

Sports Car Club of America
RoadRally Board Minutes
April 13, 2017

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on April 13, 2017; meeting called to order at 7:36 pm CDT 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, Jamie Mullin, National staff, and Pego Mack, invited guest.

1. Approval of March minutes as published in FasTrack.
2. RReNewsletter – Reminder: Text “roadrally” to 22828 to subscribe.
 - a. The April issue was published last week. Another great issue with articles on the Atlanta and SW Louisiana new rally programs.
 - b. Rich commented that the On Rallying column has been in the last two issues of *SportsCar*.
3. Event Planning Calendar (Jeanne)
 - a. Most recent update 3/28/17; not “printed” in color because Jeanne did not realize her printer was set for black and white; next one will be in color again, and will be out soon.
4. SCCA Staff Report (Jamie)
 - a. Sanction forms needs to be revised to specify 45-day lead time for Divisionals (John Fishbeck). Thank you, Jamie.
 - b. Hall of Fame nominations now open. See <https://www.scca.com/forms/hall-of-fame-nominations/>
 - c. There are new accident reporting forms, to replace the old incident report forms and green cards (don’t use the old ones – throw them away); new ones are in the File Cabinet section of the SCCA website, Jamie will send a link.
 - d. SCCA is switching to Skype for Business throughout the next month for phone call meetings; Rich said to watch the RRB invitations, they will have the appropriate info.
5. NEC Report (Mike)
 - a. March New Jersey events
 - i. Official Observer’s Report received
 - b. Upcoming Nationals
 - i. Steel Haul; Madison, WI National Weekend
 - c. Ron Ferris resigned from NEC. Jim Wakemen Sr. has agreed to serve on the NEC.
Motion: accept Ron Ferris’ resignation and approve Jim Wakemen, Sr to be on the NEC. R/J/Pass
 - d. Mike T asked the RRB for feedback on the question of changing the rule that prohibits scheduling a National rally on the weekend of, before, and after the USRRC? Table for 2017 (events are already scheduled).
 - e. Mike T asked the RRB if they would you like the NEC to write rules about Rally Computer Apps; if so, it will be submitted as proposal for next year. Mike B said that Detroit Region is in favor, they allow the use of simple apps in stock class. Mike T did a survey, the results seem to put computer apps in L. Jim thought that computer apps should be in L, keep S with stock odo. Rich explained that there are four main types of apps available: 1) a clock; 2) a GPS odometer; 3) the functional equivalent of a Curta, where you have to enter the mileage yourself; and 4) an app equiv of the old Zeron 660, it gets mileage from GPS, and displays continuous up/down time. Mike T’s initial thought is that anything with a remote driver’s display should be in E; he will undertake this for 2018 rule changes. Rich said that S now allows GPS, perhaps that is too much of an advantage.
 - f. 2017 USRRC – Peter will be going up to Alaska to check the courses the first week of June, he expects it to be very scenic.
6. Old Business
 - a. Effective April 1, Rich opened the window for suggesting 2018 rule changes. Suggestions must be received by June 30.
 - b. SCCA will be switching from GoToMeeting to Skype for conference calls. See item 4.d above.
7. Safety Steward and Safety Steward Instructor License Process
Peter submitted a proposal for revising the processes for becoming a RR Safety Steward and a RR

Safety Steward Instructor, after some discussion the proposal was accepted after removing Item 6, and part of Item 5; Jeanne will fix the grammar problems; it was also decided that there was not a need for recertification after the license had been issued. Mike B's test for this was finalized previously, but still needs an answer sheet. This is the first step in the bigger process of getting the Divisional Road Rally Stewards involved; also the current lists for DRRSs, RRSSs, and RRSSIs all need to be checked for active members. **Motion: Approve the proposed process as modified. R/P/Pass** Next month: more on the knowledge test; clarify classroom session versus knowledge test.

8. New Business

- a. Worker points for combination events
 - i. Some events are run as combination events, that is the same course is run as multiple rallies, i.e. A Tour and a Course and a GTA. A question was posed as to whether or not duplicate worker points should be awarded for these events: Should multiple sets of worker points be given? This has not been the practice under previous points keepers (Hanson, Emmons). Answer: no change, keep the status quo.
- b. RRR Article 8.5.D, removal of "vacate" clause. A question was asked as to whether to propose changing the rule that says that the positions after a tied position at the end of the championship season will be vacated. Consider the situation where the top two teams run together. We would award two first places and two third places. This was a new change for 2017 (vacating had not been done previously). After some discussion, it was decided that Jim will submit a rule change proposal for public comment to change this back to the way it had been – that is, to NOT vacate the next position(s) in the event of a tie.
 - i. At the conclusion of the competition year, contestants who have neither met the eligibility requirements described in Article 8A nor competed in at least one National RoadRally during the year in that series (Tour, Course, GTA) will be removed from the standings. Finishing positions will then be assigned. If two or more contestants have accumulated the same number of points, the position in question shall be declared a tie. The next position(s) shall be vacated.
- c. RRR Article 8.5.D, removal of non-qualifiers, "What do you think?" A question was posed as to whether the year-end finishing positions should be specified prior to removing those who did not compete in a National event. After discussion, the consensus was to leave it this way, not to propose changing it back.
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9. Any other business

- a. Clyde is working on starter kits, will likely have two different kits, one for GTA and one for TSD; or perhaps three – 1. Do I Want to do a GTA or TSD, 2. GTA starter kit, 3. TSD starter kit.

Motion to adjourn at 9:24 pm CDT

Next meeting via conference call, May 11, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary