

RALLYCROSS BOARD

RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | August 2, 2016

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on August 2. 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 Jim Weidenbaum, BOD liaisons.

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

Committee Reports

- RallyCross Safety Committee (Chris Regan): The Safety Committee addressed 4 incidents in the past month, of which a couple involved slip and falls and one resulted in property damage from a wind-blown canopy. One incident involved two competition vehicles getting close to each other on course and will result in the Committee releasing a Safety Advisory to Safety Stewards and course designers to avoid the potential danger of close proximity of competition vehicles on course.

Regan distributed a proposed RallySprint Safety Steward Training program to the RXB for review. Hyatt requested that it be posted at the RallyCross forums for member comment. The RXB will vote on a final version at the next RXB meeting.

- Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): The rules proposals for 2017 have been posted at the RallyCross forums for member comment through September 15. Lightfoot indicated that the 2017 RallyCross Rules would include tabs for quicker access to specific rule topics. The RXB discussed ways to keep the helmet standards in the RallyCross Rules consistent with the other SCCA programs.

Lightfoot received a couple of rules clarification inquiries from members. One inquiry was questioning the legality of putting studs in tires not manufactured for studding. The RXB discussed this and the Rules Committee will render a decision. Another inquiry asked about the legality of JDM vehicles. RXB discussions concluded that gray-market cars appear to be legal in all classes, but the competitor must possess a shop manual or other documentation that confirms class legality.

- RallySprint Committee (Kito Brielmaier): Brielmaier has requested rule change suggestions from the Committee and should have any rule change submissions within a month. Hyatt reported that the Waste Management RallySprint is confirmed for February 2017 and publicity for the event has begun. The RXB discussed the new American Rally Association announcement and is in agreement that these changes should not have any negative impact to the RallySprint / RallyTrials program.
- National Championship Committee (Mark Macoubrie): Questions were raised at the East Coast National Challenge about rule changes at that event, specifically run order, time outs, and debeads. Clarification is needed prior to the Central National Challenge and the National Championship. A search for a trained timing chief for the RallyCross National Championship is underway. Plans are to do the training at the Central National Challenge and have an individual trained and ready for the timing chief position at the National Championship. It was announced that Tim O'Neil has donated another Team O'Neil Rally School certificate that will be awarded at the 2016 RallyCross National Championship.
- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): The stewards met on July 28 with 7 attending. Discussions included the 2017 National Convention, the upcoming Central National Challenge, year-end award nominee considerations, and how to submit articles to SportsCar. Also discussed was a new RallyCross program in South Carolina that held its first event on July 23 with an amazing 55 entries.

Old Business

- Divisional RallyCross Stewards updates: The RXB continues to look for a replacement Divisional RallyCross Steward in CenDiv. Other recent steward changes are Jim Perrin in NEDiv on July 15 and Rebecca Ruston in NorPac on June 1.
- Hybrid / Electric vehicles: In a continuing discussion of incorporating hybrid and electric vehicles in RallyCross, the RXB is considering rules that would regulate electrical system safety of hybrid and electric vehicles. Brielmaier has a contact with professional battery technology expertise who might advise the RXB in creating a good set of rules. Another suggested resource for electrical expertise for writing rules might be the Formula SAE Electric program. The RXB will continue to research the topic and may include Brielmaier's contact at a future RXB meeting.

Next meeting: September 6, 2016

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

ROAD RALLY BOARD

Sports Car Club of America RoadRally Board Minutes July 18, 2016

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on July 18, 2016; meeting called to order at 7:35 CDT by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Clarence Westberg, John Emmons, Jim Crittenden, NEC chairman Mike Thompson, RDC chairman Jay Nemeth-Johannes, guest Peter Schneider, North Jersey Region, BOD liaisons Lee Hill, Bob Dowie, and Terry Hanushek, SCCA Staff Jamie Mullin, and Jeanne English, RRB secretary. Absent: Clyde Heckler

Minutes: OK as published. The July meeting is too late in the month for publication in the August Fastrack, but it will be published in the RReNews; the Sept Fastrack will have both the July and August minutes.

Front Burner Items:

1. RReNewsletter – The latest issues was published in early July. It contained advertising for the USRRC in New England, a teaser for My First Rally in August and an interview with Mike Thompson. Rich appreciated Cheryl's article about TSD and GTA events.
 - a. Planning Calendar, Points Standings Updates needed? Jeanne and John will both be sending items to Cheryl
2. SCCA Staff Attendees (Jamie)
 - a. Any items? Nothing to report
3. Regional Development Committee
 - a. Jay Nemeth-Johannes – wrote an article for RReNews; slowly gathering his committee
4. NEC Report (Mike)
 - a. Recent and Upcoming National events (Confirm dates at scca.com)
 - i. Milwaukee Roads Scholar Course – June 11 nothing negative, went very well
 - ii. NER Hurdle GTA – August 6
 - iii. Clear Blue Sky GTA – August 20
 - iv. LOL – Course/Tour – 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 Thompson – 2017 (Arctic Alaska)
5. Lifetime and Championship Points on Combination Events (Jim)

There was an inquiry from Bruce Gezon asking if, in a combined event which could be run as a national or regional, a regional entry beats national entry, does national entry get moved down? Previously, results were combined (when the rallies were exactly the same), what about now? Per the current RFOs, no; by convention, yes. Clarence says we are not doing this any more, classes in regionals are not the same as nationals; intent is that the convention was not to be followed, and that the two rallies not be combined for championship points for this year. Terry said that we need to clarify this. **Motion:** The RRB is clarifying that multiple concurrent events, registered for separately, be scored separately and results will not be combined in any way. Jim/Rich/pass. Discussion: the RRB has discussed in the past few years, that is does not want these events combined; John said that if there is a different fee for national, can't be combined; Rich thinks it is ambiguous. [Rich–abstain, John–yes, Jim–yes, Clarence–yes]
6. Pointskeeper status (John)
 - a. Mendicino Gold Divisional points – this year OK, but next year they need to follow the rules better
7. 2017 Proposed Rule Changes. Should we release for public comment? In all the following items, the votes are only for whether or not to release each item for public comment:
 - a. Proposal to eliminate requirement to calendar events. (Article 4 C)

Bob Morseburg proposed this since he thinks committees are not following guidelines anyway [No = Rich-no, Jim-yes, Clarence-no, John-no]
 - b. NEC proposed changes – the NEC made a list of proposed changes, and Rich sent out the document with his annotated comments; these are the summaries
NEC 1 - eliminate GTA national championship?, research shows sunseting per a schedule, then sunseting at the end of the 2016 season unless there were at least 4 national rallies with at least 10 cars at each; release for pub comment that the GTA national championship be ended 12/31/16 due to lack of participation [Yes = Rich-yes, Jim-yes, Clarence-abstain, John-no]
NEC 2 – this eliminates administrative portion (Article 4) of the RRRs, trying to make things easier for contestants; John believes that all rules which apply to the national championship should be in the RRRs, the RFOs are an extract for administrative purposes [Yes = Rich-yes, Jim-yes, Clarence-

yes, John-yes]

NEC 3 – Art 8.A – delete reference to Weekend Members, so one must be a member all year to get points for the national championship; Jim agreed that it is OK to put this out for comment, Rich will endeavor to make clear what it will do [Yes = Rich-yes, Jim-yes, Clarence-yes, John-yes]

NEC 4 - Art 8.B.4 – changes how points are counted [Yes = Rich-y, Jim-y, Clarence-y, John-y]

NEC 5 – Art 8.C – increase worker points for nationals; Rich thinks it might encourage some people to write and/or work; Jim says that the RRRs say you can only earn 10 points per year, will need changing, perhaps to only earning points for one event, per series [Yes = Rich-yes, Jim-yes, Clarence-yes, John-yes]

NEC 6 through 13 – John and Jim suggested sending them all out for comment [Yes = Rich-yes, Jim-yes, Clarence-yes, John-yes]

Postponed to next month:

c. Strength of Field points

d Road Rally Safety Steward License

Peter – should creation of RRSS be part of the RDC? Howard Duncan says that Risk Management is OK with no RRSS for an event if a competent person does pre-check; this was a comment only, no action taken.

Rich asked if there was anything further from liaisons? No.

Peter said he was to talk about the upcoming Targa event and to answer questions about it; the format is Monte Carlo timing checkpoints at the beginning, then about 25 questions (as per Sasha's GTA rallies); length of the rally is about 2 ½ to 3 hours; Mark Johnson will be the Safety Steward.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 PM CDT

Next meeting August 8, via conference call

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary

Sports Car Club of America
RoadRally Board Minutes
August 8, 2016

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on August 8, 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, guest Peter Schneider, North Jersey Region, BOD liaisons Lee Hill, Bob Dowie, and Terry Hanushek, SCCA Staff Jamie Mullin, and Jeanne English, RRB secretary.

Minutes: July minutes stand as distributed, and as published in RReNews; the next Fastrack will have both the July and August minutes.

Front Burner Items:

1. Observe a minute of silence for Ted Goddard, longtime New England Region member, who died recently; he was involved in all aspects of SCCA.
2. RReNewsletter – The latest issue was published the first week of August. Rich thought the variety of authors and articles, including pro rally history, made it an exceptionally good issue, perhaps the best ever. Rich also noted Cheryl's suggestion that rally organizers promote the newsletter at their events in order to build the community. Terry mentioned that we had talked previously about linking to it on the SCCA website – anything new on this? Rich answered no, that he needs to get hold of John K with a list updates; including having someone other than those at the national office being able to update items.
3. Planning Calendar released today, there will probably be another one in a week a two
4. Targa Southeast Update (Peter): the event is this weekend, there are 30 cars entered, the rally portion is ready to go; Peter and Bruce Gezon wrote the course and saw it four more times, and then Mark Johnson did the Safety Check; the rally format is 3 Monte Carlo controls, then 21 questions to answer, ranging from simple to hard.
5. SCCA Staff Attendees (Jamie):
 - a. Any items? Jamie will be checking the Planning Calendar against the SCCA website to make sure events are listed on the SCCA website; Rich pointed out that only sanctioned events are on the SCCA website, that the Planning Calendar has events not yet sanctioned. Jamie is also willing to follow-up on getting various updates posted to the SCCA website.
6. Regional Development Committee (Jay): Jay is writing articles for Cheryl for RReNews, working on getting some committee members (Stu Helfer and Peter have volunteered), sent letters to a few others; Jay is behind on getting members for a couple of reasons, one of which is the charter for the committee, he is delaying until he knows exactly what the RDC will be doing; he has articles and other things, but nowhere to publish them; Chicago Region contacted him about doing some rallies together. Rich said he appreciates what a really big task Jay has, essentially starting with a blank sheet of paper; it is important to raise awareness to regions, an updated website is critical; we need to maintain a library of sample materials. Jay said that he also needs safety stewards and trainers. Jim asked if we are we meeting this year's goal (RDC goal: Have 4 regions that did not put on a rally in 2015 put on at least one rally in 2016); he also suggested checking with regions that had put on a rally last year or the year before but not this year; this is a different approach than finding new people. Jay said we need to find 20 to 30 year olds to become involved, not more older people.
7. NEC Report (Mike)
 - a. Recent and Upcoming National events (Confirm dates at scca.com)
 - i. NER Hurdle GTA – August 6
 - ii. Clear Blue Sky GTA – August
 - iii. LOL – Course/Tour – Oktober Rally/Badger Trails – Sept 16, 17
 - iv. (not yet sanctioned) Two National Course Rallies, Folsom, CA – October 15, 16
 - v. (not yet sanctioned) SoCal Highway Robbery – October 22
 - a. Liaisons for 2016 and 2017 USRRC
 - i. ??? – 2016 (New England) – Mike needs to find a new liaison for 2016, as Ron Ferris is no longer available
 - ii. Mike Thompson – 2017 (Arctic Alaska)

- c. Mike said he needs more/new NEC members.
 - d. Waiting for public comment on 2017 RRR proposals.
 - e. When a sanction app is submitted, we should reply with an organizers list including forms; Mike will work on getting this done.
8. Pointskeeper status (John): current standings are in the latest RReNews; John updates results as he gets them.
9. 2017 Proposed Rule Changes: should we release them for public comment?
- a. Strength of Field points – no action taken. Terry said that on the racing side, they have a ‘what do you think?’ letter system that seems to work for them; perhaps something like that could be used for road rally, for this topic or any other.
 - b. **See below for Memorandum about National Championship Points Based on Strength of Field**
 - c. Road Rally Safety Steward License – Risk Management has said that they would be OK with a ‘qualified person’ to do the Safety Steward checkout. Rich raised the question of how to determine who is qualified. Mike said that we have the RRSS checklist that can be used. Lee suggested a combined function of doing both course checkout and RRSS checkout. This is administrative, not part of the rules proposals.
 - d. When the RRR proposals are released, Mike will delete all proposed references to GTAs – see the following discussion:
 At last month’s RRB meeting, the NEC proposed a list of RRR rule changes. The first of them was to eliminate the GTA national championship (GTA rallies could still be put on, but they would not have their own championship). After this meeting, our BOD liaison Terry talked with other BOD members with the result being that the BOD feels that ending the GTA championship will not be well received by those who compete in GTA rallies, and that the BOD does not want to diminish avenues of participation; the RRB should focus on growing the GTA program; Lee said that doing away with a championship is only negative. John questioned whether the BOD knew that GTA rallies were still OK, just that there would not be a championship. Clyde said that the GTA series has not caught on, but he thinks there should be one. Peter said that it’s not really a championship, since only a few people actually participate nationally. Clarence said that GTAs need to be promoted differently, that they are a way for people to just go out and have fun. Jim agreed with Terry, that we should keep the GTA championship. Terry commented about the nature of GTA events. Jay said that GTA/gimmick rallies are the focus of what he is encouraging for regional events. Rich said it is clear that ending the GTA championship will not be supported by the BOD; he is taking it off the table for RRRs revision and public comment. Jay will post to the Yahoo group that the GTA championship is not ending.
 - e. **See below for 2017 Road Rally Rule Change Proposals**

Other items or new business: none.

Rich then asked if there was anything else on anyone’s mind. The answers, as he asked each person in attendance, were mostly “nothing”, one “I’ve probably said too much already”, and then Terry said he had something. Terry that the Solo program has Solo Development Coordinators, which could be translated to a Divisional Rally Development Coordinator, replacing the current Divisional Road Rally Stewards, and this can perhaps help Jay’s RDC; Rich said this goes hand-in-glove with what Jay is doing.

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 PM CDT
 Next meeting September 12, via conference call
 Respectfully submitted,
 Jeanne English, RRB Secretary

Item 9.b:

August 10, 2016

Memorandum to the Road Rally Community

Subject: National Championship Points Based on Strength of Field

The SCCA Road Rally Board is soliciting comments from the rally community concerning a proposal to change the amount of National Championship points that would be awarded on an event. Some in the community have suggested that beating 7 cars in your class should be worth more points than beating 2 cars in your class, for example.

There are many possible implementations of such a change. For example, in addition to beating cars in your class, should Class L entries be awarded points for posting a better score than a Class E car?

We'd like your opinion on the general concept of such a rule change. Please address your comments via email to rrb@scca.com.

~Rich Bireta
Chair,
SCCA Road Rally Board

Item 9.e:

2017 Road Rally Rule Change Proposals

The attached list of proposals has been suggested by members of the road rally community as rule changes for SCCA RoadRallies for next year. The SCCA Road Rally Board (RRB) will vote on each one of these proposals later this year and we would very much like to hear your opinion on each of them. If you would be willing to share your opinion on any or all of these proposals with us, please send an email to rrb@scca.com and tell us what you think. Let us hear from you prior to October 8th. In sharing your opinion on a particular proposal, please refer to it by the number assigned in the list below.

These proposed rule changes have been approved by the Road Rally Board only for release for comment from the rally community and this does not mean that they will necessarily be approved for inclusion in the 2017 rules. That is why it is important that we hear from you prior to making the final decision on each rule.

Administrative proposals:

1. Delete the requirement to display SCCA stickers on rally cars (Article 13 C 2).
2. Require sanction requests for Divisional rallies to be submitted 60 days ahead of the event. Current rules require Divisional sanctions be submitted 30 days in advance. (Article 4C)
3. Require sanction requests for Divisional rallies to include a rough draft of their General Instructions. Current rules require only National rallies to submit a rough draft of their General Instructions. (Article 4 C)
4. Eliminate the RoadRally Safety Steward licensing program. The function of a rally safety check would be performed by a prechecker who would complete the form that is currently completed by the safety steward.

Operating rule proposals:

5. Require Divisional rallies to adhere to Articles 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 in addition to the other articles that they are currently required to follow. (See Appendix A for a list of the current requirements)
6. Prohibit cable syncing of contestant clocks to the rallymaster's clock.

Championship Series proposals:

7. Change the language describing year end awards to the following: At the conclusion of the competition year, contestants who have neither met the eligibility requirements described in Article 8 A nor competed in at least one National RoadRally during the year in that series (Tour, Course, GTA) will be removed from the standings. Finishing positions will then be assigned. If two or more contestants have accumulated the same number of points, the position in question shall be declared a tie. The next position(s) shall be vacated. Awards will be presented to the people who finish in the top 10 positions in each Class in each Series.
8. Remove the 70 point limit for Divisional rallies in Article 8 B 4.
9. Delete the triple points for USRRC events. USRRC points will be assigned as they would be for any other rally, that is, 20 points for a National win and 10 points for a Divisional win.

10. Increase the equivalents from 14 to 16 in Article 8 B 4. This would allow contestants to include one more National or two more Divisionals in the group of events that are used to count their best 10 equivalents.
11. Increase worker points for working a National rally to 20 points. Working a Divisional rally would remain as 10 points. Specify that worker points can only be earned on one event per year per award category.
12. Reduce worker points for working a Divisional rally to 5 points. Keep worker points for a National rally at 10 points. (This is an alternate proposal to the prior one)
13. Require contestants to compete in at least two National rallies to be eligible for a year-end award. Current rules require contestants to compete in at least one National to be eligible for a year-end award. (Article 8 B 4)
14. Require that contestants be an annual SCCA member to earn Championship Series points. Current rules allow weekend members to earn Championship points as long as they become an annual member by November 1st. (Article 8 A)