

Sports Car Club of America
RoadRally Board Minutes
March 9, 2017

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on March 9, 2017; meeting called to order at 7:35 pm CST by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Jim Crittenden, Peter Schneider, Mike Bennett, Clyde Heckler, Jeanne English, secretary, Mike Thompson, NEC chairman, Earl Hurlbut and Bob Dowie, BOD liaisons, Lee Hill, BOD Chairman, and Jamie Mullin, National staff.

1. February minutes stand as published in FasTrack
2. RReNewsletter – Reminder: Text “roadrally” to 22828 to subscribe. Another great issue this month. All rally organizers are encouraged to promote the newsletter at their events. The links to upcoming event flyers was particularly well done.
3. SCCA Staff Report: Jamie, nothing this month. Anything from the BOD Liaisons? Bob reported that the road rally sticker rule change was approved (see 5.b below); Lee said that SCCA is trying to hire a new boss, there may be an announcement in April
4. NEC Report (Mike T) – no NEC meeting yet this month
 - a. Arizona Border Double Nationals – lots of S cars, they found us through the SCCA Road Rally calendar, with flyer attached; Jim Crittenden said that John Getchell did a good job as chairman
 - b. Upcoming events – Mark Haas Memorial rallies in New Jersey, a fire at the headquarters hotel has not affected the rally
 - c. Should the rule in the RFOs regarding no Nationals or Divisionals on the weekends on either side of USRRRC be relaxed? Since RFOs are still in flux, this would be easy to change for 2018, but will not be changed 2017; RRB is in favor of not changing this.
5. Old Business
 - a. SCCA HQ support for USRRRC (Mike T)
Per Howard Duncan, there is no line item in the budget for USRRRC support
 - b. March BOD meeting – “Sticker Rule” change was approved. Notice of this rule change is included in these March minutes. See attachment following.
6. New Business
 - a. Official Results Reporting – Bruce Gezon will talk with Greg Lester about making the results form easier to fill out; more next month
 - b. Thank you note received from Clarence Westburg for his award for serving on the RRB.
 - c. Effective April 1, Rich will open the window for suggesting 2018 rule changes. Suggestions must be received by June 30.
7. RRB Priorities for 2017 (What we would like to accomplish in 2017)
 - a. Included in agenda. Report on status tonight – *indicated by italics*

RRB Priorities for 2017

A. Safety Steward Program

*Peter reported that he has been working on modifying the Divisional Road Rally Steward job description, drawing from the RFOs, and this includes the Safety Steward program; the RRB is developing the Safety Steward program and the DRRSs will administer it. **Motion:** Divisional Road Rally Steward Appointment: One per Division, appointed by the Road Rally Board. Duties: Responsible to the Road Rally Board for supervising and administering the Road Rally Safety Steward Application process, assist with Regional Road Rally Development activities and if possible develop and maintain a program of Divisional Road Rally series in accordance with the rules, standards and procedures established for the Road Rally Program. Additionally, will serve as an advisory resource for the Road Rally Board on event operational topics. **P/R/pass.** The next step is to send the new job description to existing Divisional Stewards. Peter said that in establishing the processes for licensing and renewing Safety Stewards and SS Instructors he ‘borrowed’ much from the Solo Program; he asks the other RRB members to read this information offline and provide feedback next month; it ties in to the knowledge test Mike B put together. Peter also produced a spreadsheet that is essentially a ‘list of lists’ including regions with a rally chairman, inactive regions, any RRSSs and/or DRRSs in regions.*

1. Review current list (Peter) –
 - a. Identify focal person for each region
 - b. Review Safety Stewards and SS Instructor lists with region focal
 - i. Remove inactive licensees

2. Process document for license and re-certification (Peter) – *see above*
3. Training/knowledge test (Mike B) – *source materials were not internally consistent; need to define passing score (75-80%?), tried to incorporate both TSD and GTA, draft of test has been reviewed a couple of times. Mike will send an email summarizing the discrepancies*
 - a. Coordinate existing materials
 - b. Create a knowledge test
 - c. Modernize/On-line training
- B. Communication Strategy (Rich) – *distributed first draft of the communication plan, more next month*
 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) – *creating a series of emails for organizers; 5 topics: increasing attendance, spreadsheet scoring, pneumatic hose use, apps for rallying, creating tulip route instructions; Jim plans to tap in to various people for their expertise; Rich – these might be topics to be revisited, perhaps annually*
 3. E-mail Communication (Rich)
- C. Regional Development (Clyde) – *trying to put together something from various documents*
 1. Road Rally “Starter Kit” (Clyde)
 - a. GTA Q&A
 - b. Tour TSD (simple)
 2. Rallymaster Starter Kit (Clyde)
 - a. Process document(s)
 3. Divisional Steward Role
 - a. Mentorship
 4. National Coordinator

Other business:

Peter said that Sasha sent note to Howard, who sent to Heyward about perhaps having a Targa event in Texas; Rich organizing a Kansas event called Party at the Park for August.

Motion to adjourn at 9:12 pm CST

Next meeting via conference call, April 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary

To: The SCCA Road Rally Community

From: The SCCA Road Rally Board

Effective with the publication of the March Fastrack newsletter, Article 13 of the Road Rally Rulebook is amended as follows:

ARTICLE 13 VEHICLE INSPECTION

C) Minimum Inspection Requirements

42) The organizers shall **encourage** insure that an SCCA **RoadRally** sticker (available from the SCCA Merchandising Department) is affixed to both sides of each vehicle on National rallies, and that any commercial advertising is in good taste.