

# ROADRALLY BOARD

RRB BOARD MINUTES | Jan. 31, 2009

The *RoadRally* Board (RRB) met at the SCCA Convention on Sunday, January 31, 2010.

Attending were: Jim Wakemen, Chairman; Members: Jeanne English, Sasha Lanz, Mark Johnson, Eva Ames and Lois Van Vleet. Guest Kevin Poirier was present.

Chairman Wakemen called the meeting to order at 9:08 am PST.

The Final January 4, 2010 RRB Minutes were approved. (Johnson/Lanz)

## Proceedings

### 1. Rally Liaison updates

Van Vleet reported the California rallies were a success. English volunteered to be the liaison for Steel Haul Course Rallies in April. Liaison updates in **bold** below.

### 2. 2010 Liaisons

Assignments: The following have been appointed 2010 Rally Liaisons:

California, NT-NC Rallies (January) - Lois Van Vleet

**Steel Haul, NC (April) - Jeanne English**

New England, NC (February) - Rick Beattie (at December RRB Meeting)

Arizona, NC Rallies (March) - Jeanne English

Escape to Wisconsin, NT (June) - Lois Van Vleet

Chippewa Trail, NC (June) - **Mike Thompson**

**St. Louis Rallies (July?)** - tabled

Arizona Rallies, NT (**Aug? Nov?**) - **Dave Kolb**

Badger Trails, NT (September) - Lois Van Vleet & Eva Ames

Oktoberally, NC (September) - Jeanne English

USRRC NGTA (Oct) - Sasha Lanz

USRRC NT - Jim Wakemen & Mark Johnson

USRRC NC - Jeanne English

### 3. Review of Town Hall Meeting Discussions

Discussion: From the Town Hall Meeting held Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the convention many topics need to be discussed over the next few months and published for member comment. Some of the suggestions from the discussions brought up at the Town Hall Meeting are listed below:

Topic: Make the USRRC THE Championship Event

Discussion: USRRC and USRRC qualifier suggestions were:

- xx number of points to qualify.
- xx number of rallies entered.
- xx number of Nationals + xx number of Regional events.
- Make the USRRC a 'stand alone' Championship event and eliminate the 'Series' to determine the Championship

Topic: How to break Year End Championship Tie Breakers

Discussion: Suggestions varied from:

- Use the USRRC to break ties.
- Why do we need to break ties?
- Lowest rally score in all events run (requiring major record keeping).
- Number of National Rallies ran.

Topic: E, L and S Categories versus the current 4 categories (based on LTP).

Discussion: Suggestions to changing the current points categories were:

- Taking the points from the last 3-5 years and divide by 10 or xx = LTP to be added to your current LTP's (giving LTP to everyone who ran in the last 3-5 years).
- LTP are earned not given away without running.
- How can the Sportsman class move up faster?
- Champions moving up to the next category each year.
- xx number of placings move up automatically to the next category each year

Unfortunately, this RRB meeting was interrupted when the BOD called us in to meet with them. This meeting will be continued at the March RRB conference call.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Action items**

**Next meeting**

Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm CST, via conference call.

The meeting was unofficially adjourned at 9:55 am PST to meet with the BOD.

Submitted by Lois Van Vleet, RRB Secretary.

## RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES

*Editor's Note - the November and December 2009 Minutes were inadvertently omitted from publication. They appear in this month's FasTrack with apologies to the RXB.*

**RXB BOARD MINUTES | Nov. 9, 2009**

The RallyCross Board met via conference call Nov. 9. Attending were Bob Ricker, Chairman, Brent Blakely, Tom Nelson, Mark Utecht, and Pego Mack (National Office).

### Committee Reports

a. RallyCross Safety Committee (Tom Nelson): Nothing to report

b. RallyCross Rules Committee (Mark Utecht):

Pego Mack reported that the rule changes the RXB submitted to the BOD were approved.

The Board discussed adding an allowance for quad ATVs. It was decided that the additional risk would drive our insurance cast to an untenable level.

The Board briefly discussed the minor revisions that Tom Nelson had for the protest and appeals changes. Those passed by unanimous vote. As they are errors or omissions, they do not need to be approved by the BOD.

The RXB discussed a submission from Ken Cashion that included three items:

1. Ken is requesting for a revision of the rules regarding course degradation and possible adding items to address equal course conditions across all classes. The RXB felt the current rules were appropriate and this was more of a safety steward education issue. The safety committee will draft a newsletter that will include this item.
2. Ken also requested an allowance of wheel diameter changes to the Stock category. The RXB determined that this was not consistent with the current Stock category philosophy but will put it out to the forums for additional input.
3. The final request from Ken was to reconsider the National Championship Points Proposal that he submitted at the 2008 NRXC. The RXB felt that not enough had changed in the sport and that the proposal is still unwarranted.

### Old Business

Photo Contest Entries: Entries received have been sent to the selection committee.

### New Business

Pego Mack announced that the 2010 RallyCross National Championship would be held in Colorado. The site for 2011 will be vetted during 2010. Any region interested in hosting the 2011 RXNC is invited to come to Colorado and be involved in the 2010 event. Pego also requested help with the information about the 2010 National Challenge events and the RallyCross Region and Division of the year awards.

Mark Utecht will be presenting the How to Start a New Regional RX program at the National Convention. Tom Nelson will preside over the RX Safety Steward Continuing Education session. The remaining sessions will be hosted by the RXB as a group.

### Next meeting

Monday, December 14, 2009 at 8:00 pm CST via conference call.

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

## RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES

**RXB BOARD MINUTES | Dec. 17, 2009**

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call Dec. 17. Attending were Bob Ricker, Chairman, Brent Blakely, Karl Sealander, Mark Utecht and Howard Duncan (National Office).

Chairman Ricker called the meeting to order at 8:05 CST.

Minutes from the Nov. 9, 2009 RXB meeting were approved. (Ricker)

### **Pending Business**

1. Photo Contest Entries: Bob Ricker reported that the contest is underway and being coordinated by Jerry Doctor. A montage will be presented at the SCCA convention.
2. SCCA Convention Plans: Five seminars are planned for RallyCross. There will be Regional Best Practices, New Regional Program, Safety/Competitor Session, Town Hall, and Rules Discussion/Competitor Session. The RXB recommends that all RallyCross Rules Committee members attending the convention participate in the Rules Discussion.

### **New Business**

1. RallyCross Assumption of Risk Language: This is language adapted from the GCR and required, per Pete Lyons, to be in the RallyCross Rules. Mark Utecht reported that he has inserted the language into the 2010 RXR draft and forwarded it to Pego Mack for review.
2. Minor Competitor Release Forms: A new rule from the National Office requires both parent signatures for Minor Competitor Release Forms. Mark Utecht feels it will cost participation in Minnesota, and that we should be enabling younger competitors anyway we can. Bob Ricker suggested we talk to Pete Lyons and attend the insurance seminars at the convention. Howard Duncan said he would arrange a meeting between the RXB and Pete Lyons. Mark Utecht suggested Thursday to avoid schedule conflicts.
3. Forum for RallyCross Divisional Stewards (RXDS): A request for a RXDS forum has been brought up to the RXB. The RXB feels this would be helpful to the Divisional Stewards. Bob Ricker will check with Pego Mack to see what can or has been done to establish this.
4. Street Modified Category (SM): A request has been made to create another category of competition classes for RallyCross to capture those vehicles that can't or won't compete on competition tires yet are modified beyond the Stock Category. It has been a successful regional class in a few regions in 2009. Mark Utecht has sent out a draft and suggested that it remain a regional class only for now. His concern is that it could dilute present National classes. The RXB discussion included adding bumping rules to reduce the number of classes and ensure an adequate number of competitors in all competing classes, making SM a supplemental class at National competitions, and dropping the Stock Rear and Prepared Rear classes and combining two-wheel drive vehicles into one class (Stock Two Wheel Drive (S2) and Prepared Two Wheel Drive (P2)). Mark Utecht will post the possibilities on the forums and compile an email discussion so that the RXB can be prepared for a discussion at the convention.
5. STRAP: Bob Ricker will contact Pego Mack to confirm if Mark Walker is working on the Strategic Plan or if the RXB needs to make other arrangements before the convention.
6. Event Safety Issue: It has come to the attention of the RXB through photos posted on the Internet that some regions have not been adhering to RallyCross Rules, Section 5.3, Course Safety and Layout Rules, in that competitor cars have gotten airborne during SCCA sanctioned events. The RXB takes safety issues very seriously and expects region events be conducted according to the Rules. Bob Ricker will contact Region authorities to ensure such courses are not used in the future.

### **Next meeting**

Monday, January 11, 2010 at 8:00 pm CST via conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 CST (Ricker/Sealander).

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

## **RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES**

### **RXB BOARD MINUTES | Jan. 31, 2010**

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met at the SCCA Convention on January 31. Attending were Bob Ricker, Chairman, Mark Utecht, Brent Blakely, and Karl Sealander. Also in attendance were Howard Duncan and Pego Mack of the National Staff.

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

Chairman Ricker called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. PST.

The following items were discussed:

- Incident Reports: Howard Duncan explained the importance that incident reports be free of opinion. Descriptions of the incident should remain factual only. Mark Utecht requested that incident reports received by the National office be distributed to the RXB, the Safety Committee, and the appropriate Divisional RallyCross Steward. It was noted that such a distribution should only include reports with names, addresses, and other personal information blocked out while leaving division and region information.
- Rulebook accuracy: The 2010 RallyCross Rulebook contains some date references that are currently incorrect. It was suggested that the RXB remove from the RallyCross Rules any unnecessary dates that need to be updated annually. Doing so would reduce these types of errors in future rulebooks.
- STRAP: A discussion of the STRAP brought consensus that it is too long and that flowery and unnecessary language needs to be removed.
- New member of RXB: With the resignation of Jayson Woodruff from the RXB, the potential need to add new members to the board was discussed. The RXB, which currently consists of 5 members, should consist of 5 or 7 members. The RXB is requesting letters of interest and résumés for a position on the board. In the process of evaluating those résumés received, the RXB will decide whether the board should consist of 5 or 7 members.
- Safety Steward Training: Bob Ricker stated that the Safety Steward Training Program must be improved and it needs to be done in the next three months. It was suggested that the Safety Committee be employed in this task.
- Annual RallyCross Award: The RXB discussed creating an annual RallyCross award that recognizes outstanding achievement and contribution. This award could be similar to the Robert V. Ridges Memorial Award in RoadRally. Further discussion of the award will occur at a future meeting.
- Member Communication: Pego Mack suggested that the RXB improve communications with the RallyCross community using an eBlast or newsletter format. She also suggested a younger-oriented approach. Also suggested were the use of an email blast with instructions to use and subscribe to the SCCA forums and perhaps finding ways to improve the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. PST.

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary