

SCCA Road Rally Board
Thursday, April 11, 2019,

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

Those present: Jim Crittenden, Peter Schneider, Mike Bennett, Clyde Heckler, Wendy Harrison, Earl Hurlbut (BOD liaison), Jeff Zurschmeide (BOD liaison), Mike Thompson (NEC Co-Chairman), Jim Wakemen, Sr (NEC Co-Chairman), Arnie Coleman (BOD member), Rich Biretta, Jeanne English (secretary).

- Approval of March minutes – stand as published
- Road Rally Media
 - a. Planning calendar - last published March 19, 2019. Thank you Jeanne. New in a day or two
 - b. RReNewsletter – Text “roadrally” to 22828 to subscribe. Thank you Cheryl.
- SCCA Staff Report - nothing to report
- NEC report – Mike Thompson and Jim Wakemen, Sr. – things going along pretty well, calendar filling out; they talked a little about when generals should be submitted; waiting for RFO update from Jim Heine; they talked about Richta app
- Old Business
 - a. Jim – 1) deploy Richta GPS checkpoint system – past Sunday first rally to use Richta app in competition, 35 cars, 44 timed controls, 95 miles, all contestants ran the app, about half android and half Apple, app developers Rich Biretta and son David were there, scores were displayed immediately at the finish; CERs asked questions about the app and the responses were very favorable, especially seeing scores at each checkpoint. Rich – nothing further to add. Send Jim an email if you want generals, which includes how to download app. For setting up a rally, Rich says to read the rallymaster manual, then if you have problems, contact Rich; the rallymaster app is still android only, suggest maybe buy an android tablet for local club use Jim – there is another GPS app called MiRally, which Clarence Westberg has used for some rallies; Mike T ran one of Clarence’s rallies and reports that there is no contestant feedback during the rally, the organizer part of that app is very thorough and includes creating a route book, but does not handle delays very well.
-- 2) co-hosting with new Regions – this coming Saturday, Chicago region is cohosting a rally with local rally club, first in a series of about six events, Jim hopes this will go well and continue into the future
 - b. Peter – 1) update GTA safety steward manual, still a work in progress
-- 2) to contact Kristen Pool who has a list of Regions interested in RoadRally; last year 27 regions asked for help, Peter broke them down by region, 20 of them already have safety stewards; Peter will contact each of the 27 regions about whether or not they really are interested in starting a rally series
 - c. Wendy – training videos – still heard nothing back from Mark E Johnson; she will continue trying to get in touch. People in Tennessee really need SSSs, Mike B can help get this done
 - e. Mike B – 1) co-teach RoadRally school, successful, offered anyone who completed the school a free entry into the next rally
-- 2) fine tune TSD safety steward manual - done
-- 3) write script for safety steward video – depends on what Wendy hears back from Mark
-- 4) investigate Detroit Region USRRRC possibility for 2020 – moving ahead on it, their BOD is supportive but still needs some committee members (like rallymasters).
-- 5) Peter asked if it might be possible to designate a currently scheduled rally as this year’s 25th USRRRC, maybe the LOL rallies? Mike will check into it, Peter might have some trophy fund money available. More next month.
 - d. Clyde – starter materials for new rallymasters – he sent out timelines, received a suggestion to add that official results are only required for nationals and divisionals. To Brian – are the website updates doable? Brian replied to just let him know.
 - e. Trek rules and deployment – Jim sent out preliminary rules and a proposed timeline for deployment. Arnie said that what we’ve done meets his vision; he has thought that ‘having fun with cars’ has been missing, since SCCA is primarily competition oriented. He sees Treks as primarily a membership marketing tool for the regions; he does not see

racers and other competitive-type members doing Treks, but rather bringing their friends in to introduce them to having fun with their cars.

Jim asked for comments on the rules: Clyde asked whether alcohol should be prohibited at intermediate stops; Jim said that as long as people comply with state laws, we don't need. Clyde said that Trek organizers may not be familiar with SCCA procedures, so suggested that 'minor waivers' be included with adult waivers; are Weekend Memberships required? Jim said no; Brian said that we should at least capture names, and submit info after the event, don't put the burden on the competitor. Clyde asked about having 'directions' in addition to or in place of convey; maybe the wording should be 'typically conducted in convoy style'. Jim replied that Treks need to have an identity, and a convoy fills this need. Wendy likes allowing single drivers. Arnie said that there are no more than 15 cars per group with lead and trail cars having radios, so they can communicate at signals, construction, whatever. Jeff said he organizes group rides for automotive journalists, and gives them all a route card which he recommends. Jim will add: map 'and/or written directions'. Earl will check to see if the word 'trek' is trademarked. Peter asked: does the organizer have to be an SCCA member? Yes. Is a Safety Steward precheck required? No. Do we need any Safety Steward manual changes, or RFO changes? No – there are stand-alone events. Allow motorcycles? No. Arnie suggested changing 'contestants' to 'participants'. Jim will send out the roll-out plan.

- New Business –
- Jim – we will be opening the window for rules changes; should anything be done differently this year?

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm CDT
Next meeting via conference call on May 9.
Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne English,
Secretary