

# RALLYCROSS BOARD

## RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | April 5, 2016

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

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

### Committee Reports

- RallyCross Safety Committee (Chris Regan): The Safety Committee reviewed two incident reports in the past month. One was for a child falling down a dirt pile and bruising an arm, and the other was for a rollover. The Committee concluded no further action was required on either incident. The Committee is also working to provide informational updates to the PowerPoint presentation for Safety Steward Training available at [SCCA.com](http://SCCA.com).
- Rules Committee: All rule threads from the old forums have been migrated to the new forums at [sccarallycross.com](http://sccarallycross.com), where traffic has increased for 2017 proposals and related discussions. The submission period for new rule proposals and member comments will continue through June 15. The Committee clarified the allowance of retreaded and remanufactured tires in the Stock Categories and has posted it at the new forums.
- RallySprint Committee (Kito Brielmaier): The final draft of the sanction forms for RallySprint and RallyTrials events have been completed and submitted to the National office for approval. Two events have been run so far in 2016, with several events in the sanctioning or planning stages. Nathan Usher has agreed to serve as a third member of the Committee.

Hyatt proposed a standing subcommittee that will work with event organizers and the National office to approve sanctions for RallySprint and RallyTrials events. This committee will be reappointed each year. For 2016, the committee will be composed of Scott Beliveau, Chairman, Kito Brielmaier, and Nathan Usher.

**Motion:** Establish a RallySprint/RallyTrials subcommittee for event sanctioning and approval. Hyatt/Regan. PASSED 6-0-1 (Lightfoot absent).

- National Championship Committee (Mark Macoubrie): In its last meeting the Committee started naming core workers and chiefs for the RallyCross National Championship. Once all contacts are made and positions have been confirmed, a list will be given to the RXB for review. The Committee will begin work on the remaining action items for the event, including pre-event publicity and marketing.

The RXB discussed reaction at the forums to the new timeout rule for National events. Concerns about the rule include that it might be abused and that the 5-minute time period is too short. The RXB concluded that the rule will be implemented at the National Challenge events and assessed after those events are completed. If the rule does not work well or is abused at the Challenge events, it may be changed for the National Championship event later in the year.

- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): The Divisional RallyCross Stewards (DRXS) met in early March with 6 of the 9 DRXS in attendance. Items discussed included the unanimous approval of the new forums, the 5-minute timeout rule, class run order at the National Championship, and procedures for organizing RallySprint and RallyTrials events.

### Old Business

- RallyCross marketing: The RXB's funding request for RallyCross marketing was granted by the BOD. The RXB is considering using its budget for printed materials, videos, and website marketing. The National office has agreed that it can produce brochures and other promotional materials for RallyCross, but RallyCross program needs to produce its own content. The RXB is looking for good content writers. The National office will be hiring a video producer and editor who can help in producing promotional videos. A new SCCA employee will be reworking the website to improve the content and make it more user friendly. Additional content will be needed for those website improvements.
- NorPac RXDS: The RXB would like to thank Paul Eklund for his many years of valuable service as Northern Pacific Division RallyCross Steward.

**Motion:** Approve Rebecca Ruston as Northern Pacific Division RallyCross Steward pending a transition of duties to be completed no later than June 1. Regan/Foley. PASSED 6-0-1 (Lightfoot absent).

- Jim Rowland content review: Macoubrie requested that the RXB review during the next month the suite of documents created and maintained by Jim Rowland. These materials contain information and tools that would be useful to Region directors and event chairs. Macoubrie would like to make the information available at the website as a general resource for all membership.
- RallyCross forums: Macoubrie reported that all posts from the old forums have been migrated to the new forums at [sccarallycross.com](http://sccarallycross.com). The number of users and posts at the new forums is growing. New rules discussions should increase the traffic. Macoubrie also requested that all RXB members add contact information in the Contacts section.

#### **New Business**

- National & Regional event scheduling: Discussion will be tabled until the next RXB meeting.
- Crosskarts and other vehicles: There has been a continuing interest in allowing Crosskarts to compete in RallyCross. The RXB discussed the vehicles and the possible issues that would be created by allowing them in RallyCross. Major changes would be required in the RallyCross Rules to allow them. Those interested in allowing Crosskarts to compete in RallyCross should write and propose a set of rules that would be subject to approval by the RXB and SCCA Risk Management.
- Court of Appeals appointments: Hyatt requested that the RXB consider possible individuals to serve on the 2016 Court of Appeals and be prepared to discuss and approve at the next RXB meeting.

Next meeting: May 3, 2016

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

# ROAD RALLY BOARD

## ROAD RALLY BOARD MINUTES | April 11, 2016

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on April 11, 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 liaison Lee Hill, guest BOD member Tere Pulliam, NEC chairman Mike Thompson, RDC chairman Jay Nemeth-Johannes, and Jeanne English, RRB secretary.

Minutes: March minutes approved as published in Fastrack.

### Front Burner Items:

1. RReNewsletter – Another really good issue was published today, with a nice variety of content. Rally organizers are encouraged to support Cheryl Babbe's efforts by promoting the newsletter at their events and contributing articles.
2. Administrative Item Follow Up (Deena)
  - a. Planning Calendar – April 6, 2016 version posted.
  - b. GTA Safety Report form was omitted from the Download section on the new web site. It is now posted there.

Need to ensure that Lee Hill's email address is still in the list [rrb@scca.com](mailto:rrb@scca.com); it is.

3. Regional Development Committee
  - a. Jay Nemeth-Johannes  
Jay went to the CenDiv Conference, not much attendance; trained two new Road Rally Safety Stewards; presented outline of regional development and 8 simple rallies; interest from Chicago Region about doing more rallies; Jay wants to set up a phone conference with Heyward Wagner, should be working more with him; going to start writing a series of articles for RReNews; been scouting and talking to people, not getting much response back; Lee asked if had any luck finding new members for the RDC, answer no
  - b. Action: Need a repository for materials (see item 7 in this agenda).
4. NEC Report (Mike)
  - a. Upcoming National events (Confirm dates at [scca.com](http://scca.com))
    - i. Teter March Lion, March Lamb – April 8-10 – rallies went well, except for one leg on the tour rally being thrown, contestants enjoyed the rallies
    - ii. Milwaukee Badger Burrow – May 7
    - iii. Steel Cities Steel Haul – May 14
    - iv. Milwaukee Roads Scholar – June 11
    - v. NER Hurdle – August 6
    - vi. Land O Lakes Lacrosse – Oktoberally/Badger Trails – Sept 16, 17
    - vii. (not yet sanctioned) Two National Course Rallies, Folsom, CA – new dates moved a week later to October 15, 16
    - viii. (not yet sanctioned) SoCal Highway Robbery – October 22

Mike said that since divisionals may be required to use the RRRs in 2017, is there any way to make them more readable? Here are a couple of ideas, not proposals yet: 1) maybe combine the parts of course and tour that are the same; 2) separate the parts of the RRRs into three volumes = 1 – admin, 2 – tour rallies, 3 – course rallies; Mike checked on printing costs, which could be \$8 per copy, with mailing and other costs it might go up to \$14; all this to be discuss at next NEC meeting. Mike prefers three volumes, print your own. The NEC is also working on RRRs updates, mostly minor editorial stuff.
  - b. Pointskeeper progress (John) – current as in Cheryl's newsletter, John will send new updated standings every month to Cheryl for publication.
5. USRRC Events
  - a. 2016 – NER Covered Bridge 50, Sanction Application forthcoming; it will be two Divisional Events.
  - b. 2017 – Proposal received from Arctic Alaska Region, discussed in Executive Session. 2017 USRRC is awarded to Arctic Alaska Region; Rich will contact Cheryl, to advise her of this decision, and to advise that the dates be finalized as soon as possible.
  - c. 2018 – St. Louis – formal approval pending – June action item.
6. Tracking National Points for SCCA Weekend Members
  - a. We've been requested to revisit this question by 4 members.
  - b. See April RReNewsletter Checkpoint Chat Column for Rich's view, summary: it doesn't work to get people to become regular members, if it did we would have more people signing up.  
*Motion: Continue to report complete standings of each championship event, which includes both regular and Weekend Members, as we have been doing in the past. Jim/Clyde/fail (2 yes, 3 no)*  
Discussion – Jim agrees with Rich that there is not a lot of evidence that SCCA has gained new regular members as a result of showing weekend members in the Championship standings. However, Jim

stated that there are other reasons to continue the tradition of showing the weekend members in the standings. These are: 1) The championship standings serve a purpose beyond just an accounting for end of year awards; the standings are the only official, published record of these rallies and there are people who want to see who ran, how they did and how many cars competed; by not reporting weekend members in the standings we are removing 70% of the people who competed and it presents an incomplete and distorted view of the event. 2) Points are assigned by competing in rallies regardless of whether the contestant is a regular member or a weekend member; the weekend members have actually earned these points by competing in these championship events and they deserve to have those points shown in the standings.

Lee asked if they are not in the standings, is there any other way to know who is doing what? This is valuable information to have, we don't want to lose the data. Rich responded that the Weekend Membership data goes to SCCA's Membership Department, and the audit has the number of cars.

Clyde said that the data requirements in 2016 are greatly reduced since regionals counted in 2015 and do not count in 2016; there are a limited number of Divisionals (which do count) in 2016; looking at Jeanne's planning calendar he sees the following number of Divisionals: course - 4, tour - 17, and GTA - 8. Jay said that while he was helping with the standings that one of the major problems he found was in knowing whether Joe Smith in Wisconsin was the same Joe Smith in Illinois – it was very hard to keep track of individual WMs; regular members have a unique number.

John said that the Operations Manual states that 'only members in good standing can win awards' and that 'Weekend Membership is membership recruitment tool', he does not understand why we should give WMs all the benefits of membership without joining. Tere said that one reason for Weekend Memberships is because it buys insurance for that person for that event, and also to encourage people to convert to regular membership with a discount available for 60 days, it was never intended as 'back door' to get awards. Clarence said that currently a WM could do well, join at the end of the year, and win a year-end award, perhaps displacing full member; there should be an earlier deadline for joining. Jim said that last month he understood that those who were opposed were opposed because it is a lot of work to add WMs and SCCA gets little in return; was that a correct assessment? Rich replied that it is shown to be ineffective, citing Texas and Detroit as examples. Clarence said it creates more problems than it solves. Lee asked is it even worth having the WM program? Clarence said that some people have quit because of the extra paper work with the WM program.

Vote: Rich -no, Clarence - no, John – no, Jim - yes, Clyde - y. Fail 2 - 3

*Motion: After John does the standings without the Weekend Members, send the information to Jim who will add the Weekend Members to the standings and return it to John. Jim/Clyde/fail (2 yes, 3 no; same vote results as motion above)*

7. Scca.com website reorganization: SCCA 2016 Convention Follow Up: First set of priority changes. Proposed list for discussion:
  - a. Rally items are in File Cabinet and Downloads. Needs to be under the rally program
  - b. Downloadable items need to be organized by
    - i. Information for contestants
    - ii. Information for organizers
    - iii. Information for new organizers (Jay's requirement)
  - c. Moderate, add, delete, i.e. maintain our own content.
  - d. Moderate our own forum.
  - e. Easy access to information on individual events. Links to info on a specific event.
  - f. Consistent, stable link to the Road Rally Planning Calendar. The improvements we make for the Road Rally program are applicable to other programs as well.
  - g. Need a direct link to the RReNewsletter
  - h. Fillable PDF for Sanction and Audit forms.

Jon Krolewicz, who works for Heyward Wagner, shares our frustrations with the website; Rich has put together list of priorities for the website (see above list), Rich will go to Jon to see about getting these done in the short-term.
8. New Business
  - a. Publicizing National Championship in additional avenues? (March artifact)
9. Back Burner Items (Deferred for several months).
  - a. 2015 Gervais Award Announcement and Presentation
  - b. Year end award determination. Pending Action for later in 2016: Need to clarify this language in the RRRs (Crittenden)

Motion to adjourn at 9:21 PM CDT

Next meeting April 11, via conference call

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary