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ROADRALLY BOARD

The RRB met via Zoom on July 8, 2021. Chairman Mike Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm CDT

Attendees: Mike Bennett, Peter Schneider, Larry Scholnick, Wendy Harrison, Clyde Heckler, Jim Wakemen (NEC), Mike Thompson (NEC), John Poulos (RDC), Paul Eklund (NorPac DRRS), Chris Albin (BOD liaison), Jeanne English (secretary). Not present: Heyward Wagner (National Office), Nikki Edwards (National Office), Jeff Zurschmeide (BOD liaison)

- Approval of June 2021 Minutes – approved as posted
- **Road Rally Media**
  - Planning Calendar – latest one published today, July 8; Jeanne's list from SCCA shows Oktoberally as a tour, should be a course rally, will try to get this corrected
  - RReNEWS – Cheryl is planning two per month, to keep updated
  - Facebook Group and Page – nothing new
- SCCA Staff Report – Heyward Wagner – Brian Harmer no longer on staff, replacement coming
- NEC Report – Jim Wakemen / Mike Thompson – Jim W sent email with rules change proposals; would like to have Clyde take over J Toney's place, for the rest of the year, Peter will be liaison, **RRB motion**: Clyde serve remainder of J Toney's term for this year, **pass 4Y, 1A**.
- RDC Report – Peter Schneider / John Poulos – complete list of road rally chairs and REs to be added to mailing list, getting membership OK to share with DRRSs; John's story is ready, pending OK from national; John and Cheryl still working on road map; time to find another member, so Peter can assume more traditional role as liaison, let Peter know if you are interested; Mike B – we initially picked people, do that again? Or throw the doors open? Peter – let's wait a month and see what happens
- Staff Discussions Report – Mike Bennett – Jim Crittenden met with Heyward, John Hunter, Nikki Edwards, Heyward said 'things are going to be a little different for about 90 days' while he sorts out Brian and Courtney leaving national staff; Heyward will know better by end of July
- **Old Business**
  - RR Safety Steward Training in LMS
    - Completion Metrics - Peter Schneider – of 267 eligible,117 passed the test, 21 were RRSSIs; one more run of list on Monday
    - Next Steps - those who did not yet take test will expire at end of their membership; what do we want to do? Mike B – are we aware of any regions who will not have any RRSSs? Any with active programs?
  - Task List – Peter Schneider – 11 items on the list, will close two, update some. John P, looked at 14 links on website for rally generals and instructions, some 10 years old, some duplicates, 10 unique, none seemed particularly outdated; Clyde/Peter have been involved in updating these; John – roadmap will go more into this, trying to put context in the roadmap doc, provide more explanation as to what these documents are; Mike B – could this be a topic for a quarterly meeting? Wendy, before we do that, take a good look at what is already there, get

it more organized; Wendy will look at what's there, with John. Larry commented on his project about downloading versus pop-ups, Mike B said this is not a high priority; Peter suggested that this item can be closed and the RRB agreed. Since it is not a high priority

- o Quarterly Zoom Meeting 7/15/21
  - o "Beginners Guide to TSD RoadRally" – Wendy Harrison (90 minutes) – sent out presentation for review; wants to have handout available so can take notes if they want, can this be done on website for future meetings? Peter will send link for this meeting. Wendy wants to be able to share her screen, Mike B will check this out
  - o "Staff Experience" Feedback from Roads Scamper (30 minutes) – Courtney and her husband, and maybe John Hunter and Mike Cobb
- o 2022 Rules Changes
  - o List of suggestions to go out for comment – Clyde Heckler / Jim Wakemen – Clyde's list had 6 items, NEC has 5 items; need to decide tonight what to send out for comments.

List of proposals prepared by Clyde:

1. Suggestion by Jim Crittenden:
Delete the following sentence in Article 9C: "Committees must include one copy of the GIs in the registration packet." Send out for comments

2. Suggestion by Bruce Gezon: Article 25 D 3
Proposed: Eliminate the ambiguity that arises in the use of signs containing proper nouns for landmark identification. As an alternative wording I propose: Amend to: A sign used to identify a landmark may or may not be attached to the landmark, but the identification will be obvious. GIs should provide a landmark identification section describing what relevance prefixes, suffixes, and other designations (such as Bull or Truck being adequately identified by a sign for Bull Frog or Truck Entrance) have to references to landmarks in route instructions. Send out for comments

3. Suggestion by Clarence Westberg:
Allow an event to submit a safety scheme different than the current TA system. This scheme may include a penalty for mistakes that are the result of contestant error but continue to allow no penalty for issues out of the contestants control such as road blockage, slow car ahead, etc. The NEC would then approve or disapprove the plan submitted.
Not sending out, primarily for safety reasons, no changes will be made with TAs

4, 5, and 6 (below) relate to CLASS L DEFINITION
Introductory Explanation (to the RoadRally community): The current Class L definition allows for two alternative calculation approaches, Option 1 and Option 2, defined as follows:
Option 1) Unrestricted odometer paired with any calculating device that has no direct mileage input from any odometer, *OR* , **Option 2**) Any GPS-derived odometer paired with any calculating device (including those devices that take direct mileage input from the GPS odometer).
Since GPS derived mileage was considered inferior to wheel-driven derived mileage the two-method approach was intended to create a "level playing field" by allowing direct mileage input in method 2. Evolving GPS technology has placed that assumption in question.

The RRB issued a technical bulletin for clarification which said as follows:

There are two methods that qualify a Team to compete in Class L on National and Divisional sanctioned RoadRallies:

Method 1: The mileage used to calculate your time is derived from any unrestricted method including the cars odometer, magnets or etc. That mileage must be manually entered into the team's calculating device.

Method 2: The mileage used for calculating your time is derived solely from a GPS odometer. Any app may be used, including those devices that take direct mileage input from the GPS odometer.

Mileage derived in Method 1 cannot be used in Method 2. To correct the GPS mileage in any form, even if it is manually entered, is illegal use of equipment.

The rules expressly forbid Class L Rally Teams from using mileage derived by Method 1 with an app that automatically adds GPS derived mileages.

Note: Larry Scholnick indicated that he did not agree with the second sentence in red above. His reasoning was as follows:

Corrected GPS-based mileage should be subject to the same conditions as adjustable wheel-based mileage; it should be allowed in Class L provided that it is manually entered.

There are several proposals pertaining to the Class L definition. These proposals are all mutually exclusive. At most one of proposals 4 through 7 should be selected as your proposal of choice.

4. No change. The current definition of Class L should be retained with the inclusion of the Technical Bulletin included as a clarification. Do not send – default; if not in favor of any of these proposals, Note from Clyde: Larry's proposed change should be discussed. In my view, if a clarification was needed, then that clarification should be reflected in the RRR wording. Of course, if any of proposals 5, 6, or 7 wins approval then proposal 4 is moot.

5. Suggested by Wendy Harrison: (Class L should only allow...)

Unrestricted odometer (wheel driven or GPS) paired with any calculating device that has no direct mileage input from any odometer. Send it out

(Clyde note: This change would place such apps as the Michael Young Simple Rally Computer (SRC) in Class E. The SRC uses GPS mileage but performs an automatic early/late calculation.)

6. Suggested by Karl Broberg:

Karl essentially agrees with Wendy's comments that direct mileage input should not be allowed in Class L. He continues: I personally would like to go even further by limiting the calculation methods to those which require the navigator to do the math and then compare these calculations to official time, such as using tables, Stevens wheel (if anyone still has one), or a basic calculator. Send it out

NEC proposals:

1. Article 17 – measurements, add: For National and Divisional Time-Speed-Distance rallies the distance measuring device must measure the mileages directly from the car and not from a GPS device. Send it out

2. Issuance of RIs – be issues at least 30 minutes… Send it out

3. Article 8, Section C. Annual championship – In cases where multiple events are conducted concurrently, a competitor may enter only one ~~for championship points.~~ Send it out

4. Article 10, Section A. Entry Requirements - 1) Application for entry in an SCCA RoadRally shall be made by means of an official entry form, to be furnished by the rally committee. The form shall contain or be accompanied by full instructions for its submission, and shall mention the date of closing, if any, of entries. SCCA National and Divisional RoadRallies that have space for only a limited number of entries must accept all registrations of teams that have at least one SCCA member on the team and registers thirty (30) or more days prior to the RoadRally even if the entry limit has been reached. The entry of an SCCA member in this manner may cause a Non SCCA member to be moved to the top of the wait list. Send it out

5. Class G (GPS) – Timing equipment is restricted to Apple iOS® and Android® devices. There are no restrictions on Apps used on those devices other than all distance information must be derived from a GPS source. Send it out

- **New Business**
  - Update to RoadRally Communication Strategy – Peter Schneider -- approved
  - Feedback from Courtney Rivers – Mike Bennett – Mike B sent out her comments
  - Monthly Article for SCCA.com
  - Customized LMS Training for RRSSI -- next month
    - Mentoring Requirements for obtaining / retaining RRSSI licenses
  - Additional Education Videos / for 2022 National Convention from existing scripts
    - Introduction to your 1st TSD Rally – Wendy Harrison
    - Writing your 1st Trek Event – Peter Schneider
    - Other suggestions?

