

SCCA Road Rally Board Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2020

The RRB met via conference call. Chairman Jim Crittenden call the meeting to order at 7:30 pm CDT

Attendees: Wendy Harrison, Peter Schneider, Clyde Heckler, Jim Crittenden, Mike Thompson (NEC), Jim Wakemen (NEC), Brian Harmer (National Office), Mike King (Director, Rally/Solo), Jeff Zurschmeide (BOD Liaison), Chris Albin (BOD Liaison), Jeanne English, secretary. Absent: Mike Bennett

Minutes for March RRB meeting approved as submitted.

Road Rally Media:

- a. RoadRally calendar last published 4/8/2020. Thank you, Jeanne.
- b. RReNewsletter: expected to be published soon; text "roadrally" to 22828 to subscribe. Thank you, Cheryl

Staff report: Brian Harmer reported that National Office staff has been placed on furlough, some are 50%, others are 100%; Brian, Mike, and Jamie Mullin are 50%. Mike King explained that the National Office has published guidelines and best practices relating to the effects of the Covid-19 virus; individual event organizers should use their best judgment and obey all local regulations and mandates.

NEC report: Jim Wakemen has circulated a draft of changes to the RRRs to accommodate GPS checkpoints; there was some discussion about how to handle legs that have been affected by a rallymaster error, i.e. should they be rescored or discarded. Jim C asked Clyde to discuss the issue further with Jim W.

Old business:

- a. Peter Schneider has circulated the draft of co-hosting guidelines for community comment. Mike King expressed a concern about the possibility that an SCCA Regional Executive could also be a member of the other non-SCCA club, and might that create the possibility of a conflict of interest; Peter will work on modifying the guidelines to deal with that situation; Mike K will sent Peter the wording that Solo uses.

- b. Weekend membership fees: It was again agreed that the following statement correctly describes the conditions that would incur the new \$10/car weekend membership fee: "The host Region will be invoiced \$10.00/car for National, Divisional, and Regional RoadRallies if and only if neither the driver nor the navigator is a regular member." It was suggested and agreed to add the following sentence: "Social and Charity RoadRallies are not subject to this \$10.00/car fee." Jim C asked about trial memberships.

- c. Training videos - Wendy will submit a request to the BOD through Jeff and Chris for a \$1,000 grant to cover the costs of producing a new RoadRally Safety Steward

training video; Mark E Johnson will produce this video using some of his college students. Wendy is sending updates to the RRB for the dialogue to be used.

d. Jim C reported that the Richta GPS checkpoint app system will be publishing an updated version by the end of April; this new version will add the option of specifying an open and close time at a control, this allows a location to be used more than once. There is also an improvement to the Richta Rallymaster app's performance when locating checkpoints in places where there is no cell phone data service (no need to push the 'locate checkpoint here' button more than once.)

e. Jim C also reported that Andie Wolfe (SCCA marketing) has been added as an administrator to both the SCCA RoadRally Facebook page and group; this will enable these two sites to be listed as official SCCA sites.

f. RRB mission: More regions, more rallies, more contestants, and more members. More ideas for implementation? Clyde wrote up a blurb about timelines, which Jim C will send out with his next email. Clyde also emailed Aimee Thoennes asking about planned national efforts to increase membership, and is awaiting a response. Peter sent out list of action items, 124, 67 items still open, send info so Peter can update. Peter asked about closed items.

New business:

a. Divisional Road Rally Stewards. John Poulos is replacing Sasha Lanz in Southwest; he's very active in Texas region. Paul Eklund has agreed to be the NorPac RRS; he's very active, knows everybody; Peter will get him trained as a safety steward.

Motion: accept John Poulos as Southwest and Paul Eklund as Northern Pacific Divisional Road Rally Stewards. Motion passes unanimously.

b. Clyde Heckler initiated a discussion about GTA and SCCA fees. It was the consensus of the group that GTA rallies should be subject to the same fees as Tour and Course rallies.

c. Peter suggested that for the 2021 convention the RRB is willing to split travel expenses so that all NEC members can attend; this year, Jim W used Clyde's allotment, since Clyde was unable to attend; Jim W would like to attend in 2021, and perhaps be a presenter. Mike K said this was a good discussion point, that the guidelines are not changing, something can be worked out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm CDT

Next meeting via conference call May 14, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, secretary