

## ROAD RALLY BOARD

Sports Car Club of America  
RoadRally Board Minutes  
April 10, 2018

The Road Rally Board met via conference call on May 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm CDT by Chairman Jim Crittenden. In attendance: Wendy Harrison, Mike Bennett, Peter Schneider, Clyde Heckler, guest Rich Bireta, Mike Thompson, NEC chairman, Earl Hurlbut, BOD liaison, Jamie Mullin from SCCA Staff, and Jeanne English, secretary.

- Approval of April minutes. Stand as published
- Road Rally Planning Calendar (Jeanne English)
  - a. Last published April 11, 2018. Thank you, Jeanne. New one in a day or two
  - b. RReNewsletter – Reminder: Text “roadrally” to 22828 to subscribe.
- SCCA Staff Report (Jamie Mullin) – Peter asked that road rally incident reports be sent to the RRB. Jamie will send Observer Reports and submitted claim forms to Mike T/NEC. 2018 is SCCA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, be thinking about Hall of Fame nominees. Weekend Membership electronic filings are ‘a work in progress’. Jim asked if audits are up to date, Jamie will report next month.
- NEC Report (Mike Thompson) – The NEC had an unofficial discussion about requiring timing to .001; NEC believes that for various reasons it can't be done accurately and consistently, so they recommend that no action be taken. They discussed a letter from Bruce Gezon about Claims Committee actions, including rescore legs rather than discarding them. The NEC will continue to monitor the function and performance of claims committees, but at this time it sees no overriding need to revise or further outline their duties. The RRB (NEC) believes the RRRs and the RFOs continue to define the duties of claims committees sufficiently. Jim said he was against rescoring as priority over discard because it does not allow other contestants to protest the rescore. RRB response tonight: accept the NEC recommendation that there be no change at this time, but they will further investigate rescoring.
- Old Business
  - a. Training videos/conference call with Chris Robbins. – Peter - Chris suggested that we make our own training videos in 7 minute, easy to digest segments, possibly using a Smartphone, for Safety Steward and other training. Jim said there are people in Topeka who can put it together for us if we provide videos and write scripts; the plan is to proceed, collect info, write script, then see where we are
  - b. Improvements to safety steward program – new software (to be purchased soon through corporate) will be able to track who watches a video, how well they do, etc; have classes that link these pieces together. Peter – more to come; he sent the RRB the results of the survey he sent asking for comments about updating the SS checklist. Jim asked Peter (who asked Mike B) to come back with a proposal.
  - c. Rally starter materials – Clyde – sent Jamie some links but she hasn't checked them yet, will get to it soon; Clyde asked Peter for his 2-page generals
  - d. Status of 6 regions requesting rally assistance.
    - i. Mohawk Hudson –Peter – Mike Mazoway from the Finger Lake Region volunteered to be liaison with Trish Bucci from the Mohawk Region, and to help them, moving along, but not fully ready yet, they are looking for a fall event. Peter has forward them a simple two page TSD Generals and other material.

- ii. Ohio Valley – Wendy – reached out, but has not heard back from them
  - iii. Reno – Jeanne – still needs to contact Dave Deborde
  - iv. Susquehanna – Peter – Eric Salminen (WDC Region) volunteered to help them, the Region RE (Kristen Poole) and RM (Lisa Leathery) are working with Lisa Johnston from a local Tourism organization (Frontier Barn Quilt Trail located in Fulton County, PA) on a possible event in the fall, progressing.
  - v. Blue Mountain – Peter – RE wants to do charity event in Reading, rallymaster Bill Morton and RE Merlin Miller have a date 10/7, start and ending locations, a route; Clyde has a contact person who might also be able to help
  - vi. New York region – Peter - RM Jeff Becker wants to do rally, does not have date yet; Peter will work with Jeff.
  - e. Social rally definition and fees – see next page for proposal
- New Business
    1. Jim received a request from a rallyist who, because of possible insurance concerns, requested that his name not be shown in results. Jim will call him and tell him that we can't edit the official results, but the Pointskeeper will list him as whatever he wants in the points standings (which goes away at the end of the year); furthermore, there is nothing that prevents him from registering however he wants, perhaps using his initials only.
    2. Mike Bennett presented a spreadsheet he did asking Class L and S contestants about what equipment they use. He cautioned about giving weight to the survey results due to the small sample sizes (five each in Limited and Stock), but based on the input received it does not appear that newer methods or equipment are dominating older methods or equipment in either Class. Based on this apparent equality, he did not recommend making any changes to Class rules at this time.

Proposal for fee structure for SCCA Road Rallies starting in 2019. **Items in red are changes from current rules.**

| Rally type | Sanction fee | Insurance fee  | Total fees                                         | Notes                                                                              |
|------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| National   | \$10/car     | \$4/car        | \$14/car                                           | 180 mile minimum distance                                                          |
| Divisional | \$4/car      | \$4/car        | \$8/car                                            | 90 mile minimum distance                                                           |
| Regional   | \$2/car      | \$4/car        | \$6/car                                            | No distance requirement                                                            |
| Charity    | <b>None</b>  | <b>\$4/car</b> | <b>\$4/car</b>                                     | No distance requirement                                                            |
| Social     | <b>None</b>  | <b>\$4/car</b> | <b>\$4/car - up to a maximum of \$50 per event</b> | <b>75 mile maximum distance.</b> May not be part of any championship award series. |

**The distance requirement refers to the total mileage from the start of the rally to the end of the competitive portion of the rally. This includes any tire-warm up and odometer calibration portions.**

For RoadRallies that run for more than three consecutive days, add \$3/car/day for each day past the third day.

**USRRC pays the fees in the table above up to a maximum of \$500 for the entire USRRC event.**

Discussion:

Peter suggested that social rallies be 65 miles max. Jeanne suggested 75 miles, since it often

takes 20 or more miles just to 'get out of town'. What about change of name from social rally to local rally? No, leave it alone.

Peter wants to define a charity rally as a rally that collects funds for or in support of a valid charitable organization; there was discussion about the exact wording; more on this next month

Multiple day rallies:

1. USRRC – Rich provided history: fee was \$500 when there were 3 nationals and there were bigger fields, it made sense then. The new proposal is to pay fees as in table per day up to \$500 maximum. Mike B asked if this would cover costs; it probably does.
2. Peter wants to change rallies that run for three or more days to two or more days, so that it is a per day fee with no cap, he acknowledges that this is a price increase. Jim would prefer to leave this the way it is. More on this next month.

Motion: Accept chart as is, with the change to 75 miles for Social Rallies. M/S/Pass (4-1)

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm CDT

Next meeting by teleconference June 14, 2018, 7:30 pm CDT

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, secretary