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm CDT
Next meeting via Zoom, August 12, 2021
Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne English, secretary

June 2021 / July 2021 RRB Task List Updates

Regional Development - Old Dominion (Task 201915) - Peter S received an email from Dave Head stating that he would be willing to assist. July 17 - Peter S reached out to Dave H. and B Ricker to see if Peter S can schedule a Zoom Call to discuss the Old Dominion Region.

Regional Development - Snake River (Task '201906-06) - Per Paul E. the Region has been non-responsive and **this item can be closed.**

Regional Development – Nebraska (Task 201906-22) – Per Rich B. **this item can be closed as an item tracked by the RRB**, but he noted via email that on July 10, he received an email from the Region RE (Steve Ducharme) that stated: Thank you for reaching out and offering your assistance. We were talking about restarting road rallies, until the pandemic arrived. We plan to pick up the discussion again this fall. This item can be closed and Rich will keep us posted as needed.

Social Rallies - Redefine definition / allowed number of events (Task 202003) - At the July RDC Meeting Rick M. stated that the National Office was looking for ways to get the Regions 'back together' now that the Covid-19 Pandemic is winding down, the RDC suggested a simple Social Trek. More details to follow.

Conduct quarterly RoadRally Town Hall Meetings (Task 202102) – Peter S. updated the document to include "Gatherings" and sent it out to the RRB for review and approval. July 8 - Changes were approved by the RRB and posted on the Website a week later. **This item can be closed.**

Monthly Tracking of the LMS RRSS Training Course (Task 202109) - July 8 - A total of 121 RRSS/RRSSI have taken the test out of 268 (45%). 24 of 38 (63%) RRSSI have taken the test. At the July RRB meeting Mike B. asked if there were any Regions with 'active programs that did not have 3yrs licensed RRSS, Peter provided that data to the RRB on July 14th - 8 regions do not currently have 3yrs RRSS. Peter S. suggested that the RRB reach out to the 8 Regions without 3 yrs licenses via a separate email address other than the one used by the RRB Email Blasts. July 16 Mike B. will send out a separate note to the outstanding RRSSI to see if that will motivate them to take the course.

Update the 'Approved By' Statement for the Robert V. Ridges Memorial in the SCCA Ops Manual (Task 202110) - July 5 - Based on a conversation with Rick M. the last week of June, the associated update for the RVR Award was left out in error and will be in the next update, which is scheduled for the end of the 3rd Quarter

Cheryl B. requested that the National Office review all links on the RoadRally Websites, that provide Download Function to consistency either download the document or 'popup' on an individual screen. Right now some 'popup' while other download. (202111) - July 8 Larry S. reported back that he did not see a 'browser' link to these issues and that he feels it exists within all specialties and not just RoadRally, the RRB did not feel it was a priority item for the National Office and will not request it to be addressed. **This item can be closed**

Cheryl B. would like to have the example of route instructions to be updated, some are several years old and are out of date (Task 202112) - Per John P he looked through the various sample General Instructions and Route Instructions accessible on the "Rules and Documents" page. There are 14 items, a few of which are referenced more than once, so a net of 10 items. They range in date of issue from 2009 to 2020. Older ones don't appear to be obsolete, though their age could create appearance of stale resource base. Could add a few additional new(er) ones, to improve on this, but not necessarily at the expense of removing older ones if they are particularly representative or helpful. I would consider expanding the set to include a broader cross-section of instruction types, formats, and concepts, which are commonly used across regions. Also should review and possibly refine the way the topics and documents are organized on the page, to make it easiest to get to a desired sample. The Road Map document under development can complement this set very effectively, providing context about rally types/flavors, approaches to use of Generals and Route Instructions, and other guidance that would make the referenced samples best aligned with a person's interested and objectives. Next step: John P. and Wendy H. to confer on ways to improve per above, including adding a broader representative cross-section of samples.