

# RALLYCROSS BOARD

## RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | June 7, 2016

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on June 7. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Karl Sealander, Ron Foley, Keith Lightfoot, Chris Regan, Kito Brielmaier and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance were Tere Pulliam, Arnie Coleman, and Steve Harris, 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): In addressing RallySprint incident reporting, Regan noted that at RallySprint events contact with objects can occur more often than at RallyCross events. All incidents should be reported, but safety stewards should not be overloaded by incident reporting. The focus of reporting should be on injuries, major incidents, and landowner property damage.

Regan also reported on the status of the Safety Committee. He is considering adding members to the committee to handle the required workload.

- Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): The rule change submission timeline is on track to close submissions on June 15, at which point Lightfoot will prepare a summary of all submissions for the committee to review and to draft all new rule proposals for 2017. Members will be able to comment on the proposed rule changes from August 1 to September 15. Hyatt requested that the committee clean up the Court of Appeals rules for 2017 by removing the calendar year verbiage and the 2009 effective date.
- RallySprint Committee (Kito Brielmaier): Brielmaier had no updates from the previous month, other than because of its success this year the Waste Management Winter RallySprint has been announced for Presidents' Day Weekend in 2017.
- National Championship Committee (Mark Macoubrie): The changes to the supplemental regulations discussed at the previous RXB meeting will be applied to the upcoming East Coast National Challenge. The committee is working on a SportsCar article to promote the RallyCross National Championship. The committee has also drafted and will send out a letter of commitment to all confirmed chiefs of the National Championship. Macoubrie is in contact with the Des Moines Region to make sure they have everything they need for the event. A draft flyer for the event has been sent to the SCCA marketing department for any possible improvements before printing. Brian Harmer reported that the opening date for the National Championship registration has changed to August 10 for past champions and August 17 for everyone else

The RXB received a clarification request from a competitor to have a backup car at National events. The RXB discussed the issue and decided to clarify in the National Supplemental Regulations that if a competitor withdraws a vehicle from competition, that competitor can only rejoin the competition that day in a class-legal vehicle that has been presented for class inspection. Furthermore, a competitor cannot register and class inspect more than one vehicle per event.

- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): At their recent conference call the Divisional RallyCross Stewards discussed past and upcoming Challenge events, RallyCross sanction requests, RallySprint and RallyTrials sanctioning procedures, and the June 15 rules submission deadline.

### Old Business

- Court of Appeals: The 2016 Court of Appeals appointments have been made and accepted.

**Motion:** Approve the 2016 Court of Appeals members Ron Foley, Mike Jiang, and Orion Fairman, with alternate members Karl Sealander, Jim Rowland, and Eric Genack. Lightfoot/Foley. PASSED 5-0-2 (Regan and Macoubrie absent).

- Marketing: Howard Duncan discussed the importance that RallyCross prioritize its marketing needs. There are several natural sponsors for RallyCross, but the size of RallyCross does not provide the millions of eyes most companies seek. The SCCA marketing department would like to resume weekly calls with the RXB representatives to discuss the RallyCross marketing strategy.

### New Business

- East Coast National Challenge: Macoubrie has written a promotional article for the East Coast National Challenge highlighting the good location and its accessibility to a large number of RallyCross members. He is hoping to post it on as many Regional websites as possible, along with the SCCA website and Facebook pages.

- Payment options for National events: Macoubrie requested clarification on the policy to require payment be made at the time of registering for a National event. Brian Harmer explained that past experiences have led to the policy and that changing it is not possible.
- Fire extinguishers for National events: The hosting Region is contracted to provide the fire extinguishers for National events. The safety stewards are responsible to check the extinguishers and verify that they are in good working condition. As long as the gauge registers in the green the extinguisher should work properly.

Next meeting: July 5, 2016

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

# ROAD RALLY BOARD

## ROAD RALLY BOARD MINUTES | June 6, 2016

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on June 6, 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, NEC chairman Mike Thompson, RDC chairman Jay Nemeth-Johannes, BOD liaisons Lee Hill, Bob Dowie, and Terry Hanushek, SCCA Staff Heyward Wagner and Jamie Mullin, and Jeanne English, RRB secretary.

Minutes: there are two corrections to the May minutes as published in FasTrack:

1. Jamie Mullin's email is: [jmullin@cca.com](mailto:jmullin@cca.com)
2. re Item 8.ii NEC Report Milwaukee Badger Burrow: the RRB received an email from a competitor clarifying that there was not a threat to file a claim if a leg was not discarded, rather it was a matter of principle that the leg was not consistent with the rest of the rally and that keeping it might alter other teams' final placements.

