

**Sports Car Club of America**  
**RoadRally Board Minutes**  
**July 18, 2016**

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on July 18, 2016; meeting called to order at 7:35 CDT by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Clarence Westberg, John Emmons, Jim Crittenden, NEC chairman Mike Thompson, RDC chairman Jay Nemeth-Johanness, guest Peter Schneider, North Jersey Region, BOD liaisons Lee Hill, Bob Dowie, and Terry Hanushek, SCCA Staff Jamie Mullin, and Jeanne English, RRB secretary. Absent: Clyde Heckler

Minutes: OK as published. The July meeting is too late in the month for publication in the August Fastrack, but it will be published in the RReNews; the Sept Fastrack will have both the July and August minutes.

**Front Burner Items:**

1. RReNewsletter – The latest issues was published in early July. It contained advertising for the USRRC in New England, a teaser for My First Rally in August and an interview with Mike Thompson. Rich appreciated Cheryl's article about TSD and GTA events.
  - a. Planning Calendar, Points Standings Updates needed? Jeanne and John will both be sending items to Cheryl
2. SCCA Staff Attendees (Jamie)
  - a. Any items? Nothing to report
3. Regional Development Committee
  - a. Jay Nemeth-Johannes – wrote an article for RReNews; slowly gathering his committee
4. NEC Report (Mike)
  - a. Recent and Upcoming National events (Confirm dates at [scca.com](http://scca.com))
    - i. Milwaukee Roads Scholar Course – June 11 nothing negative, went very well
    - ii. NER Hurdle GTA – August 6
    - iii. Clear Blue Sky GTA – August 20
    - iv. LOL – Course/Tour – Oktober Rally/Badger Trails – Sept 16, 17
    - v. (not yet sanctioned) Two National Course Rallies, Folsom, CA – October 15, 16
    - vi. (not yet sanctioned) SoCal Highway Robbery – October 22
  - b. Liaisons for 2016 and 2017 USRRC
    - vii. Ron Ferris – 2016 (New England)
    - viii. Mike Thompson – 2017 (Arctic Alaska)
5. Lifetime and Championship Points on Combination Events (Jim)

There was an inquiry from Bruce Gezon asking if, in a combined event which could be run as a national or regional, a regional entry beats national entry, does national entry get moved down? Previously, results were combined (when the rallies were exactly the same), what about now? Per the current RFOs, no; by convention, yes. Clarence says we are not doing this any more, classes in regionals are not the same as nationals; intent is that the convention was not to be followed, and that the two rallies not be combined for championship points for this year. Terry said that we need to clarify this.

**Motion:** The RRB is clarifying that multiple concurrent events, registered for separately, be scored separately and results will not be combined in any way. Jim/Rich/pass. Discussion: the RRB has discussed in the past few years, that is does not want these events combined; John said that if there is a different fee for national, can't be combined; Rich thinks it is ambiguous. [Rich–abstain, John–yes, Jim–yes, Clarence–yes]
6. Pointskeeper status (John)
  - a. Mendicino Gold Divisional points – this year OK, but next year they need to follow the rules better
7. 2017 Proposed Rule Changes. Should we release for public comment? In all the following items, the votes are only for whether or not to release each item for public comment:
  - a. Proposal to eliminate requirement to calendar events. (Article 4 C)

Bob Morseburg proposed this since he thinks committees are not following guidelines anyway [No = Rich-no, Jim=yes, Clarence-no, John-no]
  - b. NEC proposed changes – the NEC made a list of proposed changes, and Rich sent out the document with his annotated comments; these are the summaries

NEC 1 - eliminate GTA national championship?, research shows sunseting per a schedule, then sunseting at the end of the 2016 season unless there were at least 4 national rallies with at least 10 cars at each; release for pub comment that the GTA national championship be ended 12/31/16 due to lack of participation [Yes = Rich=yes, Jim=yes, Clarence-abstain, John-no]

NEC 2 – this eliminates administrative portion (Article 4) of the RRRs, trying to make things easier for contestants; John believes that all rules which apply to the national championship should be in the RRRs, the RFOs are an extract for administrative purposes [Yes = Rich-yes, Jim-yes, Clarence-yes, John-yes]

NEC 3 – Art 8.A – delete reference to Weekend Members, so one must be a member all year to get points for the national championship; Jim agreed that it is OK to put this out for comment, Rich will endeavor to make clear what it will do [Yes = Rich-yes, Jim-yes, Clarence-yes, John-yes]

NEC 4 - Art 8.B.4 – changes how points are counted [Yes = Rich-y, Jim-y, Clarence-y, John-y]

NEC 5 – Art 8.C – increase worker points for nationals; Rich thinks it might encourage some people to write and/or work; Jim says that the RRRs say you can only earn 10 points per year, will need changing, perhaps to only earning points for one event, per series [Yes = Rich-yes, Jim-yes, Clarence-yes, John-yes]

NEC 6 through 13 – John and Jim suggested sending them all out for comment [Yes = Rich-yes, Jim-yes, Clarence-yes, John-yes]

Postponed to next month:

c. Strength of Field points

d. Road Rally Safety Steward License

Peter – should creation of RRSS be part of the RDC? Howard Duncan says that Risk Management is OK with no RRSS for an event if a competent person does pre-check; this was a comment only, no action taken.

Rich asked if there was anything further from liaisons? No.

Peter said he was to talk about the upcoming Targa event and to answer questions about it; the format is Monte Carlo timing checkpoints at the beginning, then about 25 questions (as per Sasha's GTA rallies); length of the rally is about 2 ½ to 3 hours; Mark Johnson will be the Safety Steward.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 PM CDT

Next meeting August 8, via conference call

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary