

### **RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES** | January 19, 2017

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via face to face meeting in Las Vegas at the SCCA convention on January 19, 2017. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Keith Lightfoot, Chris Regan, Kito Brielmaier, and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance were Howard Duncan, Brian Harmer and Sandi Brown from the National office.

The Secretary acknowledges that these minutes may not be in chronological order. Chairman Hyatt called the meeting to order at 8:30am PDT

### **Meeting Minutes:**

- DirtFish was announced as the title sponsor for the National Challenge and Championship events for 2017.
- The DirtFish SCCA National Challenges will be held as follows.
  - Central Challenge will be April 7-9, 2017 at Heartland Park Topeka, KS
  - East Coast Challenge will be July 7-9, 2017 at Rally Farm, Catlett, VA
  - West Coast Challenge will be July 21-23 at DirtFish, Snoqualmie, WA
  - The DirtFish National Championship will be held Oct 20-22 at Heartland Park Topeka, KS
- Approve Safety Rules modification:  
"Windshields must not have a crack larger than 3 inches in length or diameter and the crack must not be in the driver's sightline nor extend to the edge of the glass. Professionally repaired windshields are acceptable. A 1-event waiver will be allowed for minor recent damage for which the driver did not have time to repair or replace. Effective 7/1/2017"

Motion by Keith Lightfoot, Second by Chris Regan. Passed (5-0) Ron Foley not in attendance.

- Approve all Current Divisional Stewards for 2017.  
Motion by Keith Lightfoot. Second by Mark Macoubrie. Passed (5-0) Ron Foley not in attendance.

- Formally approve the national challenge and championship dates.  
Motion by Steve Hyatt, Second by Chris Regan. Passed (5-0) Ron Foley not in attendance

- Approve the creation of a 10th class consisting of an automotive naturally aspirated 4 cylinder or less motor and matching drivetrain, following specific construction and safety standards including being SCCA log booked, fenders, side windows or window netting, full faced helmet, long sleeves, long pants and closed toed shoes. Class shall run on pump gas or diesel. Modified tires shall be allowed. The class will be piloted 2017 and become a full class in 2018.

Motion by Chris Regan. Second by Kito Brielmaier. Approved (5-0) Ron Foley not in

attendance

- Printed version of the rules books will be available through Google prints. There will be a link on the SCCA website.
- The RXB will create a new committee with an appointed board liaison. The committee will have 3-5 members and will be tasked to create a RallyCross operating manual including how to start a program, how to run a program, and other support documents for regional programs. The name of the committee will be the Growth and Development Committee. The RXB Division Steward Liaison and Growth and Development Committee Liaison will be two different RXB members.
- The RXB will review regions of the country that are underdeveloped and work on helping to grow RallyCross in regions that currently do not have a RallyCross program. The RXB will also review regions with RallyCross programs and look for opportunities to expand existing programs.
- The RXB will have reviewed the RallySprint and RallyTrail rules and is in the process of making an update to the requirements for ambulances at a RallyTrial event. The modification will be completed and reviewed by the RallySprint and RallyTrail committee and then forwarded to the RXB for final approval.
- The sanction form will change for 2017. The form will require results to be provided with the audited form. Results will be used to create a national database of all RallyCross events to allow better understanding of the RallyCross program at a national level.
- A RallyCross starting line school will be offered at each the National Challenge. The starting line school will include a one day school, one year annual membership, one free SCCA event, and a significant discount on a helmet.
- The RXB will send out a reminder about the RallyCross incentive program for new programs and new sites as stated below.

### **RallyCross New Program/Site Regional Incentive Plan**

The RallyCross Board and the Rally/Solo Department are happy to announce a new Incentive Plan to help Regions start a new RallyCross program or use a new RallyCross site. This Incentive Plan will help Regions by reducing fees and some fixed costs when starting a new program or when finding and using a new site for existing programs.

The definition of “new”, as applied for this Incentive Plan, is not having a RallyCross event or using a RallyCross site in the three years prior to the proposed event date. Regions who want to apply for this program must have their Divisional Steward request it from the Rally/Solo Department prior to applying for the sanction.

Plan Overview of Fees		
	Sanction Fee	Insurance
<u>Regions Starting a new RallyCross program</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup> event	NO FEE	\$4.00/entry. With no minimum
2 <sup>nd</sup> event	NO FEE	\$4.00/entry. With no minimum
<u>Regions using a new RallyCross Site</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup> event	\$2.00/entry, no minimum	\$4.00/entry. With no minimum
2 <sup>nd</sup> event	\$2.00/entry, no minimum	\$4.00/entry, minimum of \$50

## **RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | February 7, 2017**

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on February 7. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Ron Foley, Keith Lightfoot, Chris Regan, Kito Brielmaier, and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance were Arnie Coleman and Chris Albin BOD liaisons, and Brian Harmer from the National office.

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Chairman Hyatt called the meeting to order at 8:02pm EDT.

- **Chairman Report (Hyatt):** RallySprint and RallyTrials rules were sent to the SCCA Board for approval. The forum at [www.sccarallycross.com](http://www.sccarallycross.com) has been renewed and upgrade to be more mobile friendly. A regional flyer is being developed and will be out soon for regions to use in marketing locally. The flyer will have space for both regional and national events. The flyer will be able to be printed at a local FedEx printer. The new sanction and audit forms are out. The forms include a check box for new site, new program and require event results be attached to the audit. The SCCA National Office has created a marketing plan for Google and Facebook and will be implementing it throughout the year. The Growth and Development committee is now being formed. Progress is also being made on a RallyCross App.
- **RallyCross Safety Committee (Chris Regan):** The windshield rule was further reviewed and discussed by the RXB. The rule will be posted on the Forum and on Facebook. No reports or issues for Safety.
- **Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot):** The 2017 Rule book has posted on SCCA.COM. A list of rule interpretation will be placed on the forum in the near future. The request of 2018 Rules suggestions has been posted on the rules forum.
- **RallySprint and RallyTrials Committee (Kito Brielmaier):** A RallySprint Safety Steward program has been added and is separate from the RallyCross Safety Steward program. The RallySprint and RallyTrials committee will approve all RallySprint Safety Stewards. A RallySprint Safety Steward training class will be held Friday before the Waste Management RallySprint. The RallySprints and RallyTrials committee is also looking into creating a RallySprint tech inspector and logbook process.
- **DirtFish National Championship Committee (Mark Macoubrie):** The DirtFish National Championship planning committee met on February 1, 2017 to work on the supplemental rules for 2017 National Events. Once the rules are completed they will be sent to the RXB for approval. The 2017 DirtFish Central Challenge is open for registration. Registration will be on [MotorsportsReg.com](http://MotorsportsReg.com). No SCCA RallyCross events will be held the weekend of the 2017 DirtFish National Championship. No SCCA RallyCross events will be held within 500 miles or in adjacent regions the weekend of a DirtFish National Challenge. There is no restriction the weekend before the National Events.
- **Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley):**  
The RallyCross Divisional Stewards had a meeting on January 28th, 2017. Six Stewards attended the meeting. The Stewards talked about the new windshield rule, tech inspector's roles and responsibilities at national events, blackout dates for national events, the starting

line school and new sanctions forms.

- Old Business

Adding results request to Audits (Macoubrie) See Chairman's Report Content editor/writer Position for National Events (Macoubrie)

The Committee discussed the additional of a content editor/writer for the national events. A candidate was interviewed by the RXB.

New Growth and Planning Committee (Macoubrie) See Chairman Report.

- New Business

Trophies for National Challenges (Macoubrie) The RXB discussed the trophies for the 2017 DirtFish National Challenges and the SCCA National Office provided additional details on the trophies for the 2017 DirtFish National Challenges.

DirtFish Central Challenge Co-Region Details (Macoubrie): The DirtFish 2017 Central Challenge will be held in the Kansas Region and be supported by the Kansas City Region RallyCross program in a collaborative effort between the two regions.

Meeting Adjourn 9:25 pm EST

Next Meeting: March 7th, 2017.

Submitted by Mark Macoubrie

## ROAD RALLY BOARD

### RoadRally Town Hall, SCCA Convention Friday, January 20, 2017, 4:02 pm

RRB members present: Rich Bireta, chairman, Jim Crittenden, Clyde Heckler, Mike Bennett, Peter Schneider, Jeanne English, secretary, Mike Thompson, NEC chairman, Bob Dowie and Earl Hurlbutt, BOD liaisons, and Howard Duncan, Rally/Solo Director.

Rich began the Town Hall by introducing those present, and asking the new RRB members to tell us about themselves: Mike Bennett is from Detroit region, has been involved 19 years, recently retired so feels has more time to devote to the RRB; Peter Schneider, Northern New Jersey region, rallying since 70s, travels for rallies.

New SCCA website (finally!): Rich believes that the positive response from the competitors on the recent Targa Southeast helped to move Road Rally “up the list” of things to do in Topeka. Jim Crittenden (RRB) and Jon Krolewicz (SCCA Staff) worked together to reorganize the Road Rally information at the [scca.com](http://scca.com) web site. The only tasks that remain are to update the information that is found there. Jon wants to get information into the news section, especially for National rallies this year; he will attempt to put the USRRC on the SCCA website front page; Jon likes that rally has low barrier to entry (in terms of cost), and that it is easy for people to get into rallying. Jon’s model for the website is newspapers; the information is intuitive to find, i.e. it is no longer necessary to go to the downloads section on the main page. The new Road Rally page includes RReNews, the events calendar, etc. Jim really likes the link to ‘supplies and equipment’, which includes a subset of rally apps including an app for \$6 for Class E versus buying \$2000 rally computer. If you haven’t already seen the new RR webpage, check it out.

Rich introduced Jamie Mullin, who is Howard’s administrative assistant, liaison to the RRB

The RRRs are now available in hard copy from Amazon (\$5.95), thanks to Jim Crittenden; he got it done through Createspace.com, an Amazon company. The link to the RRRs is: [https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1541076001/ref=oh\\_aui\\_detailpage\\_o00\\_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1541076001/ref=oh_aui_detailpage_o00_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1). Thanks, Jim!

There was some discussion about classes, in particular how to classify people using GPS, and apps that use GPS. Per the RRRs, because of the GPS/odometer link, many are classed in Class E according to the current rules. In Class E they are not competitive with Timewise and Alfa computers. Apps are targeted to those new to the sport, to see if they are interested. At some point, we may need to redefine classes to take this into account. Most people who use GPS use it for map function, and most GPS units do not have mileage to 0.01; most units can’t do both at same time. There is no Novice class at national level, many local events have novice class.

Cheryl Babbe asked if RReNews was reformatted as a PDF annually, with each author compiled, would people want this? Not much interest; those present preferred each month separate. The RR page on the SCCA website has issues starting with June 2016, up to and including January 2017.

Cheryl encouraged the RRB to do webinars on various topics; the videos can be posted on the SCCA website or YouTube; target audience primarily regional people.

Sasha Lanz said there are three new regions who have promised to put on rallies this year - Austin, TX, Houston, TX, and Utah; they are all in the same boat – how do we support Regions such as these? Cheryl asked if there can be a simple, directed, guidebook for putting on a first rally, including timeline, simple generals for GTA, tour, or course; there is lots of stuff available but it is in lots of different places.

Peter reported on the Targa event; it had to be done in six weeks; it was hard to do, but it got done.

Cheryl asked about the timeline for revising RR Safety Steward training? Rich said that at Sunday's RRB meeting, they will decide the relative importance of the projects the RRB is going to tackle in 2017. Risk Management says that they (Risk Management) do not require a RRSS per se license, but road rally events do need to have the rally prechecked by someone with appropriate knowledge. How is it determined that one has the appropriate knowledge and experience? A RRSS license is one answer.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne English, RRB secretary

**Sports Car Club of America  
RoadRally Board Minutes  
January 22, 2017**

The RoadRally Board met at the SCCA Convention on January 22, 2017; meeting called to order at 8:00 am by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Jim Crittenden, Peter Schneider, Mike Bennett, Clyde Heckler, Jeanne English, secretary, Mike Thompson, NEC chairman, Lee Hill (former) and Bob Dowie (current), BOD liaisons, Howard Duncan, Rally/Solo director, and guests Cheryl Babbe and Pego Mack.

**Front Burner Items:**

1. Minutes: December minutes stand as published.
2. RReNewsletter – Reminder: Text “roadrally” to 22828 to subscribe.
3. Breakfast and Lunch Sunday will be provided courtesy of Howard Duncan and the SCCA. Breakfast should be available at 8:00. (Both were tasty and filling. Thanks, Howard!)
4. Introductions – all present introduced themselves around the table.
5. RRB Responsibilities (What we must do in 2017)
  - a. SCCA Operations Manual: Responsibilities, Expectations. Section 7, Appendix F Rich encourages all RRB members to download the Operations Manual and read the appropriate section.
  - b. RRB member terms – 2 years, annual reappointment by BOD, up to 6 years
  - c. RRB Recurring Calendar – things we have to do, and when, Rich has a calendar; it includes such things as the time schedule for rules revisions
  - d. Administration of Championship Events, National Events Committee – also includes rules changes; NEC members: Mike Thompson, Ron Ferris, Chuck Larouere, Richard Wetzel, and Bob DeMerritt. **Motion: Reappoint Mike Thompson as NEC Chairman and reappoint the other members. Rich/Peter/Pass. Motion: Clyde will be the primary RRB liaison to the NEC, with Jim secondary. Rich/Peter/Pass. Mike will send NEC minutes to RRB.**
  - e. RRB Monthly meeting day and time: 2nd Thursdays, 7:30 CDT
6. RRB Priorities for 2017 (What we would like to accomplish in 2017)

These are the RRB priorities for 2017, in order of priority (initials signify which RRB member will be lead person for that item):

**A. Safety Steward Program**

**PS 1. Review current list**

- a. Identify focal person for each region
- b. Review Safety Stewards and SS Instructor lists with region focal
  - i. Remove inactive licensees

**PS 2. Process document for license and re-certification**

**MB 3. Training/knowledge test**

- a. Coordinate existing materials
- b. Create a knowledge test
- c. Modernize/On-line training

**B. Communication Strategy**

**1. Develop communication plan**

- RB a. Identify current deficiencies
- b. Identify under-utilized communication paths
  - i. SCCA forums
  - ii. Inside Line
  - iii. RE monthly
  - iv. RReNews (Constant Contact)
  - v. Member Facebook page (SCCA members)
  - vi. RR Facebook page(s)
    - SCCA Road Rally
    - Road Rally e-News
  - vii. SCCA Yahoo group

**JC 2. Road Rally Best Practices**



- RB 3. E-mail Communication
- C. Regional Development
  - CH 1 Road Rally "Starter Kit"
    - a. GTA Q&A
    - b. Tour TSD (simple)
  - CH 2. Rallymaster Starter Kit
    - a. Process document(s)
  - 3. Divisional Steward Role
    - a. Mentorship
  - 4. National Coordinator
  - JC 5. Proposal for funding for regional programs
- 7. New Business
  - a. SCCA HQ support for USRRC: Mike asked if there are any national funds for USRRC? Pego said that at some point in the past there was a line item in SCCA's budget for the USRRC; Bob Dowie will check to see if it is still there. HQ is sponsoring a team from HQ.
  - b. Should there be a RRB Town Hall via Conference Call in February? Conference call yes, but at the end of March.
  - c. Clarification on Workers Points: Bruce Gezon wants clarification that the 20 pts can be two divisionals - answer, yes
  - d. Clarification on Sanction, Insurance and Weekend Membership fees: **Motion: Sanction fees of \$10 (national)/\$4 (divisional)/\$2 (regional) stay the same as 2016, plus \$4 per car insurance. Rich/Jim/Pass**
  - e. Clarification on National Championship Decals Rule Change – change 'insure' to 'encourage' 13.C.4.
- 8. Appointments
  - a. Secretary: Jeanne will continue as RRB secretary
  - b. Pointskeeper: **Motion: Show Weekend Membership people in points standings in 2017. Rich/Peter/Pass.**  
Motion: Appoint Bruce Gezon as Pointskeeper. Peter/Rich/Pass.
  - c. National Events Committee membership: see 5.d above (same as last year).  
Thank you for a job well done in 2016.
  - d. Regional Development Committee membership: tabled
  - e. Rulebook Editor – Bruce has done it, and is willing to continue **Motion: Reappoint Bruce Gezon as RRB editor. Rich/Jim/Pass.**
  - f. Role of Divisional Steward: currently, they are supposed to administer a divisional series. Peter would like that changed, so that they additionally are involved in the RR safety steward program, and also to mentor 'new' regions that want to start a road rally program.
  - g. Rules Committee: **Motion: No Rules Committee be appointed for 2017 at this time. Mike//Rich/Pass.** Discussion: the process for the past 2 years has worked, with the NEC doing rules changes. Jim thinks the NEC needs to be 'beefed up'.
  - h. National Coordinator of Regional Development: tabled
  - i. Suggestion from Sasha Lanz about GTA National Championship: that worker points be used in place of competing in a national rally? **Motion: The existing rule stands as is for all series. M/S/P.** Table discussion
  - j. Social rally fees: **Motion: The RRB concurs with national office guidelines for social rally fees (\$20 per event) Rich/Jim/Pass**

Motion to adjourn at 4:00 pm  
 Next meeting via conference call, February 9, 2017  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 Jeanne English, RRB Secretary

**Sports Car Club of America  
RoadRally Board Minutes  
February 9, 2017**

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on February 9, 2017; meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Jim Crittenden, Peter Schneider, Mike Bennett, Jeanne English, secretary, Mike Thompson, NEC chairman, Earl Hurlbut and Bob Dowie, BOD liaisons, and Jamie Mullin, National staff; not in attendance: Clyde Heckler.

**Front Burner Items:**

1. Minutes – January minutes stand as published.
2. RReNewsletter – Reminder: Text “roadrally” to 22828 to subscribe. February issue published last week and included articles on the awards presented at the SCCA Convention, the Snowflake Rally (Peter), a new rally app, Awards and Recognition (Jay), HQ News (Jamie), Minutes (Jeanne), National News (Mike T) and an update on the 2017 USRRC (Cheryl). All together a really nice issue. Keep contributing!
3. RRB Responsibilities (What we must do in 2017)
  - a. Revised version of the Annual Calendar of Recurring Activities was distributed with the agenda. (see Calendar below)
4. Reporting Championship Points
  - a. Following the first Divisional of 2017 a number of people (too many) followed up with the organizers regarding reporting of results. What is the correct procedure for reporting official results? They go to: Deena, Bruce Gezon (Pointskeeper) and the RRB. Jim will ask Bruce, as Pointskeeper, if he is willing to track down late/missing results during the year.
5. RRB Priorities for 2017 (What we would like to accomplish in 2017)
  - a. Full list of Priorities for 2017 is included in the agenda (see below). Reports on status are included below; comments made at this meeting are in italics. Please be prepared to discuss in more detail in March.
6. NEC report – Mike Thompson sent the RRB the minutes from Tuesday night’s NEC meeting.
  - a. There is some confusion about this year’s USRRC – Mike T, Rich, and Cheryl Babbe all confirm that it is a Divisional Course Rally being run over three days; there was some discussion about rules. Cheryl wants to figure out how to attract more of the ‘lower 48’ people. Entry fee includes motels Friday and Saturday nights, two meals, T-shirts, souvenirs; discounts are available; amenities are likely to change again (for the better). Peter will be doing a pre-run the first week in June. This is the link for registration on MotorSportsReg.com: <http://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/eventrequirements/uidEvent/A982EABF-F37A-8B93-955C44226A642D78>
  - b. RRB got a proposal from St Louis a year and a half ago about hosting the 2018 USRRC. Mike T will contact Jim Heine to check the status and report back next month.
7. Old Business
  - a. SCCA HQ support for USRRC (Mike B) – Earl to follow up with Bob about HQ subsidy (continued from last month)
  - b. Clarification on Sanction, Insurance and Weekend Membership fees – nothing this month
  - c. Clarification on National Championship Decals Rule Change – nothing this month (the BOD is still discussing this)
8. New Business
  - a. Discuss/approve Regional Development Proposal
  - b. Heyward Wagner is talking about Targa 2017 projected for August 12 in the Southland - Charlotte to Atlanta then to Memphis via Chattanooga. Peter got a note from Heyward about this.
  - c. Rich – Kansas and Kansas City Regions are planning Party at the Park the first week in August headquartering at Heartland Park (newly renovated); it will be 2 days club racing, 2 days solo, 2 days rallycross, and a road rally
  - d. Rich reported that a rallyist in central Florida wants to start program

- e. Peter mentioned Ron Sorem's Western Regional Rally Calendar, a pretty thorough list of events on the West Coast.
- f. Lee Hill, BOD Chairman. was going to join us but couldn't, so Rich shared an email he got from Lee saying how pleased he was with the professional cooperative attitude the RRB members exhibited at the face-to-face meeting in Las Vegas.

Motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm

Next meeting via conference call, March 9, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary

## **RRB Annual Calendar of Recurring Activities**

### **January**

- Attend SCCA Convention
  - o RRB January Meeting
  - o Conduct Town Hall Session

### **February**

### **March**

- Selection USRRC Host Region
- Conduct Electronic Town Hall meeting

### **April**

- Open rules suggestions window

### **May**

### **June**

- Close rules suggestions window

### **July**

- NEC provides recommendations on rules proposals
- Rules proposals go out for public comment

### **August**

### **September**

- Solicit new members for RRB for 2018

### **October**

- Rule changes final approval by RRB
- NEC drafts final rule changes

### **November**

- Determine and prepare sessions for convention
- Discuss Division and Regional Awards
- Rules changes final approval by RRB (if additional discussion needed)
- Recommend new RRB members to SCCA BOD

### **December**

- Determine and prepare sessions for convention
- Finalize Division and Regional Awards
- Rules changes approved by BOD

## RRB Priorities for 2017

### A. Safety Steward Program

1. Review current list (Peter) – has the list of all Safety Stewards and Instructors; he is compiling the list by region; got the process used by the Solo Program to use as template; by next meeting will have sample knowledge test to review for people to take remotely; then later ask SCCA for online ability to take the test; Rich talked to Pego Mack, she is willing to check the knowledge test; Peter is also reaching out to Debbi Segal who was involved with originally setting up the program
  - a. Identify focal person for each region
  - b. Review Safety Stewards and SS Instructor lists with region focal
  - c. Remove inactive licensees
2. Process document for license and re-certification (Peter)
3. Training/knowledge test (Mike B) - talked with Peter, who has good starting materials, Pego Mack also has materials. Rich said that one of the sessions at convention was about S2, which is training for stewards, online schooling, Earl and Bob will check into this; can this be adapted for RRSS?
  - a. Coordinate existing materials
  - b. Create a knowledge test
  - c. Modernize/On-line training

### B. Communication Strategy (Rich) nothing to report, will have something for next meeting

1. Develop communication plan
  - a. Identify current deficiencies
  - b. Identify under-utilized communication paths
    - i. SCCA forums
    - ii. Inside Line
    - iii. RE monthly
    - iv. RReNews (Constant Contact)
    - v. Member Facebook page (SCCA members)
    - vi. RR Facebook page(s)  
SCCA Road Rally  
Road Rally e-News
    - vii. SCCA Yahoo group
2. Road Rally Best Practices (Jim) - share with rally community ideas that various regions have developed that are successful; Jim's original thought was to do this by email, but might help to also include the ideas in RReNews; more next month
3. E-mail Communication (Rich) incorporated into communication plan (above)

### C. Regional Development

1. Road Rally "Starter Kit" (Clyde) no report
  - a. GTA Q&A
  - b. Tour TSD (simple)
2. Rallymaster Starter Kit (Clyde) no report
  - a. Process document(s)
3. Divisional Steward Role
  - a. Mentorship
4. National Coordinator
5. Proposal for funding for regional programs (Jim) – Executive Session