

RALLYCROSS BOARD

RXB MINUTES | August 9, 2010

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call August 9. Attending were Bob Ricker, Mark Utecht, Tom Nelson, and Karl Sealander. Also in attendance were Bill Kephart, Board of Directors liaison, and Pego Mack from the National Office.

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

Chairman Ricker called the meeting to order at 8:03pm CDT.

Committee Reports

1. RallyCross Safety Committee (Tom Nelson): Tom reported that the Safety Committee is continuing to work on the new Safety Steward Training and hopes to have it done in time to include with the 2011 RallyCross Rules. The Committee is also working on a revised Incident Report.
2. RallyCross Rules Committee (Mark Utecht): See RallyCross Rules motions under new business.

Old Business

1. Annual RallyCross Award: Mark Utecht presented the following description of the award: *"The RallyCross Contributor of Distinction award will be presented annually at the SCCA National Convention. This award shall be presented by the RallyCross Board to recognize an individual or group that has made an extraordinary contribution to the sport of SCCA RallyCross. This award shall normally recognize contribution over time. The award recipient can make their contribution as a competitor, organizer, worker, administrator, etc. The contribution of the winner shall have had a positive impact on the program nationwide."* The RXB agreed that the award needed a better name and will solicit one from the RallyCross forums.
2. New RXB member request: Bob Ricker presented three names for new members of the RXB. Motion: To invite Warren Elliot, Steven Hyatt, and Ken Cashion to join the RXB. Utecht/Sealander – Approved. All
3. New member of RallyCross Rules Committee: Motion: Accept Jon Simmons as a new member of the RallyCross Rules Committee. Ricker/Sealander – Approved. All
4. Points Keeper: Mike Byington has accepted this position. The RXB agreed to rename the position as SCCA RallyCross Data Manager.
5. National Championship: Bob Ricker informed the RXB that he would not be attending the National Championship as planned. Pego Mack will make other arrangements for the event's Chief Steward.

New Business

1. InsideLine: The RXB discussed the latest issue of InsideLine and the absence of RallyCross information. It is agreed that RallyCross needs presence in all InsideLine editions.
2. Letter regarding convertible with roll cage: The RXB received a letter requesting a RallyCross Rules exception for a convertible vehicle with a roll cage. The RXB agree unanimously that no exception would be granted because of the possibility of the cage sinking into soft soil/surface thereby increasing the chance of head and/or neck injury.
3. 2011 RallyCross Rules: The RallyCross Rules Committee submitted their changes to the RallyCross Rules for 2011. The RXB addressed each of the changes individually.

Motion: "5.2.K It is required for emergency purposes that a public telephone, cellular telephone, or ham radio be available at the event site or at a known nearby location. It is recommended that the event chairman (or designee) contact local authorities if the location is in a rural area to inform them of the event. ~~It is recommended that all events have an ambulance and/or an EMT onsite.~~" Utecht/Sealander – Approved. Yes: Ricker, Utecht, and Sealander. No: Nelson.

5.3 COURSE SAFETY AND LAYOUT RULES. When laying out a course, the size of the vehicles competing should be taken into consideration. The dimensions specified in the following rules are only minimums. Courses must be tight enough to allow vehicles to run the entire course in their lower gears. Speeds on straight stretches should not normally exceed 40 mph (miles per hour) for Rally Stock category vehicles and should not normally exceed 60 mph for any vehicle. Turns should not normally allow speeds in excess of 30 mph for Rally Stock category vehicles; however, the maximum speed in turns for any vehicle should not normally exceed 40 mph. The fastest portions of the course shall be those most remote

from spectators and obstacles. In addition, the course design should allow for periodic changes to accommodate developing ruts or hazards. See Article 5.1 for further information regarding RallyCross course safety. The course, as laid out, must contain no large holes, deep ruts, or other dangerous features. Dips or berms that could get a vehicle airborne must not be included. The course boundary shall not normally pass closer than 25 feet from solid objects. Negative cambered turns must be avoided. A long straight (over 100 feet) must not terminate in an extremely sharp turn (i.e., a short radius U-turn). *As there are no minimum requirements for ground clearance, approach angle or suspension travel in any class, course conditions should allow stock vehicles to complete the entire course through the entire event without causing damage to the vehicle.* The event Safety Steward must continually monitor course conditions. If conditions deteriorate to a point that the course no longer complies with these rules, competition will be halted and the course altered to comply with the rules. Competitors should be aware, that with the emphasis on safety, the course may change during the event at any time. To the extent possible, these changes should be made at times during the event that will allow minimum inconvenience to the competitors." No motion made. Not approved.

Motion: "6.2.C.2 Tires must be DOT approved. Tires marked 'For competition only', 'Not for street use' or similar, are not allowed. No part of the tire may be modified or altered from its original form, either through addition or subtraction, other than normal wear. ~~Tires must be the original size plus/minus 20mm cross-section and 5% aspect ratio.~~ No studded tires are permitted unless ice or snow is present. Studded tires may not be homemade using bolts or screws. Only street legal studs are allowed. Tires may not interfere with any parts of the car (fenders, fender liners, suspension, etc)." Utecht/Nelson – Approved. All

Motion: "6.2.C.4.b Mud flaps ~~may only be made of urethane and other flexible plastic derivatives (i.e. no carbon-Kevlar)~~ *must be flexible.*" Utecht/Nelson – Approved. All

Motion: "6.2.C.12 Any type wheel may be used provided it complies with the following: Wheels must be of the same diameter and width as the OEM wheel. Wheel offset (backspace) must be within 0.3.7594" (9:510mm) of original equipment wheel offset." Utecht/Nelson – Approved. All

Motion: "6.2.D.18 Any clutch disc, *flywheel* or pressure plate may be used." Utecht/Sealander – Approved. All

Motion: "6.2.E **Rally Modified Categories** Modified ~~Two~~ *Front Wheel Drive (M2F) Modified Rear Wheel Drive (MR) Modified All Wheel Drive (M4)*" Utecht/no second – Not approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29pm CDT.

Next meeting: September 13, 2010

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

ROADRALLY BOARD

RRB MINUTES | July 19, 2010

The *RoadRally* Board (RRB) met via conference call on Monday, July 19, 2010.

Attending were: Jim Wakemen, Chairman; Members: Jeanne English, Sasha Lanz, Eva Ames and Lois Van Vleet. Board member Mark Johnson was not in attendance. Pego Mack, National Office; Todd Butler and Dick Patullo, Board of Directors Liaisons were in attendance. Michael Lewis, Board of Directors Liaison was not in attendance.

Chairman Wakemen called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm CST.

The Final May 24, 2010 RRB Minutes were approved. (English/Lanz)

Proceedings

1. Rally Liaison updates

Rally changes and Liaison updates are in **red** below.

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

Steel Haul, NC (April 24) - Jeanne English & Mark Johnson

Rally to the Race, NGTA (May) - Jim Wakemen

Chippewa Trail (June 12) NT-NC-NGTA - Mike Thompson

St. Louis Rallies (July 10-11) - Lois Van Vleet, Eva Ames, Rick Beattie

Cast in Stone NT (July 31) - Mark Johnson (received GI's and Sanctions sent)

Hurdle 2010 NGTA (Aug 7) - Sasha Lanz

Arizona Rallies 2-NT, (Aug 21-22) - Lois Van Vleet

Badger Trails, NT (Sept 4) - Lois Van Vleet & Eva Ames

Oktoberally, NC (Sept 5) - Jeanne English

USRRC, NGTA (Oct 22) - Sasha Lanz

USRRC, NT (Oct 23) - Jim Wakemen & Mark Johnson

USRRC, NC (Oct 24) - Jeanne English

2011 Liaisons:

Covered Bridge, NT (Nov 6) - Rick Beattie

2. Safety Video

Discussion: Johnson is make progress on it.

3. Rules Committee Update – English

May's Discussion: Rules Committee discussion: It was in the RFO's years ago that "If the RRB should sanction a Road Rally Championship (NCR/NTR/DCR/DTR) event concurrently with a non-qualifying Divisional event, the contestants competing in the qualifying Road Rally Championship event must be scored with ALL contestants within their class who are required to complete the entire event." This sentence was eliminated when Divisional rallies were eliminated. Now that Regionals are part of the National Championship, it should probably be put back. There is also the issue of perhaps 'double dipping' where points might be awarded for both the underlying events(s) as well as the national event. English also suggested that Lifetime Points only be awarded if there are x number of cars on the rally; 'x' to be 2? 5? 6? 10?

Discussion: The rule should be put back in the RRR's as Errors and Omissions... regional contestants who run the same routes, same number of controls as the nationals, should be merged for points.

English reported that they had a short Rules Committee meeting at the St. Louis Rallies, July 10-11th. Nothing was decided at that point.

4. Other Proposed Rule Changes for 2011

Discussion: A class with only one car, in a Regional Rally that enters a rally and does not finish the rally or turn in their scorecard, should not get Championship Points.

Discussion: Merging car classes for championship points were brought up. After reviewing Article 2.D and Article 4.B.4, it was determined that Article 4.B.4 (combining classes) should not be in the 2010 RRR's. We need to be very careful in rewriting the rules in regards to Articles relating to other Articles etc. English will discuss this further with the Rules Committee.

Pego needs all rule changes by the middle of September to meet the BOD deadline.

5. eBlast Update - Ames

Discussion: We need to build a buzz for the USRRC in eBlast. Ames is still working with Rick Myers at headquarters on a Rally email distribution list. Ames sent out a Rally e-Blast last Saturday to over 27,000 people, which included everyone on the 'main' distribution list. The problem is when a rally person un-subscribes to a main list 'Solo' eBlast... that rally person is then off the next main list 'Rally' eBlast mailing. Lanz reported that he loaded a regional rally flyer to his Facebook page and it automatically was linked to MotorsportReg.com. Ames will look into this Facebook interaction with MotorsportReg.

6. Weekend Membership Fees

Discussion: Lanz is still working on getting numbers of the regional events (Solo/Rally/Race), competitors and fee, looking for a way to reduce the Weekend Membership costs. Many regions charge \$5 for Rally and \$15 for Solo and Race. And weekend membership fees vary from region to region.

7. Publicity Committee Update - Lanz

Discussion: The committee recommends that a new Tab needs to be added to the SCCA Website called "Rally Masters Tool Kit" or rename the Tab "Forms/Tool Kit". This tab would include all the forms along with a brief paragraph on how to use them, hints, tip and examples. Pego said she could add it to the "Forms" page but not as a new Tab on the main menu page. Lanz will gather all the forms and documentation and will send to Pego to upload. Pego to check to see if the "Forms" tab can be changed.

8. GTA Rule Clarification

Discussion: GTA rules are listed in the RRR's.

Old Business – none

New Business

The members need to start thinking about the 2011 Convention Seminars and will be discussed further at the next RRB Meeting.

Van Vleet reported that a rally member raised a question on wording in the "SCCA Motorsports Obsession" pamphlet. He stated the confusing item as: Under the Memberships section: \$80 Regular Membership vs Adding a spouse would be an extra \$28 - totaling \$108 versus A Family membership of \$100 ??? Dick Patullo reported that the cost difference was just changed last May. This pamphlet is an old one. Van Vleet to notify the rally member that raised the question.

English reported that a contestant at a National rally wants the RRB to discuss the need to post Time Allowances along with the leg score on the Posted Scores/sheet for each contestant. Commenting that some contestants take many time allowances. All agreed that there are no rules that state time allowances can not be posted or a mark to indicate a time allowance. It would be a non-rule decision for a rally committee. And all agreed that Time Allowances are needed in the RRR's.

Action items – none

Next meeting

Monday, August 2, 2010 at 7:30 pm CST, via conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm CST. (Lanz/English)

Submitted by Lois Van Vleet, RRB Secretary.

ROADRALLY BOARD

RRB MINUTES | August 2, 2010

The *RoadRally* Board (RRB) met via conference call on Monday, August 2, 2010.

Attending were: Jim Wakemen, Chairman; Members: Jeanne English, Sasha Lanz, Mark Johnson, Eva Ames and Lois Van Vleet. Pego Mack, National Office; Todd Butler, Board of Directors Liaisons were in attendance. Michael Lewis, Board of Directors Liaison was not in attendance.

Chairman Wakemen called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm CST.

The Final July 19, 2010 RRB Minutes were approved. (All approved.)

Proceedings

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2. Safety Video

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3. Rules Committee Update – English

English needs to meet with the Rules Committee soon. The following items that need to be discussed for possible 2011 Rule changes:

- The RRB decided in September 2009 that one car classes should not be merged with the other classes for determining championship points. Article 4.B.4 needs to be removed from the RRR's.
- Lifetime points for GTA Nationals. Minimum of GTA Nationals and/or people entering to count for lifetime points... to make it a valid point for lifetime points. English reported 2006 had 2 NGTA events, 2007 had 2, 2008 had 1, 2009 had 3, 2009 had 3 and 2010 has 5. Further discussion is needed.
- Regional contestants who run the same routes, same number of controls as the nationals, should be merged for points. This needs to be put back in the RFO's.
- Lifetime points only if x-number of cars in a rally. Further discussion is needed.
- A class with only one car, in a Regional Rally that enters a rally and does not finish the rally or turn in their scorecard, should not get Championship Points

Pego will set up a Rules Committee Meeting date and time.

4. eBlast Update - Ames

Discussion: Ames is asking for a USRRC Summary to publish. Pego recommended pulling verbiage from the SCCA Rally/USRRC section. Next publication will be out soon.

5. Publicity Committee Update - Lanz

Discussion: Lanz has meet with the committee and asked Pego for a new Tab. Pego said that SCCA cannot do that. Lanz is asking for a new 'Header' under the RoadRally/Rally section for incoming forms and documents.

Old Business

2011 Convention Program

Discussion: Ideas that were mentioned were: Novice School and New Rally Program. Lanz will do another Regional Seminar and How to Create a GTA Program. Another Foot Rally and Jeopardy Game Show is a must. Giving out the Foot Rally and Jeopardy Game awards out at the Solo/Rally Luncheon. Unveiling of the new Safety Steward Video seminar and potentially

signing up new stewards at the convention. Town Hall Meeting will be on Saturday. Putting a Map Rally on Google was suggested. Ideas were tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

Wakemen: We need to send out the USRRC Flyer to Regional Newsletters or some form of communication. An RE list is available for an emailing of a Flyer.

A safety issue was brought up on an Official Observers Report on a National Road Rally last June, reporting a check point control crew's tent was on the road making cars drive in the left lane of traffic.

English volunteered to re-write the Safety Handbook. Johnson will post the new Safety Steward Video for the RRB members to review before the convention, when it is done. Butler stated that SCCA does not allow anything to be posted on YouTube that is branded "SCCA", but maybe a link from SCCA's forum to an outside video sight to view could be look at. He will talk to Howard Duncan on how the best way to distribute the video. Some sites have size and time limits.

Action items – none

Next meeting – tentative (due to Labor Day – September 6th)

Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:30 pm CST, via conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm CST. (English/Johnson)

Submitted by Lois Van Vleet, RRB Secretary.