

RALLYCROSS BOARD

RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | September 1, 2015

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on September 1. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Brent Blakely, Karl Sealander, Ron Foley, Keith Lightfoot and Chris Regan. Also in attendance were Tere Pulliam and Lee Hill, BOD liaisons.

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

Committee Reports

- RallyCross Safety Committee (Chris Regan): Regan summarized three incident reports reviewed by the Safety Committee since the last RXB meeting. None were deemed to be major incidents or required further Safety Committee action. Lightfoot notified the RXB of a forthcoming incident report from Colorado that involved a cut finger from a vehicle door.
- Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot): The proposed rule changes for 2016 have been posted to the forums and have received some feedback. The member comment period will be open until September 15. The RXB discussed usability of the SCCA website and forums, which seem difficult to use and navigate. Lee Hill will forward RXB comments and suggestions to the webmaster.
- RallySprint Committee (Brent Blakely): The Northwest Division has planned an event for December 12 at DirtFish Rally School. Blakely continues to work on the RallySprint and RallyTrials rules. Events are currently using the rules developed by the organizers in the Northeast Division.
- National Championship Committee (Stephen Hyatt): In a post-event evaluation of the 2015 RallyCross National Championship (RXNC) event, the RXB discussed those areas that were successful and those that need to be improved for 2016. Overall the RXB members felt the event was a success, and all were impressed with the work of the event chiefs and all aspects of the site. Currently, the plans are to return to the same site for 2016. The RXB will evaluate the RXNC survey results later in September to pinpoint additional ways to improve the event for 2016. The RXB plans to keep the National Championship Committee intact as much as possible, replacing any Committee members who choose to no longer participate and adding enough members to reach a Committee of five.
- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): The Divisional RallyCross Stewards (DRXS) did not have a meeting in August. Foley is currently evaluating several qualified candidates to replace Jon Olschewski as the Rocky Mountain DRXS. He plans to have a name and resume ready to submit for BOD approval by Oct. 1.

Old Business

- Marketing plan lobbying efforts (Hyatt): A marketing plan for the RallyCross program needs to be developed and refined with help from the National office. Plans to meet with Howard Duncan at the 2015 RXNC to work out the details did not materialize and have been postponed to later in September. If it is ready, Hyatt will submit a RallyCross marketing plan proposal as an agenda item for the next BOD meeting.
- National Challenge events direction for 2016: The RXB continued discussions of the changes to the National Challenge events for 2016. It was agreed that the changes should be finalized no later than November. Further discussions will continue at the next RXB meeting, as those decisions will require the input from the National office staff not present at this meeting.
- New RXB members: The RXB anticipates one or two RXB vacancies in the next several months and encourages those interested in serving on the RXB to submit a resume to rxb@scca.com. The main qualification is an interest in improving the RallyCross program. A younger demographic is preferable while maintaining geographic diversity among RXB members.

New Business

- Year-end RallyCross awards: Hyatt asked that the RXB begin considering recipients for the year-end RallyCross awards, which include the Dirty Cup, the Divisional RallyCross Achievement, the Regional RallyCross Achievement and the Spark Plug awards. Discussions regarding these awards will occur at the next RXB meeting, with a final vote in November.

Next meeting: October 6, 2015

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

ROAD RALLY BOARD

ROAD RALLY BOARD MINUTES | September 14, 2015

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on September 14, 2015; meeting called to order at 7:40 CDT by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Jeanne English, Clarence Westberg, Chuck Hansen, John Emmons, and BOD liaisons Terry Hanushek and Lee Hill. Absent: Len Picton, and Deena Rowland from the National Office.

August minutes were approved. Chuck/Clarence/pass.

