

## **RALLYCROSS BOARD**

### **RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | December 6, 2016**

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on December 6. 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, Chris Albin, incoming BOD liaison for 2017, 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 have been reported to the committee since the last RXB meeting. The committee has discussed the possibility of an exclusion rule for vehicles prone to rollovers in RallyCross either by a list or a formula using vehicle height and width. The RXB is not in favor of any exclusions at this time. The committee is also considering a safety rule concerning cracked windshields. As no consensus has been reached within the committee, discussions will continue.
- Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): The committee has discussed the safety requirements of VW rail buggies in a Regional exhibition class. With no committee consensus about even allowing such vehicles in RallyCross competition, they will continue to discuss the issue. Forum feedback from the membership on studded tire use at the National Championship and National Challenge events favored clarification in the 2017 National Supplementary Regulations and a long-term outcome being addressed through an official rule proposal for 2018.
- RallySprint Committee (Kito Brielmaier): One change will be made to the 2017 RallySprint Rules, which changes the displacement limit for vehicle classification from 2,500cc to 2,501cc for R20 and R40. This will be done to avoid the current conflict in displacement limits. The next scheduled event is the Waste Management RallySprint on February 18, 2017.
- National Championship Committee (Mark Macoubrie): All current members of the committee have agreed to remain on the committee for 2017. Macoubrie would like an additional member to the committee and will send out a request for applications immediately. Macoubrie also distributed to the RXB a summary of feedback comments from the chiefs involved with the 2016 RallyCross National Championship.
- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): No updates as the Stewards did not meet in November.

#### **Old Business**

- 2017 National Convention awards: The RXB discussed and voted on the recipients of its annual awards to be presented at the 2017 SCCA National Convention. Those awards are the Regional RallyCross Achievement, Divisional RallyCross Achievement, Spark Plug, and Dirty Cup awards.
- RallySprint and RallyTrials added to website and Facebook page: Macoubrie asked if

it was possible to get separate tabs on the SCCA website for RallySprint and RallyTrials. Hyatt had looked into it and learned that the website lacks the capability to add more tabs.

- RallyCross event national database: Macoubrie distributed to the RXB a spreadsheet with information from RallyCross events across the country. It was comparative from 2015 to 2016 and included location, attendance, vehicle manufacturers, classifications, membership, and much more information to help analyze participation in the RallyCross program. It will also be available to Regions and Divisions to analyze their programs and target areas of improvement.

## **New Business**

- 2017 planning for Challenges and Championship: The RXB discussed the National Challenge and National Championship events for 2017. Plans are to follow the same format from 2016 with three National Challenge events (one each in the east, west, and central areas of the country) and the National Championship event. Negotiations on locations and dates are ongoing. Once contracts for those events are confirmed, the details will be released. The RXB also discussed promotional responsibilities for and possible format adjustments to the Challenge events. Feedback from the membership will be solicited on the forums for those format adjustments to the Challenge events.
- Adding content to Facebook: Macoubrie inquired about regularly posting fresh content on the Facebook page. Hyatt indicated that the RallyCross program would need to generate its own content and the National office would be able to post that content as needed.
- Roles and responsibilities for 2017: The RXB extended appreciation to Karl Sealander for his years of service on the RXB. As this opens a vacancy on the RXB, a seventh member will be needed. Anyone interested in serving on the RXB can send a résumé to [rxb@scca.com](mailto:rxb@scca.com). Mark Macoubrie will assume the role of secretary for the RXB starting January 2017. All other roles and responsibilities will remain unchanged for 2017.

Next meeting: January 3, 2017

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

## ROAD RALLY BOARD

### Sports Car Club of America RoadRally Board Minutes December 7, 2016

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on December 7, 2016; meeting called to order at 7:42 CST by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, John Emmons, Jim Crittenden, Clyde Heckler, NEC chairman Mike Thompson, RDC chairman Jay Nemeth-Johannes, new BOD liaison Earl Hurlbut, SCCA staff member Jamie Mullin, and Jeanne English, RRB secretary; not present: Clarence Westberg.

At last week's BOD meeting, Peter Schneider and Mike Bennett were approved as new RRB members for 2017. Earl Hurlbut was appointed as a new BOD liaison, he will be working with current BOD liaison Bob Dowie. Earl is a long time SCCA member who last rallied back in the '70s; since then he has been primarily involved in club racing, this is his first term on the BOD.