### Front Burner Items:

1. SCCA Targa Program (Heyward Wagner): Heyward provided an overview of the Targa Program: the concept is a showcase of the various things that SCCA does, including road rally; he is planning a pilot of this August 11-14; it will feature racing, autocross, and road rally; it will travel from Atlanta Motorsports Park (northeast of Atlanta) to Chattanooga to the National Corvette Museum and Track in Bowling Green, Kentucky; the rally is currently planned for Saturday afternoon, Aug 13; the target is to get Track Night enthusiasts to dip their toes into a three-day program, showcasing all of SCCA. Rich said that we welcome the inclusion of road rally, and that the RRB is glad to help, especially with getting the appropriate people to organize the rally; Heyward said he should have asked the RRB months ago, but he wasn't certain until just 4 or 5 days ago that it was going to happen; there was some discussion about who would take the lead on the rally and what type of rally to have, keeping it simple! Jeanne and Rich will have further contact with Heyward to get things nailed down; Rich will post something on the Yahoo rally list asking for volunteers.
2. RReNewsletter – The latest issue was published May 24. Rich especially enjoyed Ian Holmes' article on the First Friday Night Series in LOL and Jim Crittenden's piece on his first rally.
  - a. June (July) Newsletter should be forthcoming any day now
  - b. Planning Calendar and Points Standings Updates have been sent to Cheryl Babbe.
3. Worker's Points on New Jersey Nationals
  - a. John said that the worker points have been adjusted. Do we need a new results form that asks what class the worker points should be in? Jim said that it should be up to the chairman to declare where the points go; he has revised the results form and will send it to Jamie. Rich asked Mike to remove the ambiguities in the RRRs about this.
4. SCCA Staff Attendees (Jamie)
  - a. Any items? Nothing to report
5. Regional Development Committee
  - a. Jay Nemeth-Johannes – sent Cheryl an item for the RReNewsletter asking for volunteers to be on the RDC; he is also working on a *SportsCar* article called Rally the Social Sport, a feature with lots of pictures, it was suggested that he contact *SportsCar* about this, and perhaps collaborate with Rick Beattie.
  - b. Still recruiting additional RDC members
  - c. Jay said that Cheryl set up a Google group as an email reflector; Jay wants to put material there, OK as a short term solution until an SCCA group is established
6. NEC Report (Mike)
  - a. Recent and Upcoming National events (Confirm dates at [scca.com](http://scca.com))
    - i. Steel Cities Steel Haul – May 14
    - ii. Milwaukee Roads Scholar – June 11
    - iii. NER Hurdle – August 6
    - iv. Land O Lakes Lacrosse – Oktober Rally/Badger Trails – Sept 16, 17
    - v. (not yet sanctioned) Two National Course Rallies, Folsom, CA – October 15, 16
    - vi. (not yet sanctioned) SoCal Highway Robbery – October 22
  - b. Liaisons for 2016 and 2017 USRRC
    - vii. Ron Ferris – 2016 (New England)
    - viii. Mike – 2017 (Arctic Alaska)
  - c. Pointskeeper status (John)

Mike reported on the NEC minutes, two main topics – points/equivalents and divisional rallies compliance with the RRRs

    - i. Should points/equivalents be limited? if so, how? Count best 5 of 9 Nationals? Clarence suggested 160 equivalents can be run, but capped at 100, Mike wants 180. RRB likes 160 points/equivalents; Mike will come up with wording.

- ii. What parts of the RRRs should apply to Divisionals? NEC suggested a list of exempt rules, e.g. no Official Observer, not the same awards requirements, sanction exceptions can just be listed, time frame for generals mailing, questions, issuance of RIs, drawing for car numbers, no pre-appointment of a claims committee. Divisionals will need to comply with everything else, i.e. conventions, course following, glossary. Or should the requirements be added to Appendix A about what must comply? Clarence said that divisionals should be as close to nationals as possible, but divisionals are not to grow the program (they will scare people away); John said that there needs to be structure for the championship, and agrees with Clarence's comments; Clyde agrees with Clarence about scaring people away, and said not to include all requirements. Mike will send the list of items to be excluded to the RRB, the RRB should send Mike suggestions; changes are close to ready for release for comments.

7. 2015 Awards

- a. The 2015 Gervais Award was presented to Chuck Larouere, rallymaster of Steel Haul, Steel Cities Region, at their recent event.
- b. The 2015 W. David Teter Award was presented to John Emmons, rallymaster of Badger Burrow, at the SCCA Convention.
- c. The Regional Achievement Award was presented to Milwaukee Region at the SCCA Convention.

New Business

- a. Clarence brought up a concern that it is time to talk about future plans; what about meeting on an off-Monday; Rich will send out note for date.
- b. Clyde wants to know what can be done to have national committees make their nationals more obvious, to make sure that possible competitors know about them?

Old Business (Place Holders)

8. Howard Duncan – Use of online training for Safety Stewards in other areas of SCCA.

- a. \*\*\* Time to pilot this for RR Safety Steward

9. New Business

- a. Reminder: June 30 deadline for 2017 Rule Change proposals.
- b. \*\*\* Proposal (John) Remove Divisionals from National Championship
  - ix. Divisionals required to follow RRRs
    - 1. Make organizing more complex
    - 2. Does not solve a problem
    - 3. May cost us some Divisionals
    - 4. Why
      - a. Clarence feels that Divisionals are for National competitors, put on by National competitors. They are both familiar with the RRRs
      - b. Jay feels that the two groups are looking through a different lenses
      - c. Mike said that maybe this is just Article 23 and 25 Conventions
      - d. John said go back to 2005 RRRs
  - x. Remove "no controls in no passing zone"
- c. \*\*\* RRSS Webinar?
- d. \*\*\* Town Hall Webinar?

10. Back Burner Items (Deferred for several months).

- a. Year end award determination. Pending Action for later in 2016: Need to clarify this language in the RRRs (Crittenden) Perhaps we move joining deadline for weekend members to a date earlier in the year.
- b. Scca.com web site reorganization: SCCA 2016 Convention Follow Up: First set of priority changes. Proposed list for discussion:
  - xi. Rally items are in File Cabinet and Downloads. Needs to be under the rally program
  - xii. Downloadable items need to be organized by
    - 1. Information for contestants
    - 2. Information for organizers
  - xiii. Information for new organizers (Jay's requirement)
  - xiv. Moderate, add delete, i.e. maintain our own content.
  - xv. Moderate our own forum.
  - xvi. Easy access to information on individual events. Links to info on a specific event.
  - xvii. 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.
  - xviii. Need a direct link to the RReNewsletter

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 PM CDT  
Next meeting July 11, via conference call  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne English, RRB Secretary