Front Burner Items:

1. RReNewsletter – Last issue published September 8. Another fine job on the newsletter. Kudos to Cheryl Babbe for her continued efforts. RRB members are encouraged to contribute (Guest Checkpoint Chat Column, Save the Date, My First Rally, Rally Apps, Event Recaps, ...)
2. Road Rally Planning Calendar. (Jeanne)
 - a. Latest version (August 30, 2015).
3. Comments and Observations from the BOD Liaisons, Terry Hanushek and Lee Hill.

Terry: it's time to develop thoughts about the direction for moving forward; the RRB spends an inordinate amount of time discussing minutia about Nationals and the role of Regionals in the Championship; the BOD takes a longer view, and sees a wide range of activities, ranging from championship events to wider attendance at regional events; experiential aspect is crucial to the long term health of the rally program, to bringing new people in. The NEC was created to take over handling national events; the BOD proposes that a new committee be formed, the Regional Development Committee to focus on regional activities. They would like to see future RRB meetings be 1/3 national reporting, 1/3 regional reporting, 1/3 RRB business (front burner stuff). Terry sent an email suggesting that there be divisional rallies as intermediate rallies that are part of national championship, leaving regional rallies for regionals only (not involved in national championship); that nationals and divisionals be developed by the NEC and that regionals be developed by the RDC.

Lee: we both feel strongly that there is real potential for rally to be an entry to SCCA primarily because it does not require the time and money investment that racing and solo require; we've spent lots of time on the pointy end of the pyramid, and not nearly enough time on base of pyramid that the pointy end rests upon. Lee and Terry are both willing to continue as the RRB liaisons next year, and have told John Walsh (BOD Chairman).

To summarize: they've done two things – defined the new RDC committee, and taken regionals out of the national championship. Rich views these changes as positive; and that NEC has been partially successful in getting national things off of the RRB's hands; and feels strongly that having continuity in liaisons is a positive thing. Jeanne – agrees with Rich. Clarence – also agrees. Chuck – there are already divisionals out there in some divisions, but they are not defined in the RRRs or RFOs. Terry – the proposal is to have divisionals as midlevel events which are part of the championship, and that regionals not be part of championship. John – agrees with regionals not being part of the national championship. Terry –define two levels of rallies to count toward championship – nationals, and divisional (or 'district' or 'area'), with parameters defined as intermediate level; separate out regional development. The RRB should also become organizer friendly, not just competitor friendly. Terry is willing to write up what he has said tonight, to outline it so we can all see it in writing. Rich moved that: it is the intention of the RRB to terminate the blanket inclusion of ALL Regional events effective 1/1/16. A new definition of intermediate level events will be established for inclusion in the National Championship. Rich/John/pass (4-1, Chuck opposed).
4. USRRC Events
 - a. 2018 STL - Positive response sent to Jim Heine. Target date for formal approval is June 2016.
 - b. 2015 Cal Club (Jeanne) – on track, adding to the 'lite' theme there will be no official hotel since it is cheaper to make reservations directly online instead using a group rate.
5. NEC Report (Chuck)
 - a. St. Louis and Detroit events complete. LaCrosse and California Nationals on track for 2015. Arizona Border delayed their event until 2016. Dallas National GTA last weekend had 33 entries. Congratulations to Sasha and Texas Region on their very successful GTA rally.

6 Convention

- a. Sasha will be on committee planning 2016 SCCA Convention. John had raised the question as to whether the RRB will attend. The RRB was encouraged to meet face to face in the field at a Divisional Convention. 2016 plans and preferences? Pending. Terry has had email exchanges with Lisa and the plan is to budget one meeting for each of the program Boards. Lee and Terry would not be available for meetings during the convention because of their BOD responsibilities. If we meet at a different time than the convention, they would be available. In the latter case, there would probably be a couple of us who would be invited to the convention to support presentations. Terry asked if it would be OK to tell Lisa that the RRB is seriously considering meeting with a Divisional meeting. Yes.

7 2016 Proposed Rules Changes - Deferred to a future special meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM CDT

Next meeting October 12, 2015, via conference call

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary