

Sports Car Club of America
RoadRally Board Minutes
June 22, 2017

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on June 22, 2017; meeting called to order at 7:50 pm CDT by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Mike Bennett, Jim Crittenden, Peter Schneider, Clyde Heckler, Jeanne English, secretary, Mike Thompson, NEC chairman, Jamie Mullin, National Office, Lee Hill, BOD liaison, and guest Pego Mack.

1. Approval of May minutes; stand as published.
2. RReNewsletter not published yet, Cheryl has been very busy, she will have one soon.
3. New Event Planning Calendar (Jeanne) -- coming soon.

4. Staff report – Jamie

For tonight's meeting (our first with Skype) she needs to know who is on the Skype app versus on phone; by the end of the meeting, Skype had dropped everyone (using Skype or on the phone) several times, some as many as five times; Rich said that this was not acceptable.

The new Incident Reporting forms are in the file cabinet on the SCCA website.

Rich said that the problem with the RRB mailing list was fixed now.

5. NEC report – Mike T. – Mike T presented the NEC proposal for changes to the class structure; Mike B asked why it listed specific models of rally computer, does the list need to be updated every year? Mike T answered that the definition says “or similar items”. Rich said that Mike Young has an app for a simple driver display, what class would that be? Mike T said E. Jim asked what if a Class S competitor has a GPS odometer device? Mike T said L. Peter asked what about Halda Twinmaster/Tripmaster? Mike says S. Peter how is this any different than GPS? Mike B said it is not fair if some in S can correct odo and others can't; Jim and Rich agree. Jim said that the essence of S is stock, non-correctable odometer; there are a number of apps that use GPS, they can be corrected; there are apps with correctable odos, that can be reversed, that can read to hundredths and thousandths – these should all be class L. More advanced apps such as the Richta which gives a continuous readout, should probably be E. Rich said that GPS is not as accurate as a pulse-driven device. Mike T said if it uses a driver's display it's E, if it doesn't use a driver's display, it's L. Jim would put a simple rally computer (GPS app) in L. Mike T said the only app to go in E would be Michel Young's because it has a driver's display. Mike B talked to Class L people in his region about apps; they said “bring it on”. Rich asked Mike T to make this part of the rules to be published for comment for 2018.

Peter – published to the RRB a two-page document with his review of his precheck of the USRRC. Peter and Mike T will work on generals. The rally is a destination rally. Trying to get Kevin Poirier to go up in August to do a precheck.

6. Rich reminds all that the rule change window ends June 30; he received a letter from Greg Lester with several suggestions. Peter had a suggestion about getting points all in one region; he will write it up and submit it.

7. Peter asked about RRB members for 2018; Rich is leaving, is he preparing someone to take over? Rich said that the RRB will need to add someone for next year, so there will be an odd number of people; if someone else decides to leave, then the RRB will need two new members.

8. Clyde is working on timelines for rallies; he asked if we are we looking to update the handbooks, or create new stand-alone timelines? Peter said that there should be a document for first-time rallies; also, if documents have different time lines, they should all be the same. Clyde agreed that all timelines should be consistent, but thinks there should be a stand-alone document. If anyone else has comments, send them to Clyde.

9. Under Old Business, Peter asked whether any progress had been made regarding getting Divisional Road Rally Stewards for those regions that don't have them (Northeast, Rocky Mountain, and Northern Pacific); for now, we need stand-ins. Rich will do Rocky Mountain, Peter is already doing Northeast..

10. Any New Business? Rich said that tonight was an unacceptable level of service for this call; too many bounces.

Motion to adjourn at 9:27 pm CDT

Next meeting via conference call, July 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary