

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

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on November 9, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm CST by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Mike Bennett, Jim Crittenden, Clyde Heckler, Peter Schneider, BOD liaisons Earl Hurlbut and Bob Dowie, BOD Chairman Lee Hill, Jamie Mullin from SCCA Staff, guest Pego Mack, and Mike Thompson, NEC chairman. Jeanne English was absent, so Mike Bennett filled in for her.

- 1) October Minutes were approved as published.
- 2) RReNewsletter – Reminder: Text “roadrally” to 22828 to subscribe.
 - a) The November issue came out today (November 9th). Rich noted that it contains great articles from Mike Thompson and Peter Schneider, as well as others in a very “readable” issue.
- 3) SCCA Staff Report
 - a) Gervais and Teter “Rally of the Year” voting status
 - i) Rich reported that Gervais ballots have been mailed this week. Emails were sent to voters and posted to Yahoo group. It is expected that voting will be wrapped up by the December RRB meeting.
 - ii) Teter ballots will be mailed when official results have been received from The Blache. Quick responses will then be needed.
 - b) 2018 SCCA Convention Logistics and Schedule
 - i) Jamie reported that she has sent out available information on the Convention, including the Reimbursement Rules, but not the Reimbursement Form.
 - ii) Rich stated that, assuming a proposed new RRB member is approved to join, that person will need to be caught up on Convention information and invited to join the December RRB conference.
 - iii) Peter noted that he is working on his presentation for the Convention.
 - iv) Jim will run the Town Hall meeting at the Convention.
 - v) Jeanne English will run the RRSS Training session at the Convention.
 - vi) Jamie noted that the Convention schedule is now filled up.
 - vii) Rich reported that he will write a script for the presentation of the Gervais and Teter awards, and will bring a hard copy with him to the Convention.
 - c) Championship Standings
 - i) All standings are currently up-to-date.
 - d) USRRC and National Events listed on hardcopy, SportsCar Calendar
 - i) Events for which information is received at the National Office by 11/29/17 will be included in the Calendar which goes out with the February issue of SportsCar.
 - ii) Rich has asked Jim to be the compiler of the RoadRally event list.
 - iii) We agreed it is OK to include events for which the organizer has committed to host, even though they may not yet receive Sanctions.
 - e) Other items from SCCA HQ
 - i) Jamie reminded the group that orders for awards to be presented at the Convention must be placed by 12/15/17.
 - ii) Rich thanked Jamie for all her efforts.
- 4) NEC Report
 - a) Recent National Events.

- i) Mike Thompson reported that the NEC had discussed the two recent events in California, and felt that they went well.
- b) Upcoming Nationals
 - i) The NEC now has information on The Blacke. The pre-check is planned, and workers are in place.
- c) USRRC Report
 - i) Feedback on this year's event will be revisited at the December RRB meeting.
- d) Old Business
 - i) They have agreed to try out the use of phone messaging for emergency information at the double weekend events bring run by Rich in November.
- e) Minimum Odometer Calibration length at 12 miles
 - i) They have agreed there is a need to remind event organizers that the odometer calibration must be at least 12 miles in length. That requirement has been in place since 1976.
- f) 2018 Schedule
 - i) Mike reported that the 2018 schedule is nearly complete.
 - (1) One event from 2017 is not yet committed for 2018.
 - (2) One event from 2017 is not expected to run in 2018.
 - (3) The Northern California events will have new organizers in 2018.
 - (4) They have discussed the wisdom of dictating a minimum time, perhaps two weeks, between events and feel it is best to leave the question to the local organizing committees.
- g) NEC Membership
 - i) Mike stated that they now have an opening on the NEC, and that he has requested applications from prospective members.
- h) Committee Checklist
 - i) Mike has recognized there is a need to revisit the Checklist of Committee responsibilities.
- i) RRSS Licensing
 - i) The NEC has not recommended any change to RRSS licensing, feeling that the program is necessary.
- j) NEC Meeting Schedule
 - i) The NEC will not be meeting in December.

5) Old Business

- a) 2018 Rule Changes
 - i) The RRB reviewed a concern from a member regarding a possible loophole in odometer types allowed in Class L.
 - (1) Allowing input from the vehicle's OBD II port would be a competitive advantage.
 - (2) Mike Thompson reminded the group that the updated Rule for 2018 states that mileage must be manually entered into calculations.
 - (3) Rich stated that he does not think any action is needed.
 - (4) Mike Bennett felt we will be OK if the new wording is enforced.
 - (5) Rich suggested that the new Class rules would be a good topic for a column in the Newsletter, and Mike Thompson volunteered to write it.
 - (6) Clyde asked if another member also had a concern.
 - (a) Mike Bennett read that member's email from 10/15/17 to the group.
 - (b) Rich noted that he had discussed the issue with the member, and that he felt following the suggested odometer-based Class designations could cause havoc in Class L.
 - (c) Clyde read portions of an email exchange between Rich and the member which culminated on 10/19/17 regarding Class S.
 - (d) Rich stated that there are two ways to resolve TSD calculations:
 - (i) Solve for time at the current location.

- (ii) Solve for location at the current time.
- (e) Mike Thompson said he felt that hitting an enter button to increment mileage is like using a table.
- (f) Jim noted that it is a shortcut, but still a manual method.
- (g) Jim stated that current definition for Class S, and proposed amending the 2018 rule change regarding odometers to the following:
 - (i) "GPS odometers may be used in this Class only if their information is not used for any calculations or for any determination of earliness or lateness."
- (h) Rich stated that he liked this proposed addition to the definition.
- (i) Jim moved to amend the definition as proposed. Rich seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

ii) Suggestion for 10 National Points for Regional Rallymasters. 20 point overall limit for worker points would remain in effect.

- (1) Rich suggested that this issue could be tabled until next year.
- (2) Jim stated that he was opposed to the idea and didn't think it would increase the number of rallies.
- (3) Rich said he will reply that the item was discussed and dismissed by the RRB.

b) New Road Rally Safety Steward Licensing process.

- i) Peter reported that he has spent two months surveying RoadRally Safety Stewards to see if they are still active.
 - (1) He received responses from 40 people stating that they are no longer active.
 - (2) He received responses from 193 people stating that they are still active.
 - (3) He received no responses from 73 people.
- ii) Rich asked Peter to send the list of no longer active RRSS to Jamie, so she can remove their licenses.
 - (1) Bob asked if these are people who are still active SCCA members, and Peter said they are.
 - (2) Peter will break down the list of "no response" names by Division, and send them to the Divisional Stewards next week.
 - (a) Divisional Stewards to provide feedback on whether the people are active as RRSS.
 - (b) The list for New England Division to be sent to Pego.
 - (3) Peter noted that we have three Divisional Stewards who are not RRSS themselves.
 - (a) Rich stated that he will contact those Divisional Stewards

c) Rally Development Fund

- i) Rich reported that there has been no change; a decision is awaited from the December Board of Directors meeting.

6) New Business

- a) 2018 Convention
 - i) Rich encouraged everyone to get their reservations made now, including for the shuttle from and to the airport.
- b) Minutes
 - i) The Final Minutes are due by 11/13/17. Draft will be out for comment 11/10/17.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM CST

Next meeting to be December 14 at 7:15 PM CST

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Bennett, substitute secretary