Minutes: November minutes stand as published.

#### Front Burner Items:

1. RReNewsletter – The December issue is expected out momentarily. Reminder: Text “roadrally” to 22828 to subscribe.
2. Introduction of new RRB members and BOD Liaisons – see second paragraph above.
3. Planning Calendar – a new calendar has been posted on the SCCA website; event organizers are encouraged to get their dates in, even if tentative; the calendar already has 16 national rallies scheduled.
4. SCCA Staff Attendees - Jamie
  - a. Convention Registration – convention is January 19-21; travel on Thursday, make your own hotel reservations, use the SCCA link.
  - b. Convention Program - Annual Meeting Thursday afternoon, Road Rally meetings are on Friday (see schedule to verify)
  - c. Sunday meeting room reserved for RRB face-to-face meeting.
  - d. Ballots for Teter / Gervais awards - about half have been returned as of today
  - e. BOD Approval of rules changes for 2017 – the BOD approved all rules except the one about Road Rally stickers, so they are still required; this can be revisited next year; see item 8.b. below.
5. Regional Development Committee – Jay: Rich said he is looking forward to next year on the RRB, he thinks the new additions to the RRB share a common interest of developing rally at the regional level; Rich thanked Jay for his nice

job on putting together some road rally intellectual property. Jay keeps writing articles and coming up with content for Cheryl for RReNews; he has a concern that he is seeing a problem that road rally is seen as places where national events are held, but not local events, local events are not being done as regionals but instead are being done by other clubs; what can we offer those clubs to encourage them to be part of the SCCA program, we need to recognize what is inhibiting them. Jay needs a repository for materials, Rich has been working with Jon at SCCA HQ to put a structure in place such that the landing page has what you need, and you don't have to go to downloads. There is a commitment from HQ for support. Jim reported the good news is that even with all the data not in yet, attendance was up more than 10% over 2015; 5 regions put on events last year but not this year; 7 regions put on rallies this year that had not done rallies in 2015. Jay wants to contact those 5 regions that did not put on rallies this year to find out why.

6. NEC Report - Mike

a. Recent and Upcoming National events (Confirm dates at [scca.com](http://scca.com))

- i. Yucatan Safari (LOL), January 14.
- ii. Mark Haas Memorial Weekend (South Jersey) March 18-19  
National/Div
- iii. Desert Sands, Desert Sins, 2 National Course Rallies, Arizona  
Border, March 4-5
- iv. Roads Scholar/Badger Burrow Course/Tour Weekend, May 20-21  
Things looking very good for 2017; 10 national course rallies, 6  
national tour rallies already on calendar. Mike said he foresees no  
major rules changes, maybe some tweaks.  
Mike and Cheryl had lunch to discuss the 2017 USRRC; it will be  
one divisional event run over three days, with awards daily as  
well as for overall; things are being planned, with emphasis on an  
'Alaska experience' rather than a points-gathering event; Peter will  
do the precheck. Jim asked Mike to make it clear to Cheryl that the  
level at which to sanction the USRRC is up to her, not the NEC or  
RRB.

7. Pointskeeper status - John – points standings are up to date, except for a few  
late in the season rallies.

8. New Business

- a. Other items of new business – none
- b. Road Rally stickers: Per the RRRs, on SCCA  
national events every car is supposed to have  
an SCCA national road rally sticker on both  
sides of the car. Reasons to not have this rule  
include: they attract attention to the rally cars,  
perhaps causing locals to think we are racing;  
the false belief that the stickers were no  
longer available. This can be revisited,  
perhaps at the convention.
- c. Rich said that for him 2016 been a really  
good year on the RRB, perhaps his best ever  
of his 5 years on the RRB. He also asked  
that we read 'From the SCCA Road Rally

Board Chair' that was sent out today to organizers, especially the section about volunteers. One of the benefits of being a volunteer in multiple organizations is the opportunity to meet new people from across the country. Rich acknowledged John and Clarence's contributions to the RRB over their tenure. Many of these contributions are behind the scenes and not visible to the general rally community (neither will be returning to the RRB in 2017).

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 PM CST  
Next meeting at the SCCA Convention  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne English, RRB Secretary