

# RALLYCROSS BOARD

RXB MINUTES | April 6, 2011

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call April 6. Attending were Ken Cashion, Chairman, Bob Ricker, Brent Blakely, Karl Sealander, Warren Elliott, and Stephen Hyatt. Also in attendance were Howard Duncan and Brian Harmer from the National Office.

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

Chairman Cashion called the meeting to order at 7:02pm CDT.

## Committee Reports

1. RallyCross Safety Committee (Tom Nelson): Brent Blakely reported that the Safety Committee has not met since the last RXB meeting and that the Safety Bulletin (2/10/11) has not yet been distributed to the RallyCross Safety Stewards. Ken Cashion asked to know how the new Safety Steward Training presentation would be distributed. Brent Blakely will have the Safety Committee address distribution. The Divisional RallyCross Stewards (DRXS) have requested that the presentation be available online. The presentation has been used by NEDIV with generally positive feedback. The RXB also discussed an incident that occurred in March, but the discussion of details was limited due to no incident report having been received by the RXB. There was also some discussion as to what constitutes the need for an incident report. Howard Duncan emphasized the value of completing an incident report if there is any doubt. More information is better than too little in evaluating trends.
2. RallyCross Rules Committee (Warren Elliott): Warren Elliott reported that the new rules timeline has been posted at the RallyCross forums. There has been one rules change proposal submitted pertaining to adjustable sway bar links being allowed in the Stock categories. The Rules Committee discussed this proposal with a consensus towards fewer allowances in the Stock categories.
3. National Championship Committee (Ken Cashion):
  - Western States Championship feedback – Ken Cashion asked for feedback on the most recent National event. Karl Sealander reported that the event went well but requested that the Committee standardize the Supplemental Regulations for the Regionally-hosted National events. The Supplemental Regulations for the event included a new language for cones displaced by wheel spray. No cones at the event were displaced by wheel spray to test the policy. The event used the Class Eligibility Forms for tech and class inspections, however no reclassifications were made.
  - DNS policy – This is a situation that did arise at the Western States Championship and something that has not been defined in the RallyCross Rules or the Supplemental Regulations. Ken Cashion would like to have a reasonable penalty defined for a vehicle that doesn't start a run and will have the National Championship Committee discuss the issue. He also requested that the Rules Committee do the same as it pertains to the RallyCross Rules.
  - National Championship site – The site near Omaha, NE, originally secured for the 2011 National Championship, was sold and is no longer available. This requires that a new site be found for the event with every attempt to retain the same date, but depending on sites and availability the date may also be changed. Howard Duncan discussed several sites being considered. He will be making an evaluation visit to at least one site within the next few weeks. The RXB and the SCCA are attempting to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.
4. Divisional Steward Liaison (Stephen Hyatt): Stephen Hyatt reported that the Divisional RallyCross Stewards had a call on March 24. They are moving to a monthly meeting schedule. They discussed the National Supplemental Regulations changes, in which they liked the parade lap changes but did not like the wheel spray policy. There was discussion of the idea of merging Solo and RallyCross Safety Steward training with one common session and then separating to individual sessions. They would like guidance from the Safety Committee on what constitutes an incident and when an incident report should be filed. There is concern among the Stewards that sanctions are being granted without Steward review or approval. There is also concern that driver's licenses and SCCA memberships are not being checked consistently at event registrations. The Stewards questioned if the RallyCross Rules currently address participants who might be under the influence of *legal* narcotics (medical marijuana or other prescription drugs). In response to a RXB request for a DRXS 'wish list' a few months ago, the Stewards had the following items for RXB consideration: 1) An official landowner's packet. 2) Incentives for individuals to step up to be Safety Stewards and event organizers. 3) Sponsoring and marketing help. 4) DRXS travel costs reimbursement guidance.
5. Forum Activity: Ken Cashion asked that each of the RXB stay aware of topics and discussions occurring at the RallyCross forums.

## Old Business

Growth Discussion: In the last RXB meeting, Ken Cashion requested that each RXB member provide 3 to 5 suggestions for growth. He compiled these suggestions and requested the RXB members review all proposals in preparation for a discussion emphasis at the next RXB meeting.

#### **New Business**

1. Posting of Minutes Revisited (Stephen Hyatt): Stephen Hyatt brought to the attention of the RXB that Club Racing is planning to release provisional minutes on the forums. This is something that the RXB has wanted to do for some time. Howard Duncan will inform the BOD of the RXB intentions and ask if RallyCross will be given the same provision to post a reduced and provisional format of the monthly minutes.
2. Global Rallycross: Howard Duncan reported that there have been discussions between the SCCA Marketing Department and the primary representative at Global Rallycross regarding trademark infringement or a possible licensing agreement. He indicated that they hope to have a resolution within the next week or two. The RXB discussed the possible value of association with such racing series with the general consensus being that there could be benefits to SCCA RallyCross.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm CDT.

Next meeting: May 4, 2011

Submitted by Karl Sealander, RXB Secretary

# ROAD RALLY BOARD

RRB MINUTES | March 7, 2011

The *RoadRally* Board (RRB) met via conference call on Monday, April 4, 2011.

Attending were: Jim Wakemen, Chairman; Members: Jeanne English, Sasha Lanz, Chuck Hanson and Lois Van Vleet. Eva Ames was not in attendance. Pego Mack, National Office was not in attendance. Bill Kephart, Board of Director Liaison was in attendance.

The Final March 7, 2010 RRB Minutes were approved. (English/Hanson)

## Proceedings

### 1. Rally Liaison updates

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

#### 2011 Rallies / Liaisons:

Covered Bridge, NT (Nov 6) - Rick Beattie

Arizona, Desert Sands, NC (Feb 26) - English

Arizona, Gullible's Travails, NC (Feb 27) - English

**Pittsburgh, Steele Haul, NC (May 14) - English & Ames**

**Pittsburgh, 1 NC (May 15) - English & Ames**

**St. Louis, Wilderness Trail, NT (July 16) - Van Vleet**

**St. Louis, Daniel Boone, NC (July 17) - Hanson**

**CAST In Stone, NT (July 30) – tentative**

**Arizona, Global Warming, NT? (Aug 27) - tentative (maybe Regionals?)**

**Arizona, Copper Mine Trail, NT? (Aug 28) - tentative (maybe Regionals?)**

**Oktoberally, NC (Sept 17) - tentative**

**Badger Trails, NT (Sept 18) - Van Vleet**

**USRRC 2011 California, NGTA TBA (Oct 21) - Lanz**

**USRRC 2011 California, NC Highway Robbery (Oct 22) - Hanson**

**USRRC 2011 California, NT Not My Fault (Oct 23) - Van Vleet**

**Artic Alaska – rumor of a National ???**

### 2. USRRC 2012 & Season Championships (including names of each)

Discussion: Wakemen continued the discussion (from the RRB meeting at the convention and Forum Member posted comments) in the proposal splitting the USRRC and the series into two championships.

Wakemen reviewed the member comment posts on the Forum and felt there were more comments for the split than against. If we move forward, the biggest question is... should the USRRC be counted as a stand alone or should it count for the yearly Championship Series. And should each class get an award and one overall USRRC award. This needs to go to the rules committee for final wording.

Other comments and concerns:

- No worker points for the stand alone event and no series points.
- You have to run all three rallies to be the USRRC National Champion.
- Tour E-L-S, Course E-L-S and GTA trophies, plus an overall USRRC Award?
- Eliminating series points would draw less competitors?

After MUCH discussion and insightful comments from Bill Kephart, the majority of the RRB members would rather the USRRC be left alone for the time being. We need more cars. Until we get 30-50 cars at a USRRC, then we can maybe attract some sponsors.

Discussion: Series Championship having the 70 points rule in the Grand Master and Expert Category only. Eliminate the 70 point rule for the Sportsman and Senior categories and the 70 points would not include worker points. Ask the rules committee for a final version of eliminating the 70 points rule for the sportsman and senior categories. A motion was made to: Article 8.B.4 – Change the final sentence from “Regional rallies may account for a maximum of 70 of these points in each series.” to “Regional Rallies may account for a maximum of 70 of these points in each series **for competitors in the Expert and Grand Master categories.**” (English/Hanson) It was approved by all.

English will invite the SCCA VIP's to the 2011 USRRC through Bill Kephart.

### **3. Newsletters**

Discussion: : Renaming ITIS Newsletter was brought up again. Suggestions were Check Point, Road Rally Newsletter – Checkpoint or “**CHECKPOINT, The Road Rally Newsletter (Formerly known as ITIS)**”. Yes, that’s it.

### **4. Rules Committee Report – Rule Book posting**

Discussion: The 2011 RRR Book is still not out. The 2010 RRR’s are still in affect.

### **5. Mentoring Committee**

Discussion: Hanson volunteered taking on the Mentoring Committee and start developing organizational chart/ideas etc. Wakemen asked for Hanson to send the RRB members a proposed summary of ideas on this committee.

### **6. Concerns Tracker**

Discussion: Wakemen put some instructions together and sent it to Lanz to review. Concerns Tracker currently runs on a server in Wakemen’s home. Wakemen is reviewing and modifying some of the code, fields and road maps etc. The software was developed from a software bug tracker. Lanz reported that SCCA has its own Concerns Tracker for Solo and it is very complicated. It would be nice if it was linked to the SCCA website. The Concerns Tracker would also serve as a Long term institutional memory. Stating, it is only as good as the longest serving RRB member.

Wakemen is editing some of the over kill in Concerns Tracker and once he has it in a form friendly format he will email it to the RRB members. All members will need to sign up for an account once we have Concerns Tracker.

### **7. New Weekend Membership Data**

Lanz reported that he is waiting for Rick Meyers to get back to him on a new Weekend Membership Data. It will do two things: You can ask Rick to make an email bast to a set of Weekend Membership members on file from the regions around you. And second, he will do a set of addresses of the Weekend Membership members in your region and area regions. Hopefully it is coming very soon.

### **8. NER – Results from Covered Bridge Late Submittal Results**

Discussion: Discussion of a \$50 fine for late submission of rally results was tabled until Pego can give us her perspective on this particular case. It was reported results were sent in too late by the points keeper. According to the RRR’s, there is a \$50 fine for late results (15 day limit). The Points keeper sent Wakemen an email with the problem and wants a \$50 Fine to be accessed. Other concerns: Classes/awards were given out using New England Region rules and not SCCA structure (E-L-S). And the results were sent on unofficial results form and after being told to re-submit and no new results were resent. All agreed to table this discussion until next month.

### **Old Business**

Hanson commented that SCCA made a lot of effort at the convention on Customer Service and ‘Give them the Pickle’ concept. He proposed a Combined Weekend Membership/Entry Form at the convention. This was tabled until next month to ask Pego where it went.

Hanson continued his 3 Year Rule Cycle proposal. Concern by Wakemen was the RRB members are on a 3 year service cycle. It can be printed on the RRR Book... effective 20XX to 20XX (3 years). This needs more discussion.

Arizona Rally Committee member asked for his suspension to be lifted. Wakemen will ask the original Disciplinary Review Committee members for their recommendations/review of the requirements in the original letter sent.

Lanz suggested that the RRB should have some communication between RallyCross, Solo and Racing. SCCA should appoint Competition Committee made up of members from Rally Cross, Road Rally, Solo and Racing. And the RRB should appoint someone to be on this committee. Lanz will start by asking the other program heads for their comments. Kephart commented that Rick Meyers would be a good contact and stated the other boards are very busy. Maybe a yearly meeting at the Convention was suggested.

**New Business** – Ran out of time.

**Next meeting: Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:30 pm CST, via conference call.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 pm CST (via email, cause our allotted conference call time expired at 10 pm.) (English/ Van Vleet)

Submitted by Lois Van Vleet, RRB Secretary.