Rich)
  - a. 2014 Certificates? (Deena) - Rich said that through an oversight the 2014 certificates never sent out, should that be done now? Answer: no
  - b. Pending Action for later in 2016: Need to clarify this language in the RRRs
6. USRRC Events
  - a. 2016 – NER Covered Bridge 50
  - b. 2017 – Pending proposal from Alaska Region
    - i. Cheryl is seeking input from the rally community (see the latest RReNews); also has question about the sanction fee, Rich will respond to expect the sanction fee to be commensurate with the type of event being put on, e.g. if regional, then regional sanction fee
  - c. 2018 – St. Louis – formal approval pending
7. SCCA 2016 Convention Follow Up: Issues questions raised during Convention:

Rich met with Howard Duncan a few weeks ago regarding action items, and is meeting with Heyward Wagner 3/15 to discuss web site deficiencies. Rich said that the RRB wants to utilize website in any way we can, not do what Rallycross did and set up their own website. Rich asked for input: Terry said that with things are in the file cabinet, downloads, and various other places it is hard to find things, we need to be able to handle it ourselves; Jim said that we need easy access to information for individual rallies on the rally event calendar; Rich responded that it should be easy for contestants, organizers, and Deena; Lee said that Heyward already has this high on his list; Clyde suggested having both Jeanne's planning calendar and Cheryl's RReNews be easier to find.

  - a. (Need to add items from the convention that need to be followed up).
  - b. Put in place process to remove inactive Safety Steward Licenses.
  - c. Release of 2016 rules process and calendar.
  - d. Deena – How much control do we have over the organization of the Road Rally download section on scca.com?
    - i. Howard: Brian can specify heading and content under those headings.
  - e. Rich needs admin authority on the scca.com forum so stale items can be deleted.
    - i. Howard will investigate
  - f. Permanent URL to the planning calendar on scca.com.

- g. Suggestion to impose limits on Social Rally events.
    - i. Discussed at convention. Thank you for your suggestion. The RRB has decided to take no action on this topic.
  - h. Modernize RR Safety Steward training.
    - i. Howard: Solo has recently piloted this recently. Expandable to other programs.
    - ii. (Remind Howard of next RR call)
  - i. Provide incentives to rally masters.
  - j. Need for defined route.
    - i. HD: Pete Lyon was trying to avoid calling something a rally that was not a rally. Alternate language possible.
  - k. Hall of Fame nomination(s) from road rally community
  - l. Can we get list of emails by interest area?
    - i. Define the request and send to Rick Meyers.
  - m. Fillable PDF form for sanction request and audit form. (Terry to investigate)
    - i. Howard will visit with Brian. Work has been done on other items.
8. NEC Report (Mike)
- a. Upcoming National events (Confirm dates at [scca.com](http://scca.com))
    - i. Arizona Border National Weekend – Feb 26, 27 already occurred; this region is requesting dates for July divisionals, NEC wants to discuss before sanctioning because of recurrent problems. Rich said that the RRB continues to be concerned with a lack of progress with this committee, especially lack of a lead car, and looks forward to the deficiencies being corrected.
    - ii. Teter March Lion, March Lamb – April 8-10
    - iii. Milwaukee Badger Burrow – May 7
    - iv. Steel Cities Steel Haul – May 14
    - v. Milwaukee Roads Scholar – June 11
    - vi. NER Hurdle – August 6
    - vii. Land O Lakes Lacrosse – Oktoberally/Badger Trails – Sept 16, 17
    - viii. (not yet sanctioned) Two National Course Rallies, Folsom, CA – October 8, 9
    - ix. (not yet sanctioned) SoCal Highway Robbery – October 22
  - b. Pointskeeper process (John)
  - c. RRRs are required for divisionals? NEC recommends waiting until 2017, since some things likely do not apply to divisionals, e.g. issuance of instructions, claims committee structure, need for official observer. Rich feels that the 2017 time frame is appropriate. John feels that at least the conventions should be the same now. Terry said that, if necessary, items can be submitted as 'errors & omissions'.
9. New Business
- a. 2014 Championship certificates? (Deena) – see item 5.a above
  - b. Article 16 – Controls – Why left off Divisional Requirements? (Clarence)
  - c. Jim commented that the current national championship standings show SCCA members only, and no weekend members; Jim wants the standings to show all competitors, as an incentive to non-members. John asked what the benefit of membership is, answering that it is competing for championships, and therefore non-members should not be listed. Jay agrees with John.  
**Motion: the Pointskeeper should include Weekend Members as well as SCCA members in championship standings. Jim/John/fail (1-4)** John commented that if WM wants to know their points, they can submit a request to him.
10. Back Burner Items (Deferred for several months).
- a. 2015 Gervais Award Announcement and Presentation

Motion adjourned at 9:17 PM CDT  
 Next meeting April 11, via conference call  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 Jeanne English, RRB Secretary