

Sports Car Club of America
RoadRally Board Minutes
September 12, 2016

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on September 12, 2016; meeting called to order at 7:35 CDT by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Clarence Westberg, John Emmons, Jim Crittenden, Clyde Heckler, NEC chairman Mike Thompson, RDC chairman Jay Nemeth-Johannes, guest Peter Schneider, North Jersey Region, BOD liaisons Lee Hill, and Terry Hanushek, SCCA Staff Jamie Mullin, and Jeanne English, RRB secretary. Jim Weidenbaum, Area 13 Visiting BOD member was invited but declined the invitation due to a previous commitment.

Minutes: August minutes stand as published.

Front Burner Items:

1. RReNewsletter – latest edition not out yet, coming shortly
2. Planning Calendar released last week. – Jeanne will have a new one soon, showing that both USRRC rallies are divisionals; Mike will have liaison Chuck Larouere follow up with their committee to make sure the classes on the Sunday rally are per SCCA. Jim asked about points for the USRRC events. It was discussed and agreed that this year's USRRC events would have normal points, that is 10 points for winning a Divisional.
3. Targa Southeast Report (Peter) – well received, positive mention in a Road & Track article; 33 cars entered, 31 started and finished, prompt scoring, no issues; Rich asked if there are any more to come – maybe in the northeast or Florida; the majority of the contestants had no rally experience, yet still enjoyed the event.
4. Lisa Noble Resignation (Liaisons) – Lee said they can't say too much, except that it has caused the BOD to try to identify what they really want in a leader; really need someone to pull the whole club together, including regions and programs. Terry said the BOD is working internally first on the governance of club, then working on selection of new leader which will likely be no sooner than the convention.
5. SCCA Staff Attendees – Jamie said that Heyward asked if the RRB has any recommendations for presentations for convention; Rich said we would like two sessions, essentially the same as last year. Jamie will check to make sure that our National rallies are all on the schedule on the SCCA website.
6. Regional Development Committee – Jay has been working with Peter (working on historical data), continuing writing articles for RReNews, contacting people. He has materials that he needs a place to put. Terry asked if Rich has talked to Heyward about this; Rich will reach out to Heyward to see if there is a place for Jay's material. Terry asked if Lee could also talk to Heyward; Lee said he would. Lee suggested that the RDC contact all regions with no rally program to get them up and running, Jay says that the first step is to contact the REs to see if there is any interest in a rally program.
7. NEC Report (Mike)
 - a. Recent and Upcoming National events (Confirm dates at scca.com)
 - i. Clear Blue Sky GTA – August
 - ii. LOL – Course/Tour – Oktober Rally/Badger Trails – Sept 16, 17
 - iii. Two National Course Rallies, Folsom, CA – October 15, 16
 - iv. SoCal Highway Robbery – October 22
 - b. Liaisons for 2016 and 2017 USRRC
 - i. Chuck Larouere is the new liaison – 2016 (New England)
 - ii. Mike Thompson – 2017 (Arctic Alaska)

Rallies for next year include: Yucatan Safari, LOL, tour, February in Rochester; one course, one tour, Milwaukee, May in Madison; two course rallies, AZ Border, in March
8. Pointskeeper status – John is keeping up, as long as results are submitted to him; he will not seek out results from event chairmen if he doesn't receive them.
9. 2017 Proposed Rule Changes.
 - a. Strength of Field points (What-do-you-think memo issued) – Rich received no responses from the rally community.
 - b. The RRB received a proposal from John Sears to restrict voting on Rally of the Year awards. Contestants would be limited to voting only for an event that they had attended; Jay said this would be tough to administer; currently, only top 20 in class who have competed in at least 3 nationals are eligible to vote. Jim – opposed to proposal, Clarence – opposed, John – opposed. The RRB reviewed this proposal and is taking no action; Rich will contact John Sears to inform him of the decision. In discussing this proposal it became apparent that we need to clarify the language; Mike will rewrite it and send it to the RRB.

- c. Clarification of “2 Nationals” and “Increase in equivalents” rules – Jim said that the wording is ambiguous, does it mean 2 of 10 or 2 of 14? Rich said he thought that a national should have to be included in final point counts; the other RRB members mostly agree to count 1 national, which is being done for 2016. The current proposal for 2017 is to count 2 nationals, the NEC does not agree, think it should be 1 national.
 - d. Road Rally Grand Champion Award – Jim had an idea for this new award, that he wanted comments on: based on the RRB our mission is to encourage more rallies and more contestants, and previous talk about combining both series he has the idea for the Grand Champion Award. It would count all points earned during the year without limit, including all points for putting on events, competing, working, and must be an annual SCCA member; there would be one award only, for first place. Comments? John – opposed to the proposal (preaching to the choir, need to grow the congregation); Jeanne – agrees with John, thinks there should be some limits on points earned; Clyde – what does it hurt; Clarence – agrees with John; Jay – make sure that worker points are required; Mike – doesn’t see that it gets us anything. Based on the mostly negative comments, Jim withdrew his proposal.
 - e. Cable synching to the rallymaster’s clock – Mike said that the NEC feels it should be allowed.
10. Some road rally items, such as SCCA Road Rally stickers, car numbers, and checkpoint signs seem to be no longer available. Can they be made available again? Lee suggested approaching Howard about this; Rich will do this. Peter commented that SCCA Gear (clothing) has the road rally logo available for shirts, etc. and will also put region artwork on shirts, etc. with no artwork charge.

Motion to adjourn at 9:17 PM CDT
Next meeting October 10, via conference call
Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne English, RRB Secretary